



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 8th May 2000

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman)
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Mick Adams, Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels,
Arvon Evans, Mervyn Farthing, Sally Goodrich, John Hayward, Judith Longman, Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. There were no apologies.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and after the following adjustments were made were approved and signed.
13c. Transporting of carpets Judith Longman pointed out that she had suggested a trial run with regard to the collection of these by a contractor but had not said that she would do this as this would now take place next season and would then be in the hands of the committee for the season.
9b. Eastern Counties C.B.A report Should have read that May 10th was the date that items for the agenda for the Annual General Meeting should reach the Secretary.
3. **Matters Arising.**
13d. Carpets Suffolk C.B.A have now purchased 4 carpets at a cost of £300.00 each plus VAT, which are stored at Needham Market Community Centre.
4. **The Chairman's Report.**
The Chairman had nothing to report.
5. **Secretary's Report.**
 - a) A Letter had been received from Tithe Barn thanking Suffolk and Meld Leisure for allowing them to sell raffle tickets at the English Pairs for which the income will be put to SENSE, the charity chosen by them to benefit from the County Charity Pairs event to be held at Hadleigh on 21st May 2000. This letter has been passed to Meld Leisure as Suffolk took no part of the organisation of this event,
 - b) Awards for All. A letter has been received from this organisation advising that Suffolk had been unsuccessful with their application for funds.
 - c) Brockley C.B.C had written to enquire why their Club had not been named under (5c) in the previous minutes. The Suffolk secretary has contacted Brockley to explain that their Club was not named in the correspondence received from Offton & Willisham.
 - d) Insurance The Secretary explained that contact had been made with Eastward who are now known as Beckett Eastward Limited with regard to the payments for cover which are now due. It was agreed that the premium would be £7.00 per unit but had subsequently been advised that this would now be £7.35 per unit and consequently had to advise Clubs of this. The charge of £7.50 per unit is to include administration costs.
As each unit covers £550.00 of equipment Clubs would be well advised to purchase (for example) three units if they own two carpets and equipment as one unit would possibly not cover 1 set.
Each Club will find an Outline of the UK special insurance scheme with these minutes.
6. **The Press Officer's Report:-**
 - a) Sally reported that Summer League fixtures have all been received on time but pointed out that as some games have already been played and results had been received without indicating which group Clubs are playing in, she requests that all results should contain the group letter on to assist with administration.

b) Winter Leagues play-offs.

Tony Webber suggested that as the new carpets have been purchased and would have to be delivered to Needham Market for storage that these could be used for this event, instead of Clubs transporting theirs as previously arranged. It was agreed that these would be used but the rest of the equipment would still be needed from those Clubs who had been asked.

c) Insurance of County Carpets.

It was agreed that the Suffolk County would need to do this.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The balance at the date of the meeting was as follows:-

Community Account	£0077.84
High Interest Account	<u>£3324.29</u>
	£3402.13

8. **County Captain's Report**

Tony's reports are included with minutes.

9. **Eastern Counties C.B.A Report**:-

Margaret Southgate reminded the meeting that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 8th June 2000 at New Astley.

10. **English Carpet Bowls Association**

a) The Annual General Meeting of the E.C.B.A. was held at Hemsby during the English Pair weekend with 55 people attending.

Amendment to the Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls.

These were minimal but as follows:-

Under number 1.1 Equipment delete white

Under number 2.9 Playing delete the words (i.e. the third player in the rinks game)

Under number 3.2 Delivery delete the word white (three times as in white lines, blocks and lines)

These may now be (as in 1.1 Equipment) of a contrasting colour to the carpet.

(b) The County subscription to the E.C.B.A. is £100.00 which is now due.

11. **SUFFOLK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT NEEDHAM MARKET
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 19TH JUNE.**

a) Constitution.

As far as the Committee are concerned they will not recommend any changes to this.

b) The Ad Hoc Committee which had been formed with the possibility of finding an alternative format for the Winter League had met and had sent their proposals to committee members to peruse and await their comments at this meeting. However, on reporting back to the County committee, they felt that their ideas for this would still not work and after a vote at the meeting this format would not be used.

The whole Committee would still persue this and are open to any suggestions but they ask that any proposals which can be sent to any member of the Committee should be carefully worded and not just "a good idea".

12. **Any Other Business**

a) Judith Longman suggested that she worded a presentation for the A.G.M to explain how the possibility of a Contractor collecting carpets would work.

b) The members of the Committee were asked if they would be prepared to stand for the Committee for the year 2000/2001. Three members indicated that they would be standing down.

13. Date of the next meeting will be the A.G.M. on 19th June and the first meeting of the new committee would be held on 7th July at Needham Market Community Centre.

14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.07 p.m.

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The final match for Suffolk in the 1999 / 2000 Eastern Counties League season took place in Cambridgeshire, at the Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 9th April.

The host team had decided to play the match using a different format from the normal one of four mats. This time we were to play on three mats over six sessions, which extended the playing time by about an hour. As it turned out it made little difference as in competition the time seems to pass very quickly.

Going into this match Suffolk were at the top of the league table, just three points ahead of Norfolk. It was going to be an uphill task to beat Cambridgeshire, let alone to get enough points to stay at the top. The task was made even more difficult due to the fact that Norfolk were playing against Bedfordshire who are not known as a strong team.

As usual Cambridgeshire were difficult to play against. They are a strong team with lots of experience and contain some very good bowlers.

The first session went to Suffolk 2 games to 1. Who appeared to be very much in control.

The Second session was a complete reversal as Cambridgeshire came back to take it 2 Games to 1, although the shots were much closer.

In the third session honours were even as both sides won 1 game and halved the other.

Sessions four and five went to Suffolk by 2 games to 1, leaving the final session to be played. At this stage Suffolk had actually won the match, but needed as many points as possible if they were to have any chance of staying ahead of Norfolk in the league.

However this was not to be as the final session was drawn. The final score on the day was :--Suffolk 20 Points and 169 Shots

Cambs. 16 Points and 136 Shots

This means that Norfolk have won the League Title, with Suffolk as runners up, followed by Cambridgeshire and Essex tying for third. Forth came Bedfordshire, and the wooden spoonists were Hertfordshire.

FINAL TABLE

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SHOTS FOR</u>	<u>SHOTS AGST</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
NORFOLK	680	467	123
SUFFOLK	671	508	113
CAMBS	613	563	95
ESSEX	564	554	95
BEDS	481	675	60
HERTS	447	689	54

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1999 / 2000 CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

After fighting their way through the qualifying rounds during the 1999 / 2000 season the finalists in the four disciplines of Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, came together on Sunday 2nd April at Hadliegh Leisure Centre.

The task now was to decide who would represent Suffolk as Champions in the Eastern Counties and the National Champion of Champions events to be held in June.

In each of the disciplines 16 had qualified from earlier rounds. They now had to play off in the straight knockout stages where there was no margin for error.

Eight carpets were to be used during the day and first on were the Fours followed by the Triples then the Pairs and finally the Singles. After these first rounds the difficulties for the organisers began, as a number of bowlers had qualified in 2 or 3 disciplines and obviously were unable to play on two carpets at the same time. However, apart from switching games around and some waiting while some of the odd games were completed the day went very smoothly.

The standard of bowling was very high and most of the games were tight as you would expect from players who had got this far in the competition. Some of the better known players were taken out of the reckoning by less fancied opposition during the day as is often the case in this type of competition. In a knockout situation if you are not playing well and your opponents are, you have no chance of progressing.

After playing throughout the day, each time on a different carpet the final two teams in each of the disciplines lined up to play each other.

In the Fours it was an all Brockley final with Sue Jones, Betty Eady, Robin Jimenez skipped by Maurice Eady playing against Keith Jolly, Ian Mott, Walter McCann and skipper Neal Jolly. After a very tight game with no quarter given, even though they may be clubmates, Neal Jolly's team were pronounced champions.

Final Score :- 10 Points to 3

The Triples final was played between Hitcham represented by Lily Hughes, Dolly Garrard and Laurence Griggs and Great Blakenham represented by Jeremy Brown, David Mittell and Steven Cain. Steven managed to guide his team to the win but not before the Hitcham team had given the more fancied team a fright by playing so well.

Final Score :- 9 Points to 4

In the Pairs final the Kelsale pair of father and son Mike and Paul Daniels came up against husband and wife Martha and Bill Mackay from Great Barton. The Kelsale pair who had won this title two years ago, had to conjure up some extra magic to defeat Bill and Martha, who were not overawed by the occasion. With a name like Paul Daniels the magic may be easy but the bowling never is.

Final Score :- 9 Points to 2

The Singles final was played between Ned Tervitt of New Astley and Sue Jones of Brockley. By the time Sue came to play this game she must have been absolutely worn out, having played in the Triples up to the Semi – Final, in the Fours final and now on her own in the Singles. She may have been tired but her play was certainly not. Ned played a great game but Sue countered every wood with a better one, it was obviously Sue's day and she could do no wrong.

Final Score :- 6 Points to 3