

Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre
On Monday 30th April 2007**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Those present: John Varden, (Chairman) Marion Brown (Secretary), Keith Hull, Mick Watkins, Derek Brown, Pat Lingley, Rita Daniels(Treasurer) , Keith Armes (Vice Chairman), Sue Jones, Peter Jones

1. **Apologies for absence:-** Jane and Richard Sago, Sally and Jim Goodrich.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2007** – were confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
3. **Matters Arising :-** There were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report:-** I would like to start my report by congratulating Great Blakenham, 1st Div East Winners, Brockley, 1st Div West Winners, Chelmondiston, 2nd Div East Winners, Woolpit, 2nd Div West Winners and East Bergholt, 3rd Div East Winners.
Commiseration's to Claydon, Old Felixstowe, Stanningfield, Barrow, Burstall and Kesgrave who will be playing against new opposition next season. My thanks go to Sally and Jim Goodrich for all their work in collating the results throughout the season.

As Neil Jolly reports, Suffolk were not successful in lifting the Six Counties Championships this year and I wish the squad members better luck next year.

The next event on the County Calendar is the Friendly Match against the Bury League at Needham Market this Wednesday evening. I am sure that, whatever the result, everyone will enjoy the match and my thanks go to David Schofield, our President, who has not only donated a trophy for what we hope will be an annual event, but will be there to present it.

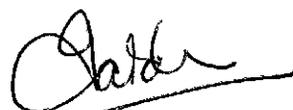
A demonstration of Carpet Bowls at Great Cornard Leisure Centre on Saturday 26th Mat from 10.00am to 4pm is a new venture undertaken by members of the Suffolk Committee. We hope to encourage new players to take up the sport in an area that is seen to be potential, and maybe even create one or two new clubs which will help the leagues in the west. A great deal of thought has gone into the planning and advertising of this event and, if found to be successful, could be repeated at other venues around Suffolk.

Lastly I would like to mention the Suffolk Charity Rinks Tournament at the East Bergholt Sport Centre on Sunday 15th July. Karla Brown has volunteered to run the raffle and has already secured an impressive list of prizes, whilst Jeremy had undertaken the administration. We are indebted to them both, together with the supply of carpets by Chris & Shirley Tilbrook and Paul Rita & Mike Daniels. This means *nobody* will be asked to bring any equipment, so you will be able to travel light and enjoy a day's bowling knowing you are helping those at St Elizabeth Hospice and the Air Ambulance with their work in our area. Please get your entries in ASAP.

As this will be the last Executive Committee Meeting of the season, may I take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their time, energy and enthusiasm during this year on behalf of club bowlers within Suffolk.

5. **Secretary's Report:-** Marion had nothing to report, items to be discussed will come under other headings.
6. **Match Secretary's report:-** Nothing to report as Sally was unable to attend. Peter Jones raised the fact regarding to format for the winter leagues, he felt the 2 points deducted from matches had impaired the result of some teams. The Committee felt it would be wrong to change this rule as it had only been going for one season. Summer league finals day is being held on Sunday 6th May at Needham Market Community Centre all clubs involved had been notified.
7. **Treasurer's Report:-** The treasurer distributed a full report of income and expenditure there being presently a net balance of £6191.97.
8. **County Business:-**
 - a) County Captain's report – A report of the Six Counties Championship match accompanies these minutes
 - b) Closed Tournaments – Discussions took place regarding the format for these, suggestions include that we revert back to the original format straight knockout, this was seen not to be ideal as clubs wish to play more than one game, another suggestion was to play these championships right out to the final as was the Triples this year. It was felt that we could not discuss this further as Jane and Richard Sago were not present at this meeting, as they organise these events it would not be right to do so.
 - c) Durham Visit – Neil to be asked to co-ordinate this, the programme is that we have a friendly pairs on the Saturday with one Suffolk person playing with one from Durham, on the Sunday it's a County Game. More details later.
9. **Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association:-** There had been no meeting, the Annual General Meeting is on 7th June 2007
10. **English Carpet Bowls Association:-** Mick Watkins report is accompanied with these minutes. The Chairman thanked Mick Watkins for being our delegate for these meetings it has not been easy for him over the last few months.
11. **Development of Carpet Bowls in Suffolk:** - This is partly covered in the Chairman's report. Promotional leaflets have been organised and all local organisations and Village Hall in that area has been notified. Suffolk Acre has been involved with the flyer and this was sent out with their brochure.
12. **Annual General Meeting:-** The Executive Committee are proposing a change to the Constitution, Ref: 3.iii) c) to read Co-opt members on to the Executive Committee in addition to the eleven elected at the Annual General Meeting.
13. **Any other Business:-** Marion cannot book Needham Market Community Centre for the Summer League Finals Day as the Hall is already booked, this will be dealt with after the AGM.

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm. The next Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th July 2007. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**



Six Counties Championships 2007

On Sunday 15th April 2007 Suffolk took part in the Six Counties Championships, hosted by Hertfordshire CBA, at Redbourn. Having retained the ECCBA league title last month, confidence within the Suffolk team was high.

The six Eastern counties were represented by six rinks (fours), each rink playing one nine end game against each of the other counties.

Suffolk's first games of the day were against Essex. They are always tough opponents and Suffolk would need to be focussed from the start. At the end of the six games, Suffolk had secured two comfortable wins 14-1 and 15-3. The remaining games were a lot closer, with Suffolk winning one 8-6, drawing another 10-10 and unfortunately losing the others 11-9 and 10-8.

Bedfordshire were the next opposition and Suffolk were hoping for a maximum return. However they finished with nine points from twelve. Victories were gained 16-3, 11-6, 9-6 and 12-4. There was one draw 9-9 and a loss 9-6.

Suffolk's next games were against Norfolk and Suffolk got off to a disappointing start, losing the first three games 17-3, 7-5 and 9-4. A recovery was needed and the other three Suffolk rinks delivered winning all their games 11-7, 12-4 and 7-6.

With two counties to play, Suffolk had dropped more points than they would have hoped for. Cambridgeshire would be the team to beat overall, but Suffolk had to play against Hertfordshire first.

The games against Hertfordshire were Suffolk's best sessions of the day. Four games were won by the Suffolk rinks 10-8, 13-8, 17-3 and 26-2, there was another draw 10-10 with the other game lost 12-4.

After the nine point return against Hertfordshire, Suffolk were only one point behind their final opponents Cambridgeshire. Suffolk now needed seven points from twelve against Cambridgeshire to retain the Six Counties Championship.

The first two games were close, Suffolk winning 7-5 and losing the other 9-8. In the final four games Suffolk could afford to lose two points. However it wasn't Suffolk's day and again the games were shared, two each. Suffolk winning their games 9-3 and 12-4, and losing the others 8-6 and 12-5.

It was Cambridgeshire who won the competition with 38 points, with Suffolk finishing in second, just a point behind them. The Suffolk team were disappointed not to win the competition, knowing that points dropped early in the day had proved costly.

However the 2006/07 county season must be viewed as a successful one for the Suffolk team. The league title has been retained and many new bowlers have quickly fitted into the team and gained valuable experience. Most importantly the bowlers have generated excellent team spirit and Suffolk can look forward to the Nationals Championships in November and next season with optimism.

Neil Jolly (Suffolk Captain)

Suffolk County Team: Supported by Portmak Joinery

ROLL OF HONOUR

2006/2007

SUFFOLK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the Scapa Leisure Surfaces Shield

WINNERS – GREAT BLAKENHAM RUNNERS UP - BROCKLEY

JOE RICE CUP

WINNERS – BARKING RUNNERS UP – HUNDON

CHAIRMAN'S PLATE

WINNERS – TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN RUNNERS UP – BROCKLEY

MICK McNEIL SPORTS SHIELD

EAST SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS – GREAT BLAKENHAM

WEST SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS – BROCKLEY

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS for the Shire Sports Trophy

WINNERS – CHELMONDISTON RUNNERS UP – WOOLPIT

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

EAST BERGHOLT

SUFFOLK JUNIOR CHAMPION

OSCAR MEW (KELSALE) RUNNER UP – CHERYL CHISHOLM
(NEEDHAM MARKET)

SUFFOLK SINGLES CHAMPION

NEIL JOLLY (BROCKLEY)

SUFFOLK PAIRS CHAMPIONS

ELLEN GRUBE AND KEVIN SALMON (HUNDON)

SUFFOLK TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

SUE GILDER, MICK WATKINS AND ROY LONSBOROUGH (BARKING)

MIKE-RITA - PAUL DANIEL KELSALE

SUFFOLK FOURS CHAMPIONS

RITA, SAM & TOM RUNNACLES, ANDY POOLEY (GT. BLAKENHAM)

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<u>DIVISION 1 EAST</u>								
	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Slit/For	Slit/Agst	Pts	Ave %
GREAT BLAKENHAM	16	12	3	1	762	487	115	7.18
MARTLESHAM	16	9	6	1	669	578	95	5.93
NAYLAND	16	7	7	2	603	647	82	5.12
T/BARN SPROUGHTON	16	8	8	0	570	672	79	4.93
BELSTEAD	16	7	9	0	664	624	78	4.87
TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN	16	7	8	1	663	645	75	4.68
BRAMFORD	16	7	9	0	567	659	72	4.5
OLD FELINSTOWE	16	5	9	2	599	674	64	4
CLAYDON	16	8	9	1	541	697	58	3.62
<u>DIVISION 2 EAST</u>								
	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Slit/For	Slit/Agst	Pts	Ave %
CHELMONDISTON	18	12	6	0	762	647	107	5.94
STUTTON	18	11	7	0	781	674	98	5.44
HINTLESHAM & CHAT	18	11	7	0	735	643	98	5.44
HADLEIGH	18	10	7	1	730	701	97	5.38
BRANTHAM	18	10	8	0	749	699	93	5.16
RIVERS, IPSWICH	18	10	7	1	735	730	90	5
COFDOKK/WASHBROOK	18	8	9	3	720	703	77	4.27
POLSTEAD	18	5	13	0	637	811	74	4.11
BURSTALL	18	8	11	1	705	755	73	4.05
KESGRAVE	18	6	12	0	609	799	70	3.88
<u>DIVISION 3 EAST</u>								
	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Slit/For	Slit/Agst	Pts	Ave %
EAST BERGHOLT	16	15	1	0	762	494	119	7.43
WHATFIELD	16	10	6	0	643	535	93	5.81
SOMERSHAM	16	9	7	0	626	632	85	5.31
BENTLEY	16	7	9	0	603	663	80	5
SHOTLEY	16	8	8	0	642	605	77	4.81
STRATFORD ST MARY	16	7	9	0	595	644	71	4.43
HARKSTEAD	16	6	10	0	590	642	65	4.06
ELMSETT	16	5	11	0	628	601	64	4
TATTINGSTONE	16	5	11	0	559	702	60	3.75

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DIVISION 1 WEST								
	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Sht/For	Sht/Agst	Pts	Avg%.
BROCKLEY	12	8	3	1	520	395	77	6.41
BARKING	12	7	5	0	509	369	69	5.75
HOGGARDS GREEN	12	7	5	0	475	480	62	5.16
OFFTON / WILLISHAM	12	5	7	0	424	507	57	4.75
HUNDON	12	5	6	1	456	491	53	4.41
STANNINGFIELD	12	4	6	2	427	498	52	4.33
BARROW	12	4	8	0	423	501	43	3.58

DIVISION 2 WEST								
	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Sht/For	Sht/Agst	Pts	Avg %
WOOLPIT	10	7	2	1	456	296	69	6.9
COCKFIELD	10	6	2	2	428	359	58	5.8
NEEDHAM MARKET	10	5	3	2	413	391	55	5.5
BILDESTON	10	4	4	2	407	430	47	4.7
HITCHAM	10	4	5	1	409	442	44	4.4
IXWORTH	10	0	10	0	317	512	16	1.6