



# THE BLOCK

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The start of a new season once again. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and that you are ready for competition during the season, whether it is League, County/National or Friendly. The new season started on 24<sup>th</sup> September with the County/National Fours at Isca Bowling Centre with 19 teams taking part. This was won by a team of players from Wonford and Musbury. This will be followed by lots of competitions during the season. The list of competitions is on the Devon website and if you are not playing then why not come along and see what happens and maybe you could join in next year.

## **Registration cards**

As you know the registration cards for new members did not materialise last year and ESMBA have now decided to revert to the original system of fresh membership cards which will be issued each year. As yet I have not received them, but when I do I will be sending them out to Clubs by hand, where possible, to save the cost of postage. This may be when I see people at various events or via the Area Representatives. If this is not possible then they will be sent by post. I will also have a stock of Rule books which I will be sending to Clubs that have new members and these will be free of charge.

Irene Smith, County Secretary

## **ICC Rinks**

This competition took place on 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Dorset venue in Bere Regis. Devon Premier Team played Cornwall and Somerset and won both matches. Devon 'A' played Herefordshire and Somerset and again won both matches. This meant that both teams qualified as group winners and will now go forward the Finals on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Inter County Competitions**

The first inter-county match took place away against Cornwall on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The Premier team won 27-13 but the 'A' team were narrowly defeated 18-22. The next match is also away, this time against Dorset on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## *News from the Clubs*

### **Abbotskerswell Short Mat Bowls Spring Fours Tournament in aid of Huntingtons Disease Association.**

West Hill are the first team to have their name on the new ASMBC Spring Fours Tournament Trophy after twelve teams competed for the privilege on Saturday 9 April. Abbotskerswell have benefited from floor improvements which now allow them to play three mats and this was their first tournament, on this occasion raising funds in memory of past member, John Sayers.

Twelve teams each played four games and it was Eric Pavey's Sidbury team and Peter Edward's West Hill team that led the way with two wins at half-time. Christow had lost points to Woodbury, Winkleigh had lost points to Wonford and Wonford had lost points to Broadclyst. During the third and fourth rounds, Christow, Winkleigh and a scratch team from Abbotskerswell all finished strongly with two wins, but West Hill continued to dominate. They took points from Woodbury in the third round but still needed that fourth win to seal their victory. At 5-5 with two ends to play against Abbrook, they stepped up a gear and finished 11-5 to win the game and the trophy.

Winners on 12 points West Hill – Peter Edwards, Joan Herd, Ann Edwards, Terry Herd.

Runners-up 9 points Winkleigh – Lorraine Axtell, Hilary Iley, J Redstone, Mike Gregory

By all accounts everyone enjoyed the bowls, the roast chicken dinner and a constant supply of tea and cake. Entry fees and raffle takings enabled Abbotskerswell to raise money for the Huntingtons Disease Association who had helped John Sayers during his later life. Chairman, Ray Vyse, was able to hand over a cheque for £450 to Devon HDA Treasurer, Richard White and Marion Sayers.



Ray Vyse, Abbots Chairman, presents the trophy to the winning West Hill Team.

### East Devon & District League Cup

Last weekend Cloakham played host to the finale of the season , The League Cup. This is open to all teams in the league and is held as a one day event. There were 8 teams that entered and during the morning the games of singles, Pairs and Triples was played on a round robin basis. The top two from each group played a Semi Final of all three disciplines. The first Semi Final saw Beer take the points in the Singles and Pairs, Sidford won the Triples but that was not enough to take them through to the final. The other Semi Final saw Sidbury Whites against Upottery with wins for Sidbury Whites in the Singles and Triples and a draw in the Pairs taking them on to face Beer. In the Final Sidbury's Andy Thompson lead the way in the Singles, Beer's David Kay battled on and the game was a very topsy turvey affair, going into the last end Andy was one point up, and he managed to keep on drawing and he took three shots making him the winner. In the pairs Gordon Tremlett and Colin Timms were dominant for Beer, but David & Christine Gill for Sidbury kept plugging away but didn't quite get enough for the points. So going into the Triples the points would determine the winners, Sidbury Whites were 13 -0 up after three ends, but Beer changed the players around and managed to win the next three ends, but only by 1 point an end, Sidbury Whites team Kim Wright, Richard Watson and skip Caroline Pavey pulled the shots out of the bag, picking up 6 in the last two ends making them comfortable winners. So very well done to Sidbury Whites.



### **Exeter Nomads SMBC**

In May Exeter Nomads held their Ladies Pairs Competition. The two semi-Finals were between Ann Summers and Rose Morrison from Totnes Creameries and Maggie Smith and Marie Toleman from Wonford and Bridget Hallows and Janet Cuff from Colyton and Broadclyst and Elizabeth Aird and Mary Lawes from Chulmleigh resulting in a final between Rose and Anne versus Bridget and Janet with the Totnes team winning the match.

In May Nomads also held their Annual Charity Triples which was won by Wonford who beat Sidbury in the Final. A cheque for £430 was sent to Children's Hospice South West.

### **Area Representative – North/Mid Devon Area**

Mark Allen from Winkleigh SMBC has kindly offered to take on the Area Representative Post for this area and will be helped by George Main from Yarnscombe.

Mark's contact details are as follows:- Tel. 07753470566 – email:- [markeallen68@gmail.com](mailto:markeallen68@gmail.com)

### **Devon web-site ([www.devonshortmat.co.uk](http://www.devonshortmat.co.uk))**

If you are not already using the web-site it is a useful way of finding out all the information you need to know about the County. There is also a For Sale/Wanted section and links to other sites. It is up-dated on a regular basis by Richard Ivings [ivings\\_r@hotmail.com](mailto:ivings_r@hotmail.com) and if you have anything you would like displayed please contact Richard.

It is with great sadness we report the death of Frank Hewer in July 2016. He loved to play bowls and met many new friends through the sport. He was a founder member of the Bridestowe and Sourton Short Mat Bowls Club (1995) and was club captain for many years. He will be greatly missed for his enthusiasm and promotion of the game.

We also report the passing of Kath Wright from Willand in June this year. Kath was well known to many people throughout the County and will be remembered by lots of bowlers who took part in local club competitions.

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