



Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
held at Needham Market Community Centre
on Monday 9th February 2004

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- David Schofield (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Dave Cask, David Cobbold, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago, John Varden and Tony Webber.

The Chairman welcomed David Cobbold to the meeting following his Co-option at the previous meeting and followed this by saying that due to family commitments he found himself in the position of not being able to give his full support to Suffolk events for the time being.

1. Apologies were received from Paul Goulding.
2. The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) Item 8c. Junior Championships ; It was pointed out to the meeting that Burstall instigated this competition and ran it until their venue could no longer cater for the number of entries.
 - b) Item 11. Any Other Business; Margaret Southgate observed that the following had been omitted; that the English Carpet Bowls Association would organise events at Potters Leisure Resort in 2004 and 2005.
4. The Chairman's Report.

Open Week to promote Carpet Bowls in Suffolk. The Chairman reported that he had received only 11 replies in response to his letter which all 108 Clubs in Suffolk had received. He Felt that with the level of support he would not be able to get the media on board and that another attempt should take place in 12 months.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) Marion reported that Freckenham had joined the Suffolk Association, a letter of welcome will be sent.
 - b) The late Fred Hunter of Martlesham Carpet Bowls Club: The Committee were sorry to learn of the death of Fred whose involvement in carpet bowls in Suffolk went back a very long way.
6. Match Secretary's Report.
 - a) Sally reported that she had received queries regarding the rules of play.
Substitute Players: It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the Club concerned to clarify this with them.
 - b) Suffolk Leagues playing to English Rules and Suffolk Rules:
To clarify this the English rules are the basic rules for the games and the Suffolk rules are the format for the games played by the Suffolk leagues.
 - c) Teams fielding less than 16 players:
The Team Captain shall nominate and name their first 8 players. The vacant position/s for the following games shall be drawn by the opposing Captain from those players in the first games.
 - d) Weight of the Jack:
It was clarified at the Suffolk Annual General Meeting in June of last year that the weight of the Jack for games played by Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association member clubs would continue to be from 8 to 16 ounces and would not be of the 10 ounce weight as stated in the English Carpet Bowls Rules for Playing Carpet Bowls.

- e) Sally also pointed out that some teams were organising all or most of their away games during the first half of the season and home games at the end of the season. She suggested that for next season all teams should play their home and away games evenly throughout the season.

7. The Treasurer's report:-

The following figures were given to Marion in Paul's absence.

Community Account	£2611.02
High Interest Account	<u>£2590.31</u>
	£5201.33

8. County Business:-

- a) Captain's Reports are enclosed with these minutes.
- b) Suffolk Closed Singles:
Qualifiers for these are as follows from the three venues used: Kay Masters (Kelsale), Trevor Girling (Claydon), Mick Watkins (Barking) and Stephen Mayhew (Stanningfield).
- c) Suffolk Closed Fours: 56 Entries had been received for this event which will take place on 7th March. Due to the number of entries received only the Hadleigh venue will be used.
- d) Suffolk Juniors: John Hayward has received 17 entries for this which takes place at Needham Market Community Centre on 29th February. This event will start at 10.30 a.m. and the support from the senior members in the County and from parents and friends would be appreciated.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There was no report as there had been no meeting.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report

- a) Report attached.
- b) English Rinks: This event takes place at Hadleigh Leisure Centre on 28th March and organised by SCBA. All 80 team places have been filled.
Equipment will be supplied by Meld Leisure Ltd., we are hoping to lay the mats down on the Saturday, if anyone available to help please give Marion a ring to confirm time.
Refreshments: Rita Daniels.
Raffle: Jane Sago and Burstall.
Competition Prizes: Marion Brown & Tony Webber.
Table, Results Etc., David Schofield and Marion Brown.
Programme: Margaret Southgate and Tony Webber.

11. Any other business

- a) Refreshments:- Rita Daniels stated that as from the end of the commitments which she had made to the SCBA for this season she would retire from supplying these on a regular basis.
Rita was thanked for her commitment to supplying refreshments, as you all know Rita's food was always of a very high standard.
- b) ECBA: Richard Sago expressed his frustration with the ECBA meetings which he felt were dominated by the same unimportant issues every time. He said he was reluctant to continue as our delegate but would do so until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c) Bowls Evening: Tony Webber reported that Mid Suffolk Indoor Bowls had contacted him with a view to some members of the SCBA spending an evening with them playing both indoor and carpet bowls.
Tony will arrange this with them.
- d) Closed Championships & League Trophies: Derek Brown inquired about the purchase of these and it was agreed that Tony, Marion and Derek as previous years would again purchase these.
- e) Constitution: David Cobbold distributed to the Committee members some proposed changes, these will be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) A letter had been received from Essex C.B.A. which was read out and this will be discussed further at another meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting 22nd March 2004.

Enc: Summer League Entry Form
Updated Calendar of Events.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2003 / 2004

SUFFOLK v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The 2003 / 2004 League season started off with the match against Cambridgeshire, this year played this year at the Milton Community Centre. Every time Suffolk and Cambridgeshire meet it is guaranteed to be a real battle and unfortunately for Suffolk, Cambridgeshire seem to have had the edge for the past few years. This match was no exception, with some tight games and others that got away from the teams.

The format was the usual one, 6 rinks from each County, each playing 3 games over 5 sessions on 4 carpets.

The first session went to Cambridgeshire by 5 points to 3 with shots being 37 – 31.

Session two, also went the same way, this time by 6 points to 2, shots were 34 – 33

In the third session only 2 games are played and the spoils were shared at 2 points each. Suffolk just edged the shots by 16 to 14.

Sessions four and five went to Cambridgeshire by 6 points to 2. Not at all a good result for Suffolk. This result will make it difficult for Suffolk to take the League title this season, everything will depend on how well the team scores in the remaining fixtures.

Final Result.

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Shots For</u>	<u>Shots Agst</u>
<u>Cambridgeshire</u>	25	159	139
<u>Suffolk</u>	11	139	157

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2003 / 2004

SUFFOLK V ESSEX

The League match between the two Counties took place on Sunday 18th January 2004 at the Needham Market Community Centre.

Having had a disappointing result in the previous match with Cambridgeshire, Suffolk were looking to bounce back with a good performance against Essex. Unfortunately this was not to be, as Essex played far better than they usually do against us in this league. At the same time Suffolk were playing below par, and having too many loose woods early in the games. Essex were able to take advantage of the lapse so that Suffolk were having to play "catch up" most of the time.

In the first session Essex took 6 of the 8 points, with the shots being 38 to 27

Session two was better from Suffolk's point of view with the points being shared 4 each, the shots again went to Essex 40 to 35.

Session three was another poor one for Suffolk as both games were lost and the shots were 20 to 13.

Things were looking desperate as the fourth session got under way, Essex now had 14 points to Suffolk's 6 points. A big effort was needed from Suffolk if they were to avoid a big defeat. The players really knuckled down and took Sessions four and five by 6 points to 2 and with a good tally of shots, 49 to 19 and 35 to 22.

This meant that the final result was a draw at 18 points each, with Suffolk totalling 159 shots and Essex 139.



County Captain

EASTERN COUNTIES TEAM BOWL 2004

The 2004 Charity Team Bowl was organised by Bedfordshire and was held at the Putteridge Centre in Luton. All six Counties took part in a most enjoyable day's bowling. The competition is played with each County fielding four teams of seven bowlers (1 single, 1 pair and 1 rink). Each discipline plays five games against the other Counties. Suffolk have a good record in this competition and were looking to continue it in this year's effort, even though results in the Eastern Counties League have not been going our way.

The first County to be played was Essex, where Suffolk got off to a good start by winning 3 of the 4 games in both the Singles and the Pairs. The Rinks brought us back to earth as all 4 games were lost. (Total points 12 to each county).

Next came Cambridgeshire, always a hard team to beat. In the Singles Suffolk won 1 game, drew 1 and lost 2. In both the Pairs and Rinks we won 2 games and lost 2. (Total points Suffolk 11 Cambs.13).

Norfolk were next up and Suffolk were able to perform a lot better. This, against a team that are capable of making life difficult for anyone, on their day. Norfolk took the Singles by winning 2 games and halving 1. Suffolk won the Pairs by 2 games to 1 and halving the fourth. In the Rinks, Suffolk again came out on top taking 3 games to 1. (Total points Suffolk 14, Norfolk 10).

Suffolk's fourth opponents were Hertfordshire, a very unpredictable team who can be either very good or very ordinary. At this event they were very ordinary, which allowed Suffolk to win in all three disciplines. The Singles by 2 ½ games to 1 ½, the Pairs and Rinks by 3 games to 1. (Total points Suffolk 17 Herts. 7).

The final County was Bedfordshire who Suffolk would normally expect to beat comfortably. This time it was not like that and the team struggled to assert themselves. The Singles went to Beds. 3 games to 1, the Pairs to Suffolk 2 ½ to 1 ½, and the Rinks were tied at 2 games each. (Total points Suffolk 11, Beds 13).

The final tally of points was 65 for Suffolk and second place behind Cambridgeshire who had managed 76 points.

Final places were 1 - Cambs, 2 - Suffolk, 3 - Norfolk, 4 - Essex, 5 - Herts, 6 - Beds.

This was a really good competition with the Suffolk squad playing some very good and some ordinary bowls. In this year's team there were a number of new faces, all of them played very well. This is particularly pleasing because as a County we are in the throes of rebuilding the Squad and looking to the future.

The Suffolk Team

Singles – N. Jolly, R. Lonsborough, C. Page, S. Jones.

Pairs – A. Goodrich & B. Simpson, D. Wells & T. Bean.

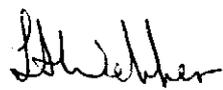
S. Gilder & P. Harvey, M. & J. Southgate.

Rinks – P. Harvey, P. Daniels, R. Sadgrove, J. Brown.

S. Adams, T. Runnacles, J. Goodrich, S. Cain.

S. Davey, S. Goodrich, J. Hayward, M. Watkins.

E. Simpson, S. Mayhew, A. Pooley, A. Gilder.


County Captain

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

2003 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Suffolk Squad arrived at Hemsby on the weekend of Friday 31st October as National Champions, with high hopes of retaining the title for a second year. Having recently won the Six counties title Suffolk were in with a good chance of doing the double. Like all games it is down to how you play on the day, and other Counties were out to spoil the dream.

The competition is played over two days, with bowling commencing at 9 – 30am on each day and continuing until 8o/clock in the evening. Bowlers must hold their form and concentration over that period, which is not easy to do, as tiredness can be a factor towards the end of each day. Each County plays with six rinks (plus reserves, if needed) and competes against the other eight.

At the end of Day 1, Suffolk had accumulated 33 points from a possible 48 and were in the lead by just 1 point from Cambridgeshire.

The Suffolk points were won as follows :-- Norfolk 2 – 4, Herts. 4 – 2, Cambs. 5 – 1, North/land 3 – 3, Sth. Tyneside 6 – 0, Nth Tyneside 5 – 1, Durham 6 – 0, Essex 2 – 4.

The squad had played well, but had some disappointing results against rinks that they would expect to beat.

Day 2 went about the same as Day 1, with good and bad results for the rinks. It looked as though both Suffolk and Cambridgeshire were struggling for consistency and were dropping unexpected points. The result was in doubt throughout the day and was finally decided by the last wood in the last game of the day. Going into the final session Cambridgeshire were 1 point ahead of Suffolk and they were playing South Tyneside. On paper this looked like 6 points for Cambridgeshire, South Tyneside had different ideas and took 2 points. This meant that Suffolk were still in the running. With a better shots tally Suffolk could afford to drop 1 point against Essex and still win on shots. Having won two games it all hinged on the final game. Coming from behind, the Suffolk rink fought back to give themselves a chance and went into the last end 1 shot up. Unfortunately for Suffolk, the Essex rink managed to get 2 shots, to win by 11 shots to 10. This meant that the title went to Cambridgeshire with Suffolk as runners up.

Suffolk's 28 points were won as follows :-- Norfolk 4 – 2, Herts. 6 – 0, Cambs. 2 – 4, North/land 2 – 4, Sth. Tyneside 4 – 2, Nth. Tyneside 4 – 2, Durham 2 – 4, Essex 4 – 2.

Final result of the competition

<u>County</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Shots For</u>	<u>Shots Agst.</u>
Cambridgeshire	62	495	411
Suffolk	61	506	396
Northumberland	54		
Durham	53		
Norfolk	51		
Essex	51		
South Tyneside	41		
North Tyneside	31		
Hertfordshire	28		

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

SIX COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

The 2003 Six Counties Championship Competition was hosted by Cambridgeshire and was held at the Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday 26th September. There were no real favourites to take the title. However it is normal for Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk to be there or thereabouts at the end of play.

The Competition is held over 8 sessions and on 12 mats, with each County having 6 rinks.

Norfolk were the first opposition for Suffolk and surprisingly Suffolk won all four games for a dream start. (8 points with 35 shots to 25).

In session 2, Suffolk played the final 2 pairs from Norfolk and 2 pairs from Hertfordshire. Once again there was a clean sweep for Suffolk as they took all 4 games (8 points with 40 shots to 24).

The next session was against 4 rinks from Hertfordshire who put up a good effort to take points off Suffolk. The result was a win for Suffolk by 2 games to 1, with the other game drawn. (5 points to 3 with 38 Shots to 25).

Session 4 brought on Cambridgeshire, always a difficult task for anyone. So it turned out with each team winning 2 games. (4 points each with 30 shots to 32 in favour of Cambridgeshire).

In the fifth session, both Essex and Cambridgeshire had 2 rinks competing against Suffolk. The result was that Suffolk dropped 2 points to each County. Not Suffolk's finest hour, but the shots came out in their favour. (4 points, with 2 points each for the other two Counties).

Session 6 was between Suffolk and Essex, with Suffolk winning 3 games to 1. (6 points to 2 and 40 shots to 26).

In the final 2 sessions there were only 3 games in each versus Bedfordshire and Suffolk managed to win 4 of them and lose 2 (8 points to 4 with 60 shots to 46).

While Suffolk were playing, the other Counties were trying hard to take points off each other, so as to remain in contention for the title. But it was not to be, as Suffolk ran out winners with 43 points, followed by Norfolk, who had made a great recovery after their disaster against Suffolk. Cambridgeshire finished in third place, with the same points as Norfolk, but with a few less Shots For.

Final result

<u>County</u>	Points	Shots For	Shots Agst
Suffolk	43	273	206
Norfolk	34	284	219
Cambridgeshire	34	281	216
Essex	31	235	252
Hertfordshire	19	223	293
Bedfordshire	19	190	304