

MATCH REPORTS 26.4.26 – 17.5.26

B&SPBC had their second friendly of the season at home on the 26th April to a strong Birchington team. Six rinks of triples played in lovely sunshine and clear skies but with a biting wind. B&SPBC finished the match winning on 4 rinks and losing on 2. The match of the day was played out on rink 1 with Gill Brown, John Mullinger and their skip, Colin Agnew, who at the tea break after nine ends were trailing their opponents 14-5. However after tea B&SPBC came out with all guns blazing scoring a 6 on the fourteenth end and a 4 on the seventeenth end to claim a fantastic win 21-20. Ladies captain Linda Agnew had a game to forget on rink 3 winning only 5 ends with her team of Will Miles and Steve Tring, losing their game 6-22. Birchington registered another win on rink 2 winning 11-18. B&SPBC won on rinks 4,5 and 6 by scores of 17-15, 15-13 and 18-15 with Birchington winning with an overall score of 88-103.

After finishing runners up in 2025 in the Catherine Wheeler League, B&SPBC opened up their assault at home, hoping to go one place better with last years 5th placed club, Walpole Bay. The rinks were shared with each team winning on 3 rinks. Mens club captain, Colin Lane had a good win on rink 2, with his lead Lyn Pavitt and Mick Bennett winning 22-16. Maggie Lane and her team consisting of Sean Moruzzi leading and Bob Brinning as number two, ran out winners 17-15 in a close fought match with only one point between them going into the final end. Win of the day for B&SPBC was on rink 6 with Jan Wilcox leading, Jim Putnam as number two and Ray Butterwick as skip. they ran out comfortable winners 25-7 with their opponents winning only 5 ends. Walpole managed to have a big win on rink two scoring 14 shots in the last 5 ends and winning 8-25. Walpole Bay also had wins of 11-20 and 13-17 to outscore B&SPBC 96-100, thus giving them the extra 5 points for an 11-6 overall score.

B&SPBC were hosted by Ash in a friendly on the afternoon of Friday the 1st May. Three teams of triples played out the match with Ash coming out as winners overall following their 2 rinks to 1 win. Ladies captain Linda Agnew and her team secured a win 20-18 with B&SPBC going down 13-19 and 14-21 on the other rinks.

The following day B&SPBC travelled away to Minster where they were beaten convincingly by a Minster team that ran rampant, outclassing their visitors by winning on 5 rinks and losing just one. Minster kindly supplied 2 players to play for B&SPBC at the start of the match as the visitors had 2 missing due to unforeseen circumstances. B&SPBC only winning rink was skipped by one of the Minster players who won 17-12. All the other rinks were won by Minster, 11-13, 8-23, 8-20, 13-16 and 15-17, an overall win by 72-101 to Minster.

Sunday the 3rd May B&SPBC were again on the road, where they travelled to Deal. This was a close fought match with each team winning 3 rinks each. However, fortunately B&SPBC held together to beat the home side 104-95. Best winning rink for B&SPBC was skipped by Alwyn Williams who had Andy Crowther leading and Bob Smith as his number 2. A 28-13 win helped enormously to win overall combined score, together with a 24-12 win for skip, Bob Brinning and his team of Jane Morris (lead) and Rob Shakeshaft who is bowling with his left arm due to a frozen shoulder in his right. Linda Agnew continued her great form with an 18-17 win on the last end. The 3 losing rinks for B&SPBC went down 11-15, 15-21 and 8-17.

The mens leagues started on the 5th May with Broadstairs 'A' consisting of two teams of triples in the Premier League travelling to a strong Ramsgate side. B&SPBC won on one rink but went down heavily on the second rink. The match was won by Ramsgate 4-2. On Thursday 7th B&SPBC again went to Ramsgate in the Premier League to play their 'B' team. On this occasion B&SPBC won convincingly by 5-1 with Ramsgate only grabbing a draw (14-14) with the last wood of the game on B&SPBC's captain, Colin Lanes rink. Skip Ray Butterwick, number 2, Ben Tingey and lead Colin Hall had a 20-16 win on the other rink.

Division 2 B&SPBC 'D' visited Herne Bay 'B' and shared the spoils winning one one rink each, however Herne bay had the better win on one rink so won overall, the scores being 21-17 and 12-22.

B&SPBC travelled to Birchington 'B' on the 7th May and came away with a convincing win on both rinks in the Division 1 game. Alwyn Williams and his team winning 23-10 and Paul Allsworth and his team registering a 19-16 win.

On Saturday 9th May, B&SPBC had an early start, 10:00am, away at Gateway BC in the Nationals, Top Club. Colin Lane (club captain) was the first finisher in the 2 wood competition, running out a very convincing 20-10 winner. Geoff Calthorpe played in a tight fought 4 wood singles and was expected to win, when leading 20-18, but the Gateway player picked up 3 shots on the next end to run out a 21-20 win, levelling the game overall. The mens pairs saw Sean Moruzzi and skip Ben Tingey have another convincing win over their opponents winning 23-11. Again Gateway levelled the game when the next match to finish, (fours) lost 15-21. The last match to finish was the triples, with Les Mason in great form

leading and an outstanding performance from B&SPBC number 2 Kieran Carpenter, who did everything he was asked to do by skip Ray Butterwick, ran out 22-15 winners giving a well earned 2-3 win for the visitors.

B&SPBC 'C' team had a convincing home win over Ramsgate BC 'C' winning 15-9 and 23-15 on the 12th May.

B&SPBC 'D' hosted Cliftonville BC. This was a tight match with both teams winning one rink each, Bob Gibbons John Mullinger and Andy Crowther claiming 2 shots on the final end to win 14-13. Unfortunately the other team of Ray Spalding, Andy Carpenter and skip Jim Putnam went into the final end a shot behind their opponents but Cliftonville managed to pick up 3 shots to win 15-11. Cliftonville winning the game 4-2 overall.

B&SPBC 'A' went to visit the champions, St Lawrence 'A' on the 14th May. The champs ran out winners on both rinks, winning 13-21 and 15-17. B&SPBC on the 14th end were leading their opponents by 2 shots but dropped a 2 and three singles on the final ends to lose narrowly.

B&SPBC 'D' went to Birchington for a tough match against their hosts. The visitors came away with a great win on both rinks. Bob Gibbons and his team of Paul Bailey (lead) and John Mullinger (two) winning 19-14. Skip Jim Putman and his team of Mike Borrington (lead) and Steve Cox (two) went into the final end level at 16-16 after having dropped 4 shots on the previous end. All three held their nerve for a brilliant win by taking one shot on the last end, running out 17-16 winners and banking a healthy 6 points to nil win.

Saturday the 16th May brought our friends from London down for their annual visit, Plumstead Common. 6 rinks of triples were played. Plumstead were in no mood to be friendly on the greens winning on 3 of the 6 rinks. Their points though were more than B&SPBC and they ran out worthy winners 87-94.

Sunday the 17th saw more visitors from up the line where we were again the hosts to Crayford. B&SPBC were in sparkling form and had something to prove. 5 rinks of triples saw the home side winning on all rinks, 20-12, 20-14, 18-15, 24-10 and 29-11. Overall scores were 111-52.