## BURY CARPET BOWLS LEAGUE

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016/17**

- 2015/16 Presentation dinner saw us move to Bury Golf Club with 75 guests in attendance. An enjoyable evening was had by all..... I think, and it was nice to see June, other Cockfield members and committee members enjoy the evening without the stress of serving behind the bar, clearing plates or serving food.
- Waveny v Bury league took place in October unfortunately Bury lost again!!
- Bury v Suffolk league ended in a very close win, thanks to Steve for organising on my behalf and those Bury teams who helped on the night.
- Finals day saw us move at reasonable short notice to Skliner Sports Centre, for those who didn't attend this new sports centre has been open less than 12 months so had all the modern facilities, plenty of parking, only downside was the lack of catering. Again a massive thanks to those clubs who provided equipment as without your help the day would not go ahead and thanks to those who helped out on the day, running quizzes, scoring singles games etc. Neil West for putting the days schedule
- The league itself has run very smoothly this year and I think I was only called upon on one occasion to answer a question.
- As you know this is was my last year as Chairman, not sure how long I've been in the position, in the run up to finals day it feels like a lifetime. Most of the season the league officially has run without a vice chairman or secretary (maybe that says something about people not wanting to work with me!!) but I would like to thank all those who have stepped up over the past months to provide advice and help when needed and in particular committee members Michael, June and Steve. Again I can't remember how long I've been part of the committee, I seem to remember my Dad talking myself and Steve into joining probably after a few beers at one of the Presentation evening, anyway it has been a pleasure serving and very rewarding. Its days like finals day and night like the presentation evening when you get to see first-hand bowlers enjoying themselves and the hard work is worthwhile. I am planning on stepping away from the committee in full, with a very demanding job and a very demanding wife and two young children my time is becoming more and limited but I hope to still see you whilst playing bowls for Risby.