

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 22nd September, 2003**

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- David Schofield (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary) Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Derek Brown, David Cask, Rita Daniels, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago, and Tony Webber.

1. **Apologies.** from Keith Armes and John Varden were received.
2. **The Minutes of the previous meeting** were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:-** There were no matters arising.
4. **Co-option.**
The Chairman asked that Arvon Evans be co-opted onto the Committee. Arvon had been a member for several years and had expressed a wish to stand down at the 2003 Annual General Meeting but David said that he had asked him to reconsider and this he had done. The Committee agreed this co-option. The Committee would like to remind Clubs and Members in the County that there are still vacancies on the Committee and that they would be very grateful for offers to fill these positions. Your offers of assistance by becoming a member of the Committee would help share the work load of those already on there. Offers please to the Secretary or Chairman.
5. **Chairman's report:-**
 - a) The Chairman reminded the meeting that at the previous meeting members were asked to be concise and to the point with matters they wish to comment on but continued by pointing out that even so the meeting still ran for over 3 hours.
The Chairman continued his report with the suggestion that Sally Goodrich should hold the position of Match Secretary on this Committee and not Press Secretary and that another person should become Press Secretary and this person would be responsible for writing reports within the County. Sally as Match Secretary would continue to send league results to the press. The members of the committee were asked to give this their consideration as to who might fill this position.
 - b) **Bowls Council**
The Chairman reported that he had written to the ECBA to ask them to take immediate steps to be included with other forms of bowls in a body to be recognised by Sport England. The ECBA Secretary had responded to this letter confirming that she had taken such steps.
 - c) **Open Day**
The Chairman proposed the period 15th to 20th March 2004 becomes a 'Publicity Week' for Carpet Bowls in Suffolk. More details after the November meeting.
6. **Secretary's report:-**
 - a) Marion reported that a visit to assist Westhorp with setting up carpet bowls had taken place. She reported that they only had facilities for one carpet. It was pointed out with only one carpet they would be unable to take part in the Suffolk Leagues but they would be eligible to play in the Closed Championships etc.
 - b) A letter had been received from Andy Gilder who organised the Suffolk Junior/Senior tournament held on 31st August. He reported that all had enjoyed the day and a high standard of bowling was achieved. Andy felt he was unhappy about a couple of things on the day such as over running by quite a bit of time, also he felt that he should have played to the whistle. These comments were discussed and noted, the Committee said that those there thoroughly enjoyed the day. The winners

were Oscar Mew & Mike Daniel's from Kelsale C.B.C. the runners up also from Kelsale were Joe Mew & Paul Daniels, the semi finalists were Paul Davidson and Pat Noble from Gt. Barton C.B.C. with Laura Battle from Sizewell C.B.C. playing with Rita Daniels from Kelsale.

Andy said that if the Committee wished he would organise the event in 2004, the Committee agreed to this and asked Marion to write to him and thank him and say that we would like him to do this.

Date confirmed as 29th August 2004 at Needham Market Community Centre.

- c) A letter had been received from The Federation of Eastern Sport regarding a seminar to be held at Cambridge University Athletics Club on Wednesday 19th November 2002. The seminar is particularly relevant to those clubs that have their own premises and raise funds through trading activities and will therefore benefit from the legislation and reduce the taxation burden. The Committee will get some brochures regarding this and anyone interested please contact Marion.
- d) Suffolk Closed Junior Tournament. The date for this is February 29th 2004 and this will again be organised by John Hayward. Entry forms will be included with the November minutes.

7. Match Officer's Report.

- a) Sally reported that she had now received all the Suffolk Leagues fixtures dates but at the time of this meeting 8 teams in the West and 12 teams in the East had not yet commenced their fixtures. The first round of the Joe Rice Cup had started.
- b) The Summer league finals day had been held the day previous to this meeting and Belstead had become the Summer League Champions. However, an observation had been made by several interested parties that some Clubs were playing members of their Club who had not competed in the team during the season. This was discussed by the Committee and to be included in next seasons Summer League Rules would be a clause stating that to be eligible to play in the finals a player would have had to have played in at least three (3) games during the season.
- c) League Results:- Sally would like to remind Clubs that results are only sent to clubs who request them by sending her a stamped addressed envelope for this purpose, Sally would also like to remind members that because results arrive with her nearly every day it is not possible to have a true picture of these at all times.

Also a reminder that the Suffolk League results appear on Paul Daniel's web site at:- www.carpetbowls.org/suffolk.

8. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£3310.63
High Interest Account	<u>£2582.90</u>
	£5893.53

9. County Business:-

- a) Durham Visit:- Report Enclosed
- b) County Trials:- Results sent to participant clubs.
- c) E.C.B.A. National Championships:-
This event will be held on the weekend of 31st October to 2nd November 2003 at Hemsby. The S.C.B.A. will subsidise each player and 2 non playing selectors along with the Captain of £25.00 each.
- d) Suffolk Closed Triples Championship **Entries for these are slow coming in and the Committee would like to remind Clubs that the closing date for this is 1st October 2003.**
- e) Rita Daniels asked if the County had Public Liability insurance as this was mandatory when hiring Leiston Leisure Centre for the Closed Championships. This was confirmed. At the same time Rita also asked that if a carpet belonging to a Club became damaged whilst being used at a Closed Championship event and a claim was made on the Clubs insurance would the S.C.B.A. reimburse the Club for the excess of £50.00 which would have to be paid on a claim. The Committee agreed that the S.C.B.A. would do this.

10. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There was no report as there had been no meeting and Margaret Southgate reported that the next meeting would take place on 16th October. Tony Webber said that he would be unable to attend as our delegate. Margaret Southgate offered to act as delegate.

11. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) The E.C.B.A. Rinks Tournament 2004 will be held on 28th March 2004 at Hadleigh High Leisure Centre. Entry forms for this will be sent in due course. Suffolk will host this event.

- b) **Courses for Referees:-** Richard Sago reported that one course had already taken place and that if there was enough interest another would take place. Several members of the Committee booked places for the next training session.
If any other members would like to book places please contact Richard Sago! on 01473 742468 for more information.

12. **Any other business.**

Rita Daniels reported on the weekend at Potters Leisure Resort which had been organised by this company to promote Carpet Bowls at both social and competition levels at their venue. The weekend had been most enjoyable as a social event but there were reservations amongst members of the Committee who also attended regarding championship level events because the flexibility needed with dining times etc. when this type of event is taking place. Given the area where the bowls took place during this weekend there would be a need to negotiate for a more suitable area which to compete and view.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.34p.m.

Date of next meeting 24th November, 2003.

**Enc:- Updated Calender of Events.
Contact List.**

**Marion now has an Email Address:-
marion@brown9865.fsnet.co.uk**

**Elmsett Carpet Bowls Club have a mat for sale, anyone interested please ring Linda Williams on
01473 657416**

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION SUMMER LEAGUE PLAY – OFF

The 2003 Summer League group winners came together on Sunday 21st September, to decide which of the six clubs would be the Champion for this year.

The Play – offs took place at the Needham Market Community Centre and were played on six mats with each of the six clubs playing the other five in either the Fours or the Pairs. Each club played with 2 Fours and 2 Pairs plus a nominated Pair in the third session. All games were played over 11 ends.

The first session was for the Fours and meant that Barking had to face Gt. Blakenham and Brockley. Belstead had to face Tithe Barn and Chelmondiston. Brockley also had to play Chelmondiston with Gt. Blakenham playing Tithe Barn on the sixth mat.

After this session Belstead and Brockley had 4 points each, having won both of their games. Gt. Blakenham and Tithe Barn had 2 points, to leave Chelmondiston and Barking trailing with no points.

Session two was for the Pairs and brought together Chelmondiston versus Barking and Gt. Blakenham, Tithe Barn versus Brockley and Barking and Belstead versus Gt. Blakenham and Brockley.

In this session Belstead again scored 4 points, Barking also gained 4 points by winning their two games. Both Gt. Blakenham and Tithe Barn managed one win to get 2 points each. This left Chelmondiston trailing without a point. This meant that Belstead could not be caught and that Chelmondiston would be playing for their pride in the final session.

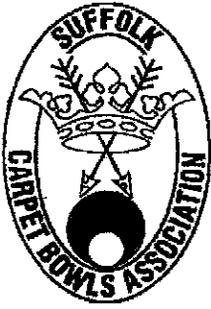
The third session was for the Nominated Pairs and brought together Belstead against Barking, Tithe Barn against Chelmondiston and Brockley against Gt. Blakenham.

This time Chelmondiston came good at the expense of Tithe Barn to win their first 2 points. Belstead dropped their first 2 points when they were beaten by Barking. In the last game Brockley took the 2 points from Gt. Blakenham.

There was a lot off good bowling during the day, but some of the players struggled to master the pace and swing of the mats. This plus the tension of the day made for a really good competition. As is usual for Carpet Bowls all the games were played in a friendly but competitive way, which makes our sport such a pleasure to be part of.

FINAL RESULT

Team	Points	Shots For	Shots Against
1) Belstead	8	70	31
2) Barking	6	59	46
3) Brockley	6	45	51
4) Tythe Barn	4	51	48
5) Gt. Blakenham	4	48	52
6) Chelmondiston	2	28	71



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Dear *Sally & Jim*

The Suffolk Squad for the 2003 / 2004 season has now been selected and is as follows : – S. Adams, M. Ashman, T. Bean J. Brown, S. Cain, P. Daniels, S. Davey, A. Gilder, S. Gilder, A. Goodrich, S. Goodrich, J. Goodrich, P. Harvey, P. Harvey, J. Hayward, N. Jolly, S. Jones, R. Lonsbrough, S. Mayhew, D. Mittell, C. Page, C. Pinson – Roxburgh, T. Runnicles, E. Simpson, J. Southgate, M. Southgate, M. Watkins, D. Wells.

This Squad will represent Suffolk in the Eastern Counties League during the 2003 / 2004 season, culminating in the Six Counties and the English County Championships. The selectors also have the freedom to bring into the Squad, any bowler who shows extra ability during the season. This means that any bowler that is brought to the notice of the selectors, will be watched at various venues to gauge their potential as a possible Squad member.

If any bowler took part in the trials and was not selected, please do not give up hope, but try again next year.

The Squad consists of bowlers who are consistent in their play on differing mats and at different venues. The best way to attain this level and to improve your game is to enter the various competitions throughout the year (practice makes perfect).

Dates for the 2003 – 2004 season

23rd November – Cambridgeshire (Away - League)

18th January - Essex (Home – Needham Mkt. - League)

25th January - Eastern Counties Team Bowl (Luton)

15th February - Bedfordshire (Home – Needham Mkt. - League)

21st March - Norfolk (Away - League)

18th April - Hertfordshire (Away - League)

7th – 8th Aug. - Durham Weekend Away at Durham

On behalf of the County Selectors


Tony Webber

County Captain

Sally & Jim

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION COUNTY TRIALS 2003

The 2003 County trials took place at Needham Market Community Centre on Sunday 7th September. Each of the 40 bowlers participating played four games in a position of their choice. In all four games there were some good displays of bowling, with most of the current squad showing up well. There was also some promising play from some of the non - squad bowlers, while others were struck by nerves and did not give of their best. Please do not give up, just try again next year.

The Squad for 2003 / 2004 will be announced prior to the first Eastern Counties League match in November.

RESULTS FOR ALL GAMES

NAME	GAME 1	GAME 2	<u>LEADS</u>		TOTAL
			GAME 3	GAME 4	
E. Simpson	74	99	100	94	367
S. Davey	62	117	100	85	364
C. Page	75	92	83	68	318
A. Goodrich	81	64	78	87	310
W. Kittle	64	63	69	66	262
P. Harvey	54	83	73	47	257
K. Masters	49	43	76	80	248
P. Goulding	57	75	52	64	248
S. Aldous	51	55	45	73	224
G. Robinson	83	21	51	43	198

NAME	GAME 1	GAME 2	<u>SECONDS</u>		TOTAL
			GAME 3	GAME 4	
M. Southgate	93	87	94	82	356
S. Goodrich	60	119	68	82	329
P. Harvey	75	52	96	61	284
S. Gilder	41	117	49	76	283
P. Masters	67	70	65	79	281
A. Pooley	39	93	94	55	281
T. Runnicles	67	87	55	67	276
F. Wright	57	45	66	44	192
A. Ashman	74	31	44	38	187
J. Parker	42	52	19	48	161

NAME	GAME 1	GAME 2	<u>THIRDS</u>		TOTAL
			GAME 3	GAME 4	
P. Daniels	95	109	78	107	389
T. Bean	63	83	78	86	310
R. Lonsborough	67	76	81	79	302
S. Jones	76	44	104	78	302
J. Southgate	52	112	56	80	300
R. Sadgrove	64	75	86	74	299
R. Page	45	41	63	92	241
A. Gilder	74	74	41	50	239
B. Simpson	72	67	57	25	221
R. Daniels	31	60	69	59	219

NAME	GAME 1	GAME 2	<u>SKIPS</u>		TOTAL
			GAME 3	GAME 4	
J. Brown	75	109	96	97	377
J. Hayward	87	94	114	50	345
A. Cooper	85	127	91	41	344
M. Ashman	82	81	93	87	343
J. Goodrich	98	73	79	86	336
M. Watkins	80	93	70	90	333
S. Cain	68	81	92	84	325
C. P / Roxburgh	92	86	77	52	307
J. Evans	56	53	51	49	209
M. Shipp	83	33	44	41	201

SUFFOLK versus DURHAM THE ANNUAL ENCOUNTER

This year it was the turn of Suffolk to do the entertaining in our annual friendly clash with Durham. The Needham Market Community Centre was the venue for this weekend of bowling and is where most of the County games take place. On Sunday the Suffolk team were keen to get back the shield that was lost at Chester le Street in 2002. However, before that could happen, the pairs competition, a forerunner to the main match had to be played on Saturday afternoon.

In this competition a Suffolk player is paired up with a Durham player and the 32 pairs are then divided into groups of four, to play in a round robin tournament. The competition began at 1 – 30 pm and continued until about 6 – 30 pm when the winners finally emerged.

The standard of bowls was very high, as you would expect from pairs consisting mainly of County level bowlers. Those bowlers who were not part of the County squads, all managed to raise their games to add to the good play that was on show throughout the day.

The 8 group winners who went through to the knockout rounds were, Joyce Woodward & Michael Ashman, Penny Harvey & Mary Guy, Shirley Woods & Roy Lonsborough, Marion Brown & John Varden, Danny Morgan & Paul Daniels, Mike Daniels & James Stewart, Kay Masters & Keith Shepherd, Peter Jones & Neil Ridley

After some hard fought and very tight games the eventual winners were Shirley Wood (Durham) & Roy Lonsborough (Suffolk), who beat Peter Jones (Suffolk) & Neil Ridley (Durham) in the final.

Once the bowls presentation was over, it was time to sit down to a superb meal provided by Rita Daniels and her staff. As well as organising the meal Rita was also bowling in the competition (a glutton for punishment you could say). After the meal and a few drinks everyone went off to either their hotel or their homes to prepare for another effort on the Sunday.

The County match on Sunday was played with the usual 24 players in each team playing in rinks of 4. The competition was played on 4 mats over 6 sessions, with each rink playing 4 games.

Play commenced at 9 – 30 and the first session was all Suffolk as they took all 4 games and by 53 shots to 15.

The second session was a much closer affair with each team winning 2 games, shots were also close at 24 to 26 in favour of Durham.

Session 3 brought Suffolk through again by 3 games to 1 and with 35 shots to 19.

The fourth session was again even at 2 games each, with once more Durham shading the shots by 34 to 31.

Session five was a good one for Durham as they won 2 games and shared 1, Durham also had a good shots score at 32 to 24.

The final session belonged to Suffolk although the shots were very close, Suffolk won 3 games and Durham 1. Shots were 33 to 30 in favour of Suffolk.

The result was a win for Suffolk by 31 Points to 17, shots were 200 to 156 also in favour of Suffolk.

It was a hard fought match, but Durham were unable to recover from the bad first session and were always having to play a catch up game.

Regardless of the bowls result, the real winner was bowls itself and the friendship between our two counties. Long may it remain this way.

ECBA Committee Meeting 5th July 2003

7 Counties attended, with apologies from Norfolk and South Tyneside, I also gave apologies from Richard Sago and said that I was acting as Suffolk Delegate. The minutes of the last meeting were signed with no matters arising. The secretary had received a request from Orkney for information on the rules of the game and from Stockton on Tees for help in setting up an Association, they want help in formulating a constitution. The Chairmans report gave thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Champion of Champions at Barnsley, David Storey as Referee, North Tyneside for running the Raffle and Ann Hardy and Margaret Southgate for the administration over the weekend. He also told the meeting that the Northern League had met with representatives of Sunderland City and it has been agreed that they will be invited to join the league this year, so it would appear that within this coming year Sunderland will again apply to join the ECBA.. The secretary had a very short report, the main item being a request for a copy of each counties diary of events so that a calender of the main competitions can be published. The treasurer reported a total of £11,398.93 in the bank at the moment but pointed out that the account for the Metrodome had not yet been received and the admin expenses had not been paid. The referee said that courses were being held for the training of more referees and by November we should have sufficient for the championships. At present we have 19 people qualified. Hertfordshire have received 70 entries for the Triples in September, which is being held at Ware. Booking forms are now available for November and were distributed to all counties present. Durham raised the question of the travel subsidy, suggesting an increase of 33%, after much discussion it was decided that instead of the counties not claiming for the first 200 miles of the total distance travelled this would be reduced to 100 miles. This will mean an increase of £100.00 per county who are currently entitled to a subsidy plus a further 4 counties in this region will be entitled to claim a subsidy. (In our case I understand it will be £10.00) The chairman then raised the matter of our trophies, he had brought to the meeting the shield he had won at Barnsley and said it was not in very good condition, it was scratched and chipped. Why is it that people do not look after trophies when they win them? It was decided that all the shields would be returned to the committee at the meeting in April next year and Jim Southgate will refurbish them for us.

Reviewing the AGM the treasurer suggested that the rule books should be reprinted with the changes voted for at the Agm and sufficient copies should be given to the counties for each of their member clubs. This was agreed and all counties asked to give the treasurer the number of books required. All qualified referees will also receive a new rule book. The new rules will be operative for the winter season, also at the ECBA Triples in September. The chairman would like all county committees to look at the constitution to see if there is anything in there which they consider should be altered or added to, and bring any comments to the next meeting.

Under AOB Hertfordshire asked if the date of the Champion of Champions could be changed around with the Eastern Counties date as this had been discussed at the Eastern Counties AGM but after a vote was taken the result was 3 in favour and 3 against with 1 abstaining, this meant the chairman had the casting vote and he voted against it.