



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 25th November, 2002

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Steven Cain,
Paul Cousins, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, John Varden,
and Tony Webber

1. Apologies were received from David Cask and Richard Sago.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
The dates were announced with reference to the following:-
The English Champion of Champions will take place on 6th - 8th June 2003 and Eastern Counties event will be on 22nd June 2003.
4. The Chairman's Report.
The Chairman thanked all those involved with the organisation of the County Triples and Pairs which had taken place since the previous meeting.
Whilst individual Club tournaments were not usually mentioned, the Chairman congratulated Claydon C.B.C. on the event run by them.
Regarding the National Championships at Hemsby, the Chairman commented that it had been a fantastic weekend (details can be found in the County Captain's report). Also mentioned was the friendship and sportsmanship of the Durham County Team. The County Captain commented that he had written to Tony Cuthbert (English C.B.A. Chairman) referring to the well organised event.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) Correspondence: Letters had been received from Ixworth and Old Newton C.B.C's regarding a match problem. The Secretary to write and ask them to resolve their differences between themselves.
 - b) At a Rivers v Copdock and Washbrook match, Copdock & Washbrook only had 10 players and insisted that this was acceptable. The Chairman will contact this Club to point out that they must field a minimum of 12 players.
 - c) Referring to a letter received from David Cobbold regarding the English Carpet Bowls Association rules relating to the weight and size of the jack this meeting agreed that for Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association events the weight of the jack shall remain as previously which is not less than 8 ounces and not more than 16 ounces.
6. Press Officer's Report.
Sally said that the results were still coming in on time, also the Cup and Plate.
7. The Treasurer's report:-
 - a) Community Account £3866.00
High Interest Account £2565.71
£6431.71

- b) The treasurer reported that each County Squad member had received £25.00 towards their expenses for the National Championships.
8. County Business:-
County Captain's report.
 Enclosed
 Comments which were made regarding the National Championships were as follows:- Sue Gilder who filled in at the eleventh hour was mentioned for the way she played. Jeremy Brown's determination and Steven Cain and Neil Jolly's outstanding bowling.
 Thanks were expressed to Mick Watkins for transporting the equipment.
- b) **County Closed Championships:**
 Richard Sago sent a report in his absence stating that the Pairs Qualifying had gone well and thanked the organisers at both venues.
 Results: Hadleigh Peter Hayde and John Godfrey (Ashley)
 Neil & Keith Jolly (Brockley)
 Leiston Peter & Penny Harvey (Offton & Willisham)
 Clint Watling and Richard McCleary (Sizewell)
- Again there were problems with requests for equipment for these events in the way of refusals and we may have to get stronger in the way we request them i.e. no kit no play and implement it.
 Tony also spoke about players when bowling that quite a lot of players are still bowling between and not through the blocks.
9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report
 Paul was had attended this meeting and had arrived to find that he had no agenda an no spares were available.
 At the Six Counties Championships complaints were received with regards to the lay-out of the programme but this has now been resolved.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
 Margaret Southgate read this report.
- a) Richard Sago reminded the meeting that Suffolk had received 50 copies of the emended English C.B.A. Rule Books which had not yet been paid for and suggested that each Suffolk Club receive a copy courtesy of S.C.B.A.
- b) Ann Hardy (English Secretary) reported on an out of County player who had trialed for Suffolk. Bowlers who live in another County but play for a Suffolk Club as well as another may only play in one County Championship events in any one year.
11. County Trophies.
 Following comments made at the previous meeting it was agreed that all Suffolk Trophies be returned to the Secretary before the next executive meeting in February, so that the Committee may inspect their condition with the view to making replacements if necessary.
12. Any other business.
- a) It was agreed that each Club will receive one free copy of the amended English C.B.A. Rule Books, more can be purchased at a cost of 50p from the Secretary.
- b) The minimum number of players was discussed again and this will be put on the agenda for the March meeting.
- c) Steven Cain asked if a letter could be sent to all those who took part in the County Trials to let them know if they are likely to be included in the team for the forthcoming year.
- d) The County Selectors have been asked to recommend their choice of sweater for the County Squad.
13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.55 p.m.
 Date of next meeting 3rd February 2003.

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SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

SUFFOLK MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2002 English Carpet Bowls County Championships were held at the Seacroft Holiday Centre in Hemsby, during the weekend of the 1st to the 4th of November. The main competition as always took place during Saturday and Sunday. Prior to that, on the Friday evening, it was the Northern League Champions Durham versus the Eastern Counties League Champions Suffolk to play off for the Inter League title.

In this part of the Competition, six rinks from each County play off with one game each over 11 ends to decide the Championship.

Durham started off strongly and all six Suffolk rinks were left trailing. After about 4 ends things began to change, as Suffolk fought back and the games swung back and forth between the teams. All the games became very tight and the result could have gone either way. In the end Suffolk were triumphant by 7 points to 5 points. The contest was played in a friendly but competitive way, a lesson on how the game should be played.

Rink Results :--

✓ S1 / 12 shots to 10, S2 / 11 shots to 12, S3 / 5 shots to 13, S4 / 10 shots to 7, S5 / 11 shots to 8, S6 / 8 shots each .

The main business of the weekend started at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning and continued until about 8 – 15 in the evening. Followed by the same thing on the Sunday. These Championships are a bit of a marathon, with the team that can hold its form and concentration coming out on top. In the past Suffolk have tended to start strongly but fade during the second day, this time there was no fading and the team got stronger as the games went on.

The Competition is played over 9 Sessions on each of the two days, with each County playing three games in each of eight sessions and sitting out in one. Each County team consists of six rinks, three playing against a County on day one and the other rinks playing them on day two, Suffolk's first opponents Essex, were taken apart in all three games, giving Suffolk an ideal start of 6 points and 52 shots to 4.

Session 2 was against Durham, who managed to get their own back for the Friday loss by taking 2 of the games.

Suffolk 2 points and 31 shots to 29.

○ Next came South Tyneside, with Suffolk winning two of the games and losing the other.

Suffolk 4 points and 36 shots to 18.

Suffolk's fourth Session was against Norfolk, always a hard game. This time Suffolk were too strong and again took two games.

Suffolk 4 points and 33 shots to 30

In the following Session disaster struck, as Suffolk scored zero points against Cambridgeshire, with 25 shots to 34 against.

Things got better in Session six against Northumberland where Suffolk took all six points to get back on track. Suffolk 6 points and 37 shots to 14.

Session seven brought on North Tyneside, who were beaten by 4 points to 2 and by 37 shots to 28.

The final Session was against Hertfordshire who also succumbed to Suffolk by 4 points to 2 and 32 shots to 26.

Suffolk's totals for the day were :-- 30 points with 283 shots for and 183 against.

County positions at the halfway point were : --

Norfolk 36 points, Durham 32, Suffolk 30, Cambridgeshire 26, Hertfordshire 21, South Tyneside 19, North Tyneside 18, with Essex and Northumberland trailing on 17 points.

Day two started off well for Suffolk, as once again Essex were beaten in all three games. Suffolk 6 points and 42 shots to 19.

Durham were a stumbling block again in Session two as Suffolk managed 2 points with 27 shots to 34.

Things looked better again in the third session as Suffolk won all three games against South Tyneside, Suffolk 6 points and 34 to 19 shots.

Norfolk were the next opponents and once again Suffolk were too strong taking all 6 points with 40 shots to 18.

Suffolk's fifth session brought on Cambridgeshire and a better result than Saturdays was needed. The rinks rose to the task winning one game and halving two. Suffolk 4 points and 26 shots to 22.

The Suffolk team were really flying now with no sign of flagging, much to the disappointment of Northumberland who once again lost all three games. Suffolk 6 points, 46 shots to 19.

Next came North Tyneside, who although being outplayed in all three games managed to ride their luck to win one game,

Suffolk 4 points with 37 shots to 22.

The final session of the competition was against Hertfordshire who were having their best run of results ever. Unfortunately for them Suffolk were not to be denied, winning two games and halving the third. Suffolk 5 points and 40 shots to 21.

The final positions after two days of great bowling, played in a wonderful atmosphere and with a competitive but friendly spirit were :---

Suffolk	69 points, 575 shots for and 357 against
Durham	63 points, 532 shots for and 432 against
Norfolk	60 points, 504 shots for and 422 against
Cambridgeshire	54 points, 483 shots for and 437 against
Hertfordshire	50 points, 434 shots for and 489 against
Essex	35 points, 446 shots for and 490 against
Northumberland	35 points, 442 shots for and 523 against
South Tyneside	34 points, 435 shots for and 524 against
North Tyneside	32 points, 375 shots for and 558 against

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EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2002 / 2003

SUFFOLK v HERTFORDSHIRE

Sunday 24th November saw the start of the 2002 / 2003 Eastern Counties League season. As reigning League and National champions, Suffolk were looking to get off to a flying start against a much improved Hertfordshire team. The match was played at Needham Market Community Centre and as usual on four mats over five sessions, with 36 points at stake. The first session went to Suffolk, with a comfortable win in all four games, giving the county an ideal start with 8 points and 40 shots to 22.

Things took a nasty turn in session two as Hertfordshire came back to win it by 6 points to 2, although the shots were even at 27 each.

In session three only two games are played and Suffolk performed better, winning one and halving the other. Suffolk 3 points Hertfordshire 1, with shots again being close at 15 to 14 to Suffolk.

The penultimate session was all Suffolk, as they once again took all 8 points and crushed the opposition by 63 shots to 13. Not content with that effort, the final session was also a rout for Hertfordshire, as Suffolk piled on the agony by winning the last four games by 55 shots to 21.

This was a good team performance by Suffolk and having made a few positional changes, as well as bringing in players who qualified from the trials, the selectors now have extra bowlers to use in the matches to come. No doubt there will be other bowlers to try out in the future, as we fine tune the squad before we get to next year's championships. But well done to this team, you did yourselves proud.

Final Result :-

Suffolk 29 Points -- Hertfordshire 7 Points

Suffolk 200 Shots -- Hertfordshire 97 Shots

EASTERN COUNTIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Eastern Counties Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday June 27th at the New Astley Club in Newmarket. It was attended by all the six Counties of the Association.

There were no real issues brought up until the Treasurers report was made. In her report the Treasurer said that one County had not claimed their expenses for league matches during the last season. Unfortunately that County was Suffolk and I apologised for not sending them in prior to the accounts being closed. By the time this report is given my oversight will have been rectified.

The main talking point was the increase in the insurance costs for Public Liability to cover the Association in the event of a claim. The amount had risen steeply to £315 and although the association has the funds at present to meet this cost, they would soon be depleted as the association does not levy a subscription on its members. It was proposed that an annual subscription of £50 should be paid by each member County to alleviate this problem. The proposal was carried unanimously and the payment should be paid by 28 days after the AGM each year.

Fees for the league matches and other competitions will remain at the same level as last year.

The League Secretary reported that all Counties had sent in their results promptly and apologised for one group of reports going astray, he had no idea why they had not been received. He also congratulated Suffolk on winning the League title.

Officers were elected and they were very much the same as last year,

Chairman – Margaret Southgate - Suffolk

Treasurer – Sandra Gamage – Herts.

Secretary – Jill Emms – Norfolk

League Secretary – Rob Washbrook – Herts

Tournament Secretary – Laurence Pullar (paperwork etc.) – Cambs

The work of Secretary and Treasurer were previously combined but Jill Emms wanted to give up the work of Secretary.

A plea was made that mobile phones be switched off during competition and to this end County Captains will request this at the start of League matches. At other competitions the organisers will make the same request.

Slow play was also discussed, and although very little can be done about it, as rules are not being broken, players will be reminded that the hire times in most venues are limited.

Another point raised from the English Association was about the eligibility of Bedfordshire to play in the North League versus South League play off. It was stated that this fixture was little to do with the English Association and was between the two leagues, and as such Bedfordshire were eligible (at this time there is little chance of this happening, but we need to have it resolved).

The final item was the date of the next meeting, which was on 10th October 2002