

MID-SUSSEX BOWLS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



The Downsman The Tom Francis Trophy Winners 2023



Southwater Runners-Up 2023

Tom Francis Report

The final held at Hurstpierpoint was delayed for twenty minutes due to a surprise shower. With both sets of players in the clubhouse it was left to Jono Dalton of Downsman to entertain everyone with a couple of mind bending tricks.

With the weather now much improved the match commenced with Southwater taking an early lead, this did not last long with Downsman pushing ahead on one of the rinks while the other was very close until the halfway stage.

Downsman continued to pull away and finally ran out winners by 49-24 shots. A first time victory in this, the 43rd final.

The shields were presented to both captains by Jo Kaddish Hurstpierpoint's ladies captain. The competition organiser Viv Evans was thanked but was unable to attend due to personal reasons. Thanks were expressed to Hurstpierpoint for hosting the final

Details of the whole competition, the draw and results are on our website at

www.midsussexbowls.co.uk

Mid-Sussex League Division One Winners



Lindfield

Team	Rinks	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Dif	Points
Lindfield	30	20	1	9	531	424	107	69
West Hoathly	30	17	2	11	517	443	74	68
Burgess Hill	30	15	1	14	486	476	10	51
Buxted Park	30	12	2	16	464	477	-13	46
Uckfield	30	14	0	16	433	501	-68	36
Downsman	30	8	2	20	434	544	-110	30

**Mid-Sussex Division Two Winners
Hurstpierpoint**



Team	Rinks	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Dif	Points
Hurstpierpoint	30	17	1	12	530	448	82	63
Felbridge	30	16	3	11	518	462	56	63
Henfield	30	14	1	15	499	470	29	57
Popes Mead	30	13	5	12	476	479	-3	51
Newick	30	13	1	16	465	509	-44	35
Southwater	30	10	3	17	425	541	-116	31

**Mid-Sussex Division Three Winners
Horsham**



Team	Rinks	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Dif	Points
Horsham	21	14	0	7	426	296	130	54
St.Francis	21	12	1	8	344	326	18	45
Horsham Park	21	11	2	8	374	319	55	40
Isle of Thorn	21	11	1	9	351	326	25	39
Southgate Park	21	8	1	12	325	366	-41	33
Crawley Town	21	10	0	11	329	342	-13	30
Haywards Heath	21	9	0	12	287	363	-76	22
East Grinstead	21	5	3	13	266	359	-93	17

John Spriggs Division One Winners Lindfield

Team	Rink	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Dif	Points
Lindfield	30	16	2	12	508	426	82	64
Hurstpierpoint A	30	15	1	14	480	483	-3	51
West Hoathly A	30	16	1	13	468	475	-7	51
Uckfield	30	14	3	13	446	461	-15	47
Felbridge	30	12	3	15	453	471	-18	47
Burgess Hill	30	12	0	18	453	492	-39	40



John Spriggs Division Two Winners Buxted Park

Team	Rinks	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Dif	Points
Buxted Park	24	12	3	9	394	350	44	43
West Hoathly B	24	12	1	11	376	362	14	43
Hurstpierpoint B	24	11	2	11	368	373	-5	40
Newick	24	10	1	13	367	375	-8	37
Southwater	24	11	1	12	244	389	-45	37

Babs Spriggs Champion of Champions



The final of the Champion of Champions was played on West Hoathly's finals day between Buxted Park's Alex Paine and Henfield's Russell Doherty. The match lasted for 23 ends with Russell just leading the way for most of the match with him finally running out winning by 21-14.

The handsome cup was presented to the winner by Mid-Sussex President Colin Morphew. Thanks to West Hoathly for hosting this annual event now in it's 33rd year.

The Big Match

2022 champions West Hoathly and a team from the rest of the Mid-Sussex League. Result West Hoathly 81-108 Mid-Sussex

