

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

PAUL BUTTLE REFLECTS UPON ANOTHER
EVENTFUL SEASON

Hello and Welcome to the September edition of the Bulletin.

This is the last edition covering the 2025 outdoor Season.
The season has gone really fast but I hope you have enjoyed it;
I certainly have!
The weather has been very kind this year.

To all our new Members, Thank You for joining us and making Bowls part of your life.
I trust you have settled in well.
If you have any questions about the Season gone, next Season or the Winter Activities
then please don't hesitate to ask me or anyone else in the club.
Your **Bowls Buddies** are still available for you to contact throughout the closed season.

We all like to stay in touch with each other during the winter months.
The website and Bulletin will still have updates during these months.

Dates for the Winter Activities are now posted in the Clubhouse by the kitchen and are
also on the website under "**Winter Activities**".

Each month, from **October**, we will have a **Games Night, Bingo and Darts on a Saturday**.

The Games Night will include **Skittles, Dominoes and Shove Ha'Penny**.
Please see the notice board for further information.

The first **Games Night** will be the **4th October**.

Skittles will also be played in the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons**.

If you wish to play on a **Tuesday** please contact **Dave or Margaret Coward**.
If you wish to play on a **Wednesday** please contact **Nigel Bolton or Patricia Johnson**.
If you wish to play on a **Thursday** please contact **Dave or Barbara Collins**.

Dave Collins would love to see some active members join the **Thursday Skittles** who would be
able to help set up the skittles as well as play.

Our AGM is on the 3rd November.

Sheets are now up on the board by the entrance door for **Nominations for ALL positions**.

Don't miss your chance to nominate someone or put your own name forward.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the Season.
I am very proud of you and the club.
I love the fact that teams really enjoy coming here.

Stay safe and hopefully I will see most of you regularly taking part in our Winter Activities.

Paul



‘LADIES CAPTAIN MARIA STRATTON LOOKS FORWARD TO BIGGER THINGS NEXT SEASON’

For some years, the absence of a Ladies Captain had left a gap within our ranks. It became clear that what was needed most amongst our ladies were confidence and positivity – and from the feedback I’ve received this Season, I’m delighted to say that **STEP 1 of the PLAN** is completed!

My heartfelt thanks go out to **ALL our Lady Members** who have supported me throughout the year – whether by making themselves available to play, stepping up to provide essential transport, or assisting in any way that was needed.

Your commitment has been invaluable.

Looking ahead, it is vital that I continue to have your support as we strive to take our **Ladies Squad** onward and upward. I am excited about what we can achieve together next season.

Our **Open Days for Ladies** and the **Wednesday Ladies Nights** have both proved extremely popular, leading to a welcome influx of new members. These programmes will continue into next Season, and I intend to drive a strong **Ladies Recruitment Campaign** throughout the Winter months.

The importance of building our Ladies side cannot be overstated – not only to strengthen our Club, but also to ensure we are competitive on the **North Devon Circuit**.

With that in mind, it is my intention to enter **2 teams** into the **North Devon Ladies League** next Season.

I have been encouraged by the influx of new lady members that have joined our number this year, and more so in their ability, their passion for playing, and their degree of interest in all things bowls. They are keen as mustard, want to improve their game, possess a highly competitive nature and most importantly are willing to learn evidenced by their consistent attendance at Roll Ups irrespective of weather conditions.

Next season, they will be fully integrated into our squad and become an integral part of our set-up.

The foundations are in place – now we look forward to building on them and seeing our Ladies Squad go from strength to strength.

'GREENKEEPER'S ROUNDUP AS ANOTHER YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE '

As the bowling season draws to an end, our thoughts turn towards the green's preparation for next year.

A contractor will be doing the heavy work this year - i.e scarifying, spiking, seeding, top dressing and adding the initial fertiliser.

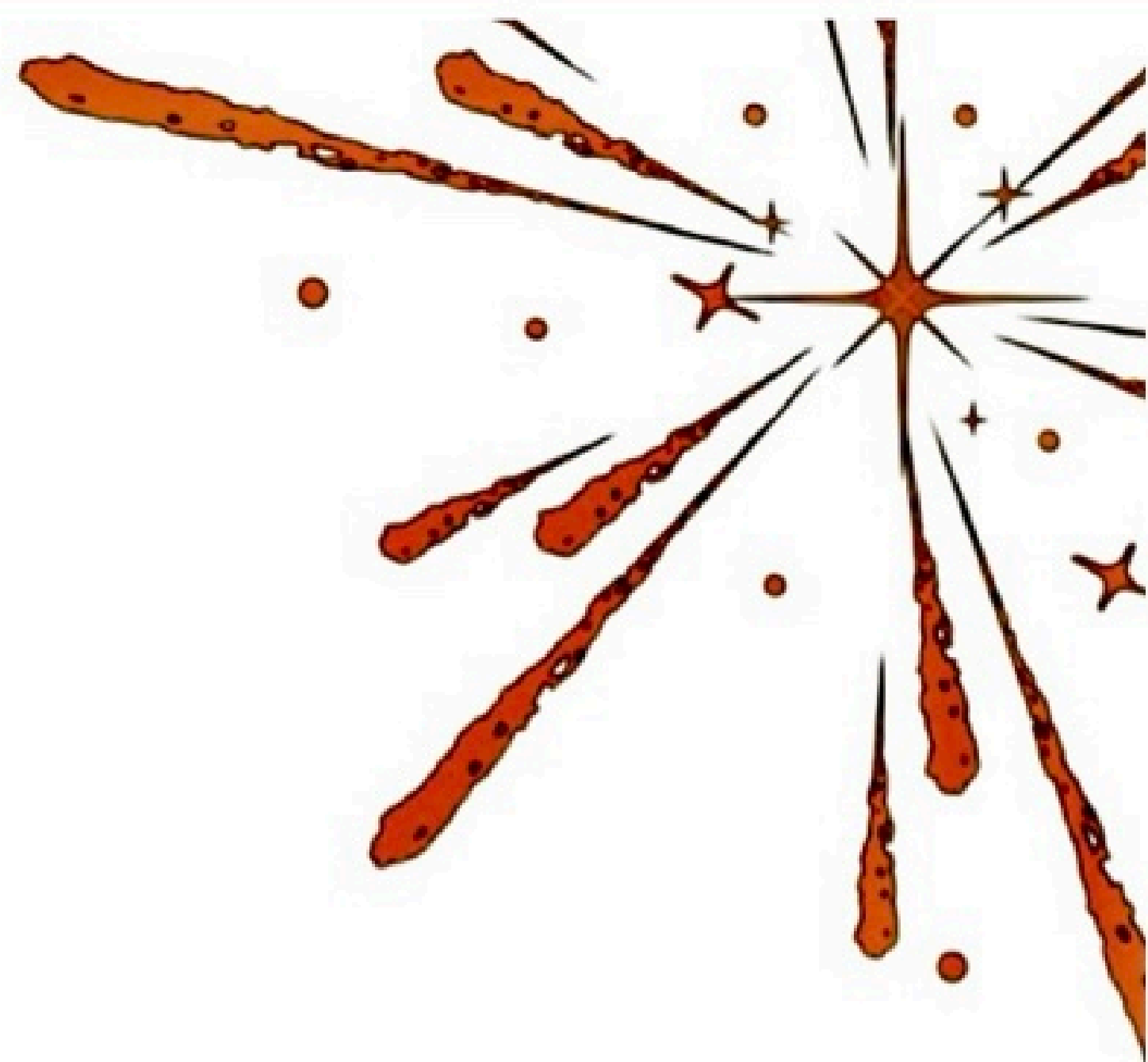
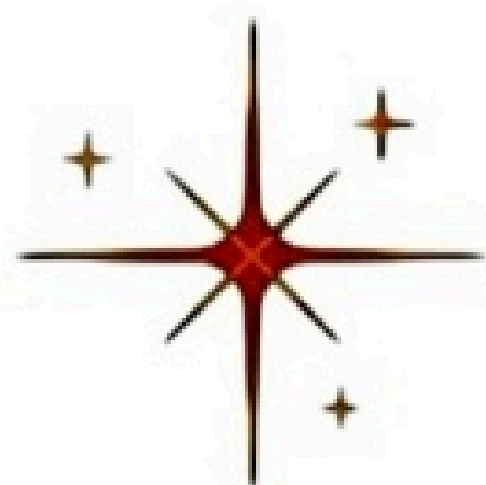
The top dressing which he provided was delivered and my thanks to all who helped with the unloading and carrying it into the car park.

The seed and fertiliser have also been delivered - all we need now is a date for the work to be carried out by the contractor. Throughout the winter, the green will need regular cutting and fertilising by members.

In addition, the timbers lining the ditches will require attention and some may have to be replaced. This will have to be done by members so any one capable and willing please let me know.

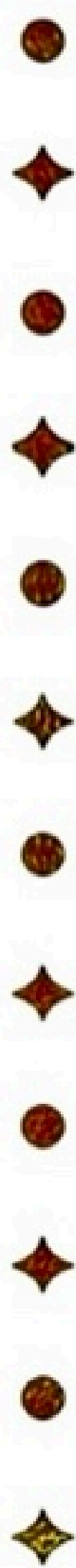
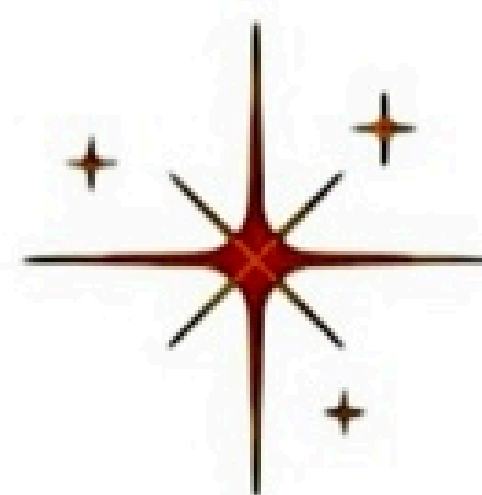
David Collins





Congratulations

TO ALL OUR
WINNERS



**'2025 ROLL OF HONOUR'
WE SHOWCASE OUR MEMBERS
ACHIEVEMENTS....**





SKITTLES SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

Match Report from a recent PRE-SEASON Friendly between the ALLEYCATZ and The UNPREDICTABLES..




Wednesday 27th August seen the Ladies' Skittles team, THE ALLEYCATZ, play host at the Castle Inn to the visitors THE UNPREDICTABLES in a FRIENDLY PRE-SEASON game.

A lovely night was had by everyone who took part, with both teams taking the perfect opportunity to keep up their arms and get their eye in once again before embarking on what is a busy League and Cup schedule that lies ahead. THE ALLEYCATZ would like to thank THE UNPREDICTABLES who very kindly had so many experts and lady friends which were enjoyed to the full. Much appreciated.

It was a close run affair with only a handful of points separating both teams who both greatly embarrassed to gain that one season winning board. - Special mention must go to Tink Shaw on her very first outing since signing for THE ALLEYCATZ who stepped up a very respectable 50, making her Top Score amongst all the ladies. Let's hope it's a sign of good things to come from the Scots lass.





PLAYER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOTAL
MARIA	8	9	7	8	4	9	45
HELEN	5	6	10	5	7	3	46
TINK	7	14	6	7	8	8	50
CLARE	6	8	7	6	6	9	38
ANN	4	6	6	7	7	4	36
MAGGIE	5	7	9	4	9	7	41
MARE	6	5	5	4	6	4	30

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Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
APRIL	5	8	6	7	6	6	38
KAREN	6	5	7	2	6	6	32
SUE	6	5	5	10	5	5	38
JULIE	10	6	5	6	5	7	41
NIC	6	6	5	6	7	7	37
JANE	8	5	5	10	5	4	43
HENDY	5	5	5	6	4	7	32
Column Totals	47	43	38	51	44	43	25

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THE ALLEYCATZ launched out on a new season with an AWAY game against THE ERRATIX... The 'CATZ' once again unleashed their new signing Tink Shaw who once again was in sparkling form rattling off a commanding score of 52 with a 14 thrown in for good measure making her Hot Shot on the night once again.. Only getting up to speed and adjusting to skittling, the canny Scots lass is going to prove more than a handful for any opposition when she finally hits peak form..... See more

Players	THE ERRATIX						
JENNY	7	8	8	7	5	4	39
JUDIE	4	7	7	8	9	7	42
FRAN	7	1	5	6	5	6	30
WILMA	7	7	5	2	4	5	30
GILL	4	7	8	3	3	8	33
CLAIRE	7	4	9	9	8	7	44
TOTAL	36	34	42	35	34	37	218
Away Team							
Players	THE ALLEYCATZ						
TINK	8	14	8	8	8	6	52
HELEN	7	5	7	8	6	6	39
ANNE	5	7	5	6	5	4	32
CLARE	7	6	7	7	8	7	42
MARIE	7	9	8	8	8	8	48
MARIA	8	9	5	5	8	7	42
TOTAL	42	50	40	42	43	38	255
League Points to date	2						
Won/Lost by	37	Pins					

The Wheelers kicked off their new Season on Tuesday night with a convincing win against The Gruntas.. Playing on Home turf, Wheelers turned in 3x14's and a walloping 15 from Top man on the night, Brent Wormald who recorded a very healthy 59 over the evening with Nigel Bolton backing that up with a well deserved 52.... A fantastic match to kick off a new Season, let's hope they can maintain that standard of play throughout the coming months....

HOME (Wheelers)	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	AWAY (Gruntas)	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
Buttle	6	9	8	14	5	2	44	Dabney	3	3	5	7	8	5	31
Bozier	7	5	6	6	8	1	33	Maidment	7	1	6	9	6	3	32
Hill	2	6	5	4	8	6	31	Edwards	6	5	7	8	7	9	42
Bolton	9	8	14	7	7	7	52	Comeley	3	8	4	7	8	8	38
Musgrove	7	6	5	5	8	7	38	Probert	8	8	6	6	5	6	39
Wormald	15	8	7	14	7	8	59	Laffe	5	5	9	8	6	5	39
Totals	45	42	45	50	43	31	257	Totals	33	30	37	45	40	36	221
Summary															
Team	Total Score														
Wheelers	257														
Gruntas	221														

RONEYS HOME FIXTURE LIST FOR THE SEASON

FIXTURE LIST

Date	HOME GAMES	Start Time
30/09/2025	Roneys	7:45 PM
14/10/2025	Roneys	7:45 PM
28/10/2025	Roneys	7:45 PM
11/11/2025	Roneys	7:45 PM
20/01/2026	Roneys	7:45 PM
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03/03/2026	Roneys	7:45 PM

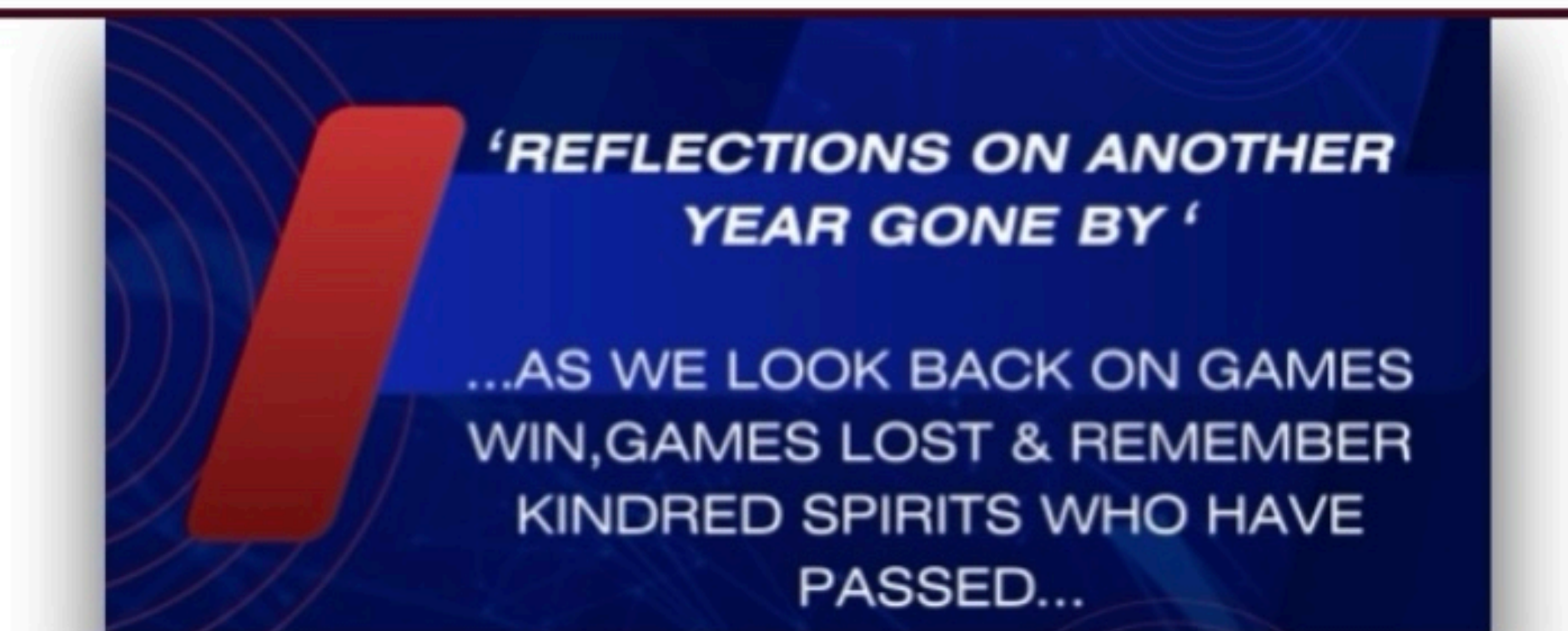
'KNOW YOUR MEMBER' COMPETITION



**We failed to find a winner in August's
'Know Your Member Competition '**

Our Mystery man was our very own Jeff Golding !

**One entry guessed it was a lady member;
I'm not sure who to apologise to, the lady
or to Jeff !!**



A Season Remembered, A Season Awaited

As the final woods are gathered and the green falls silent for another year, we pause to reflect on a season rich in camaraderie, competition, and quiet triumphs.

The rhythms of the game—its measured pace, its moments of tension and joy—have once again woven themselves into the fabric of our Club life. And while the mats may be stored away, the anticipation already stirs for next April, when we reconvene to face fresh challenges, renew old rivalries, and welcome new stories to the green.

This year, however, we do not close the season without sorrow.

We bid farewell to two cherished members of our club family: **June Kirby** and **Mike Corner**.

Their absence leaves a quiet space in our ranks, but their legacy resounds in every corner of the clubhouse.

June, with her steady hand and generous spirit, was a pillar of support in the Club's daily workings. Mike, ever willing, ever present, brought humour and heart to every task he undertook. Their contributions—often unseen, always felt—were the kind that sustain a club not just in structure, but in soul.

We remember them with gratitude, and their names will echo in our stories for seasons to come.

In the heart of our Club's operations lies the green itself—a living canvas of sport and pride.

Dave Mason, our green keeper, alongside his capable assistant **Dave Collins** and their team of willing helpers, have worked tirelessly to maintain and present the green under conditions that at times would test the best of us.

Whether under blazing sun or persistent drizzle, their commitment has never wavered.

We salute them—not just for the physical labour, but for the care, the pride, and the quiet excellence they bring to their craft.

Without the green, we have no game.

Without their stewardship, we have no stage.

Their efforts are the foundation upon which every bowl is played.

And what bowls have been played! This season saw members rise to remarkable heights, leaving their mark in the annals of Club history. We extend hearty congratulations to all who achieved success, none more so than **Maria Stratton**, our **Ladies Captain**, whose victory as **North Devon Section 1 Ladies Over 55 Singles Champion** stands as a testament to skill and perseverance.

Adding to the **Roll of Honour**, we celebrate **Marie Irving** and **Club Captain Paul Buttle** for attaining **HOT SHOT** status in their Mixed Pairs game—a feat of precision and flair.

Likewise, **Andy Challacombe**, **Jeff Golding**, **Mike Bennett**, and **Peter Iddenden** earned their **HOT SHOTS** accolade in the Fours, proving that teamwork and tenacity go hand in hand.

A rousing cheer goes to **Rob Rukin** and **Christine Burbidge**, who stormed through our internal **Australian Pairs** competition undefeated. Hats off to both—your consistency and spirit lit up the day.

We also raise a toast to **Nigel Bolton**, **Patricia Johnston**, and **Brent Wormald** for their superb win in the **Webbers Mixed Triples Open Competition at Great Torrington**. Another trio from CMBC showing that our bowlers can mix it with the best.

Vice Captain Bill Pink, **Julie Summerwill**, and **Brent Wormald** added further silverware to the cabinet by winning the **George Gooch Shield**—well done to them for their grit and grace.

And we commend **Ray Tossell**, **Barbara Collins**, and **John Hales** for scooping the **Norman Bird Cup**, a fine achievement that reflects their skill and synergy.

Finally, we offer our commiserations to the **Men's Triples A Team**, who narrowly missed out on promotion this year. Their effort and spirit were never in doubt. And we extend heartfelt congratulations to the **Men's Triples B Team**—not only topping their League, but securing well-deserved promotion. A terrific effort by every player associated with the team, who fought through

thick and thin, from hard-fought nail-biters to glorious romps across a lengthy and demanding season.

As we close the chapter on this Season, we do so with pride, remembrance, and eager anticipation. The Winter months may bring rest, but they also bring reflection and preparation. Come April, we will return—not just to play, but to honour those who came before, to support those who labour behind the scenes, and to celebrate the spirit that makes our Club more than just a place to bowl. It is a place to belong.