

# "Hot Sun, Fast Green – Hemyock Edge Combe Martin in Friendly Thriller"



Combe Martin Bowling Club welcomed the travelling side from Hemyock yesterday for what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable Friendly fixture, played in testing conditions both on and off the green.

Hemyock, unfortunately a few players short, were sportingly supplemented by several willing Combe Martin members to ensure a full complement of rinks.

The mixed format saw **2 traditional Triples** games alongside **2 matches of Rinks (Fours)**, with all contests played over **18 ends**.

The green itself was what could only be described as ‘**electric fast and pacy**’ after such a prolonged spell of terrific weather, and was offering more than enough swing to satisfy even the most demanding of woods, with numerous deliveries unfortunately finding their final resting place firmly entrenched in the ditch when bowlers failed to take adequate green!

Very warm sunny conditions with virtually not an air to be felt were taking their toll on the players, particularly on those of an advanced age, and respite in shaded areas around the Club walkway or under parasol were sought when opportunity arose, with one of our long standing old-guard members sensibly retiring after **9 ends** as the heat became overbearing, and where another member (Mr Brian Farley) stepped into the breach as a very capable substitute...

A much needed tea break was taken at **9 ends** where the majority of the bowlers young and old enjoyed some tasty treats, but more so, a much welcomed opportunity to cool down and rest up and gain much needed relief before facing the baking sun for the remainder of the game.

CMBC fought back valiantly and narrowed the margin toward the end of play, with one or two of the Home sides buckling down relentlessly and pulling back from the thick end of a potential whopping !

A close scoring game across all the rinks where the Visitors ran out the narrow winners.

At the close of play the final results read as follows:

- **Triples 1 – CMBC 17 v Hemyock 16**
- **Triples 2 – CMBC 12 v Hemyock 17**
- **Rink 1 – CMBC 16 v Hemyock 18**
- **Rink 2 – CMBC 12 v Hemyock 13**
- **CMBC -56. HEMYOCK-64**
- **( 3-1 in favour of the Visitors across the rinks )**

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Despite the narrow defeat, the fixture was played in excellent spirit, with good humour, mutual support, and plenty of applause for the fine shots played by both sides.

The match will be remembered not only for its competitiveness but also for the camaraderie and resilience shown in trying conditions – a true reflection of the friendly ethos of the game.



























