



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

***The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday, 21st June, 1999***

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the presentation of a cheque for £2700.00 was made to Mr Darlington the area representative of the Macmillan Cancer Relief. This was the fantastic amount raised at the Suffolk Charity Pairs held on the 23rd May, 1999. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all bowlers for their support of this venture. Mr Darlington told the assembled company that with an amount of this size handed to the Charity only 1% went on administration costs. He thanked everybody for their efforts and quipped that he hoped to see us again.

The presentation over the business of the meeting began.

There were representatives from 37 Clubs in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:- Lawshall and Stradbroke Clubs, Keith Armes, Sally Goodrich, and Tony Webber.
2. Approval of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
Acceptance of these minutes were proposed by Richard Sago and seconded by Derek Brown.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report.
Reflecting on the past year the Chairman said that it had been very successful for some of our bowlers. Suffolk had won the Eastern Counties Teambowl in January. Steven Cain and Mick Adams won the English Pairs at Hemsby in April. Jim Goodrich not only won the County Singles Championship, he went on to lift the National Singles Title at Rotherham in June at which Suffolk also won the Team Title. Neil Jolly (standing in for Jim Goodrich) won the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions Single Title. He maintains that Suffolk is the envy of many of the other Counties and thanked the Committee for their hard work and commitment to Carpet Bowls. He made special mention of our Secretary Marion Brown who does over and above what is required and especially for all her extensive hard work both in advance and on the day for the Charity Pairs Competition. He also offered a vote of thanks to Shirley Watkins who had been our official photographer throughout the year and to Clare Utting for auditing the accounts.
5. The Secretary's report is attached to these minutes.
6. Treasurer's report. A full report was circulated at the meeting. There were several questions posed from the floor. The County Expenses were higher this year because of the trip to Durham. This is an annual event alternating between the two Counties. This year Durham are coming to Suffolk. The Champion of Champion expenses are down on last year, it was explained that this year the expenses had not been paid out before the balance sheet was drawn up as the Champions competition had not been held until June. The treasurer was asked why Bank charges had been incurred and it was confirmed from the floor that Barclays Bank allow only a set number of transactions in any one month without charge. It was agreed that the money raised at the Charity Pairs was included in the Raffle Income. The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by Dave Cask and seconded by Arvon Evans.

7. There had been no proposals for amendment to the Constitution.

8. The Election of the Officers

All the named Officers were prepared to stand again and as there were no other candidates all the Officers were duly elected by the meeting to stand for a further year.

The election for the Committee followed as there were 12 Candidates proposed for 11 places. The Committee remains the same as last year.

Whilst the votes were being counted the draw was made for the prizes that had been unclaimed at precious Suffolk Competitions.

Clare Utting was again appointed as Auditor for the year.

9. Annual Membership Subscription

The Chairman announced that the Annual Membership Subscription would remain the same for the coming year i.e. £17 for members (consisting of £12 Subscription + £5 levy for Raffle Prizes) and £12 for Associate Members.

Your Subscriptions are now due and all clubs should have received entry forms. This year it will be a condition of entry into the Winter Leagues, Joe Rice Cup and Plate Competitions that Club subscriptions must be paid by the date stated.

10. County Competitions. A report from Tony Webber is enclosed in these minutes.

11. The following matters were raised under Any Other Business:-

The Chairman read out a letter from Liz Martin of Hintlesham & Chattisham about the penalty points imposed on the Club for the late production of their fixture list at the beginning of the Winter League last September, this matter had been discussed at great length on several occasions and well minuted at several Committee meetings. After further discussion Liz Martin who was at the meeting agreed that the matter should now be closed, she was satisfied that the matter would be minuted at the AGM.

Martlesham CBC asked if the points system for the Winter League was the same throughout. Ray White supplied the information that each County decides their own system but throughout Suffolk Leagues the points system was the same. This was the same as outdoor bowls.

Capel St Mary CBC asked for clarification of the rule about not touching the carpet during play (Rule 2.7) They queried the position if it was necessary to remove a bowl which had touched the centre block and needed to be removed before reaching the head. It was felt that the rule for a foul shot (2.8) should take preference over rule (Rule 2.7). This Rule had been introduced more to prevent possible interference of the head by the use of a cloth or something similar to indicate the line of suggested position of a wood still to be bowled.

Stratford St Mary CBC raised the question of the minimum number of players required for a match in the Winter League. Some Clubs fielded the minimum number even when remaining members of the Club were spectators. This is a continuing source of aggravation to Clubs but it is not against the rules. How ever many times the Committee look at this problem they are very aware that to increase the minimum number of players required would preclude some of the smaller Clubs from entering the Winter League and that is not the wish of Suffolk Carpet Bowls. It is a pity that the one or two clubs who persist in only playing their best 10 players are spoiling the game for the majority and it is not in the spirit of the game. The suggestion came from the floor that perhaps Carpet Bowls could adopt the ruling of the Outdoor game 'that if a team is a member short these woods are not bowled' This will be put on the Agenda for the next Committee meeting to be discussed.

Stutton asked that in view of the fact that there was only one person involved in the voting for the Committee places whether the person could be co-opted onto the Committee. It is particularly important to encourage some of our younger members to take a more active part in running Carpet Bowls.

Burstall CBC spoke about the problem in obtaining mats for County Competitions. If there is a problem transporting a mat perhaps it would be possible to seek assistance from a neighbouring Club. It must be stressed ONCE AGAIN that without the equipment it is not possible to run County Competitions and EVERY club needs to support these events by producing equipment when asked.

The Chairman thanked Jane Sago and Brenda Ling for providing the refreshments at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.07p.m.

Next Committee Meeting Monday 19th July.

S.C.B.A. A.G.M. 21st JUNE 1999
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Reflecting upon the past year, it has been a most successful season for some of our bowlers. Earlier in the year Tony took a side to play in the Eastern Counties Team Bowl in Cambridgeshire and came back victorious. Then in April at the English open pairs at Hemsby we had a Suffolk pairing of Mick Watkins and Steven Cain take the most prestigious trophy after two days of some excellent bowling. Then on June 5th and 6th our winners of the county Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours played their counterparts in the National Champion of Championships at Rotherham, at the end of the weekend Jim Goodrich of Claydon emerged National Singles Champion, although our other bowlers didn't win their respective titles they gave such a good account of themselves that Suffolk won team title. Yesterday was the Eastern Counties equivalent and Neil Jolly substituting for Jim Goodrich won The Eastern Counties Singles so congratulations to all those winners, it is nice to know that Suffolk Bowlers are giving a good account of themselves around the country. We also renewed our ties with Durham by playing at Durham last year and they are visiting us in August.

I have always been impressed by the amount of hard work and organising skills the past committees have put in to make Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association the envy of many a county and this year has been no exception. Although some members do more than others, everyone try and do what they can and at meetings there is always a full and frank discussion on whatever crops up so I would like to say thank you all for your commitment over the past year. I must single out however our secretary Marion, who does more and above her fair share of work and I would like to thank Marion tonight personally and on behalf of the association for her supreme efforts this past year, one such occasion was the work done in leading up to the charity pairs at Woodbridge to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief, Also on that day without exception all committee members who were there for twelve hours along with Bidy in order to ensure this day was a success and as you may have seen earlier an incredible cheque for £2,700 was presented to this worthwhile charity.

This success was also achieved with help of individuals, clubs and companies for their generous donations to the grand draw and tombola stall. Before I close I must thank Shirley Watkins our photographer who is always there at the end to snap the winners. Clair Utting is another I would like to thank for doing a most professional job again this year in auditing the county's books.

Secretary's Report

Mr President, Mr Chairman and Ladies and Gentleman.

Another very successful and varied year has gone by. I am sorry to report that we have not had an increase in Membership, we lost 2 Clubs last year Fornham All Saints and Ringshall, but we welcomed Reydon and Winesham into the Association also I have pleasure in welcoming Leavenheath Carpet Bowls Club, its good to know that some new villages are getting interested in Carpet Bowls. We now have 108 Member Clubs and 11 Associate Clubs. Your Committee has worked hard throughout the past year and there have been a number of interesting and healthy debates. Very rarely, if ever have members falling out although there is much contrary view a times and I can assure you that where you, the members have asked for an issue to be brought up it has been done so. I doubt if any issue has been decided without a full discussion.

Our Press coverage I think has been some what better than in previous years, thank you to Sally for her hard work. A special thanyou to Shirley Watkins who has been our Photographer this year, I think most, if not all the photographs that appear in the paper have been take very professionally by Shirley. Hadleigh High School, Leiston Sports Centre and Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre were the venues for our Suffolk Championship competitions this year. Entries were up on all these championships, it is encouraging to have more members entering. Congratulations to all the winners, All the winners went to Rotherham for the Champion of Champions, Jim Goodrich came home the victorious Singles Champion and Suffolk were the winners of the Team Trophy, A very successful weekend, Yesterday saw the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions held at Potters Bar, again saw Suffolk come away with yet another Trophy, Neil Jolly who was runner up to Jim Goodrich in our Pairs Tournament replaced Jim Goodrich as he was away on holiday he won the Singles Title, well done Neil.

The County Captain Tony Webber ably supported by Arvon Evans and Derek Brown have had quite an eventful year. Their job is a very difficult one as we all have different ideas on who should be in the County Squad. I will leave Tony to go into this in more detail.

We were sorry that Doreen Dedman and Val Porter wished not to be involved in the Catering side of these events, but I would like to extend our grateful thanks for all their hard work and dedication over the previous years.

Rita Daniels has kindly agreed to take this on for us.

The Insurance scheme for equipment continues to be a popular service , may I extend my thanks to all Clubs for getting payment to me before the due date, it does save a lot of hassle. I have even had some Clubs send me their memberships fees for the forthcoming season, perhaps they see me as a dragon!!

The Committee has worked hard and I thank everyone for their support and help. I must give a special thankyou to Judith Longman who has been the minute secretary again this year its not easy trying to put down on paper what everyone has said.

Our Charity this year was for the Macmillan Cancer Relief and run by the Committee was held at Woodbridge School and what a superb result although I must say a lesson to be well learnt from this day that, who ever organises the event another year we would strongly advise that the number of entries is limited, this was my mistake and I truly apologise to everyone who took part, The Committee were there just after 8 o'clock in the morning and were still there at 8'oclock in the evening but without their support would not have been such a success for the Macmillan Cancer Relief, Many thanks to all clubs who sold Raffle Books and to Claydon for organising the Tombola, also to Rita for running the raffle on the day. A Grand Sum of £2700 as you saw earlier was presented to them.

Thankyou

Marion Brown
21st June, 1999

COUNTY CAPTAINS REPORT 1998 – 99

First of all I must apologise for not presenting this report in person. This will be the first Suffolk AGM I have missed since the Association was formed and I would rather be attending this one than staying at home. As some of you will know I have suffered a reoccurrence of an inner ear problem which affects my balance. Hopefully I will be sorted out soon and be back to normal. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has enquired about my health in the past few weeks. Now on to my report :-

This year has not been a very successful one for the County team. At least not by the standard we have set ourselves in the past.

Our league form has been patchy to say the least, in some matches we played well enough without having the run of the green and on other occasions we were just not good enough. On the occasions when we played to our potential, we were very good indeed, unfortunately there were not enough of those times for us to make a real impact on the Eastern Counties League and we ended the year in fourth place. This year the league was won by Norfolk. During the league programme quite a number of new players were introduced into the squad and I am very optimistic for the big events to come, namely the Eastern Counties and English Championships. We were runners up to Cambridgeshire in the English Championships last year, having done all the hard work to lead for most of the event only to fall at the last hurdle.

Our one success was in the Eastern Counties Team Bowl, which we were able to win comfortably, mainly due to our strength in depth of top class bowlers and the fact that they were all on form at the right time. It is also gratifying to the other selectors and myself to see members of the County Squad present as Champions in each of the four disciplines in our County Championships. To see them go on to win in the English and Eastern Counties Champion of Champions events is even better. It shows that we have a great deal of talent in our county, its just a question of getting the best mix of players together so that they gel as a team on the day, and give of their best.

The next County match will be our annual friendly against Durham, details of this will be circulated as soon as we know the number of players that will be coming down. The usual format is, a pairs competition on the Saturday (with one Suffolk player partnering a Durham player) and the County match on the Sunday.

I would like to end this report by saying a big thank you to my fellow selectors Arvon Evans and Derek Brown for their dedication and help throughout the year.

Tony Webber

County Captain

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 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 1999

INCOME	1998/99	1997/98	EXPENDITURE	1998/99	1997/98
Membership Subscriptions	1898.00	1893.00	Affiliation Fees	155.00	75.00
Raffles	3216.67	1500.39	Raffle Prizes	846.83	626.35
Winter League	772.00	750.00	Trophies	894.26	1018.03
Summer League	444.00	440.00	Sports Hall Hire	2416.20	2598.00
Singles Championships	604.00	634.00	Photocopying And Stationery	743.24	554.79
Pairs Championships	918.00	884.00	Insurance	1239.70	1176.44
Triples Championships	602.00	780.00	County Matches	4240.95	1657.00
Fours Championships	720.00	816.00	Charity & Other Tournaments	249.99	668.00
Joe Rice Cup	185.00	185.00	Sundries	26.00	0.00
Insurance	1926.50	1149.50	SCBA Meetings	71.00	80.00
County Matches	3005.00	664.00	Postage	493.49	481.85
Charity & Other Tournaments	1457.00	668.00	Telephone	215.80	213.18
Bank Interest	153.34	167.51	Bank Charges	29.13	46.80
Sundries	25.00	16.50	Catering	0.00	125.00
			Champion Of Champions Expenses	67.00	428.00
			Delegate Expenses	114.32	107.97
			Purchase Of Photocopier	0.00	1527.50
TOTAL FOR YEAR	15926.51	10547.90		11802.91	11383.91

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 STATEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 1999

	1998/99	1997/98
Balance Of High Interest Account	4047.86	4934.50
Balance Of Current Account	2765.53	(936.97)
Insurance Prepayment	1307.74	
Funds Available At Year End	8121.13	3997.53
Profit / (Loss) Made During Year	4123.60	(836.01)

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION FINALS DAY

Sunday 9th May saw the culmination of the League, Cup and Plate competitions that have been fought out over the last six months. The day saw the winners of the First Division East play off against the First Division West winners, to decide who would be crowned Suffolk Champions for 1999. The East and West Second Division winners also had to play off to decide their overall winner. These matches followed the finals of the Joe Rice Cup and the Chairman's Plate.

The day started with Brockley and Barrow playing in the final of the Joe Rice Cup. The first two games went to Brockley who quickly came to terms with the carpets, which allowed them to establish a comfortable lead and although Barrow fought back, they were unable to make up the leeway. The next two games were much tighter, as both teams had been watching the run of the carpets. On one carpet Barrow managed to build up a lead only to have their opponents close to within three shots by the end. The other game was nip and tuck all the way, through this time it was Brockley who held on to win and take the Cup home.

Final Score :- 6 points to 2 for Brockley. Games Scores 10 – 7, 15 – 7, 12 – 10, 8 – 11.

The Chairman's Plate final was played at the same time between Chelmondiston and Tythe Barn Sproughton. The first two games of this match were great to watch as both teams tried so hard to snatch the win. One game appeared to be going the way of Chelmondiston but Tythe Barn would not submit and a superb last wood from the skip gave them a hard fought draw. The other game was tight and could have gone either way but finally ended as another draw. The second two games of this match were also hard fought but Tythe Barn were not to be denied and ran out deserving winners in both.

Final Score :- 6 points to 2 for Tythe Barn. Game Scores 10 – 10, 10 – 10, 12 – 7, 7 – 6.

The afternoon session brought together The First Division teams of Belstead from the East and once again Brockley from the West, to fight out for the Suffolk title. Like the rest of the games nobody was prepared to give an inch and Belstead were determined that this year, their sixth attempt was to be the time for the title to go East. The first two games were very even, with each team winning one and only a single shot separating them. In the next two games Belstead took the upper hand in one game, while Brockley dominated the other. The game with Belstead ahead finished first and the tightness of the scores meant that Belstead had to score two shots on the last end for their team to win on shots scored. The Belstead skip managed to build a good head and held the two shots needed. This meant that with his last shot the Brockley skip had to run the jack to his back woods. With a great shot he did pick up the jack but to his disappointment drove it off the carpet giving two shots and the title to Belstead, by 1 shot.

Final Score :- 4 points each. Game Scores 11 – 9, 9 – 10, 11 – 7, 8 – 12.

While all this excitement was going on, Stutton were quietly and efficiently taking the Second Division title away from Woolpit. Although the scores rarely tell how close the games are, Stutton never allowed their opponents to get into the match and ran out comfortable winners.

Final Scores :- 8 points to 0 for Stutton. Game Scores 14 – 8, 13 – 8, 13 – 7, 18 – 6.

Polstead were the 1999 Third Division Champions

Presentations were made to all the Winners and Runners Up after the final event by Trevor Girling, Chairman of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association.

ROLL OF HONOUR

1998/9

SUFFOLK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the Scapa Leisure Surfaces Shield

WINNERS - BELSTEAD

JOE RICE CUP

WINNERS - BROCKLEY

CHAIRMAN'S PLATE

WINNERS - TITHE BARN, SPROUGHTON

MICK McNEIL SPORTS SHIELDS

East Suffolk Champions - BELSTEAD

West Suffolk Champions - BROCKLEY

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS for the Chips Ltd. trophy

STUTTON

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS for the Shire Sports trophy

POLSTEAD

SUFFOLK SINGLES CHAMPION

Jim Goodrich (Claydon)

SUFFOLK PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Steven Cain (Gt Blakenham) & Mick Watkins (Chelmondiston)

SUFFOLK TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Sarah Lay, David Dedman and Colin Page
(Hintlesham & Chattisham)

SUFFOLK FOURS CHAMPIONS

Sue Gardner, Andy Gilder, Stan Aldous & Roy Lonsborough
(Barking)

SUFFOLK JUNIOR CHAMPION

Ben Elder (Walpole & Cookley)