



## JUNE 2017

### FIRST TEAM NEWS

June started badly for the A team with an 8-2 home defeat to Bognor Regis BC 'A' (3/06). A 10-0 reverse in the away visit to Crablands BC (17/06) certainly didn't help the June statistical returns. When Worthing BC (24/06) came to visit they were top of the league, they left top of the league but not before we had taken 8 points from them! At East Preston BC 'A' (25/06) another two rinks won to give us four more points but we missed out on the aggregate shots points by 4. The rain took a hand in the fixture to be played away at Norfolk BC 'A' (27/06). The match was called off without a bowl being sent down, 5 points awarded to each side.

Priory's progress in the BE 2X4s was abruptly halted by Worthing Pavilion (7/06). Priory were forced into playing a reduced strength side and went down 21-46. Worthing Pavilion were also a stumbling block in the BE Top Club (11/06) as Priory narrowly lost 3-2. Both home and away rinks did the business in the Abergavenny H&A v Fishbourne (14/06) winning by 50-26. Big wins on both home and away rinks gave us the victory against Petworth BC in R1 of the Abergavenny (21/06). In R2, Norfolk BC – Abergavenny (28/06) wins both at home and away combined to take us into the area final against – you guessed it, Worthing Pavilion.

**'A' TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 9 W 4 D 0 L 5**

### SECOND TEAM NEWS

As always Pagham BC (7/06) are a formidable obstacle at home and this year they completed a whitewash, beating the Bs 10-0. The trip away to Witterings BC (10/06) brought a much better outcome and we recorded an 8-2 win and an eye catching top rink for Wally Burrows of 43-03. Back to earth with a bump at Worthing Pavilion B (15/06) with an 8-2 defeat. Our winning skip at Pavilion was Joe Peters. In the home match against Pulborough BC (17/06) we managed a welcome 3 points against the promotion favourites. Two winning rinks at home against Pagham BC (21/06) gave us a much needed 4 points. Sadly, in the match at Storrington BC (28/06) the B team could only muster just one winning rink.

**'B' TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 6 W 1 D 0 L 5**

### FRIENDLY TEAM NEWS

The Priory Friendly Squad continued their fine form to win their 7<sup>th</sup> match from 8 starts, this time against Arnos BC (1/06) who travelled down from London to play us on their tour. The visit of the SCB VPs (12/06), was possibly the sternest test of the season so far and they certainly gave our boys a lesson winning on all 5 rinks. Our visit to Petworth (14/06) also ended in defeat, but we always learn something from this trip to our carpeted rivals. When Shoreham came to play a 4 rinker (22/06) we won on 3 rinks and by 79-69 to add to our best friendly record for some time. Fittleworth BC (29/06) came to us for 3 triples but had to borrow 2 players from us to make up the numbers. Ray Elliott was one of the 2 and his rink won 16-9 – I think we should claim the game!

**FRIENDLY TEAM PLAYING RECORD IN JUNE P 5 W 2 D 0 L 3**

**ALL TEAMS JUNE P 20 W 7 D 0 L 13**

### COMPETITIONS

The earliest round of the **Championship Singles** and the prelim rounds of the **Handicap singles, 2 Wood Singles** and **Sets Singles** were all completed by the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

**The Aggregate league** – the league was won for the second year running by **Alan Messer**. Alan won £45 for his efforts. Runner Up **Nick Eager** won £22.50. The competition attracted 75 individuals over



the 9 week run, who each contributed £1.50 per session played to the prize pot. The club benefitted by £45.

**Spoons** – leader at the start of June was **Martin Ford**, current leader **Alan Messer**

In **SCB Competitions**, **Keith Brinsmead** made it to R2 of the **Champion of Champions** before losing at Midhurst.

**Matthew Smith**, **Nick Eager** and **Keith Brinsmead** all led their **Triples** into R1, Only **Matthew's** side continued through R2, they eventually lost out at Arundel in R3.

**Stuart Shwartz**, **Nick Eager** and **Derek Meechan** made it to round 2 of the **Singles** but only **Derek Meechan** flew the flag into Round 3.

**David Fairs** and **John Schools** both had teams in R2 of the **Pairs**. John's side played at Worthing Pavilion in round 3 unfortunately losing out to an ex Priory pairing.

We had 5 representatives in the **Fours** R1 – **Ted Hood**, **Nick Eager**, **John Schools**, **Ray Roberts** and **Matt Smith**. An unprecedented 4 of the 5 made their way into the last 8 of the Division, but alas only **Ted Hood's** side made into the **area finals**. They battled hard in an attempt to win the area final but lost by 3 shots at the death

**Alan Messer** made it furthest but lost in R1 of the **Unbadged**.

**John Hobbs** and **Matthew Smith** went Head to Head in the new **Senior Fours** competition. The winners by a short head were **John Hobbs** four who eventually lost to a team from the Drive (Brighton) in the Divisional final

### **BE Competitions**

Keith Brinsmead went out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the BE **Champion of Champions** event.

In the **Over 55s Nationals** – **Derek Meechan** has progressed to R4 in the **Singles**, **Alan Messer/ Derek Meechan** have reached R4 in the **Pairs**

Matthew Smith and his granddaughter played well as a team and reached the **Mixed Pairs** R2 before losing out.

### **More News in July**

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