

KENT FAMILY DARTS FESTIVAL

2017 saw the reinstatement of this popular competition now under the umbrella of Darts Events 4 U in conjunction with The Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone, Kent and from 2018 we are pleased to announce once again Isle of Wight Tours will be involved taking and sorting out all your bookings.

Friday evening started with the pairs competitions and the results in the lady's competition were:

Quarter final losers: Angie Oliver and Danielle Gauntlet lost 3-0, Donna Weston and Jan Sidders lost 3-0, Julie Barrett and Tina Turnbull lost 3-0, Sue Smith and Donna Hutt lost 3-1 each pair receiving £25.00.

Semi – final losers: Lynne Morrison and Natalie Jones lost 3-2, Jo Locke and Beckie Edmeades lost 3-1 each pair taking home £50.00.

Final: Hayley Plume and Marlene Badger beat Angela Lowe and Dawn Speed 3-0 to take home £200.00 and the runners up received £100.

Men's pairs quarter final losers: Tommy Sandwell and Scott Marsh lost 3-1, Fred Box and Miles Avery lost 3-1, Paul Wells and Michael Barnard lost 3-0, Steve and Roy Laybourne lost 3-1, all losing pairs won £50.00.

Semi – final losers: Nicky Turner and Lewis McGurn lost 3-1, Steve Sidders and Peter Mitchell lost 3-1 with each pair winning £100.00.

Final: Dan Martin and Harry Lane beat Ryan Short and Ross Smith 3-2 with an average of 24.09 with Ryan and Rosses average 23.01 to win £400.00 leaving the runners up the consolation prize of £200.00.

The youth and over 60s were on Saturday along with the ladies and men's singles competitions.

Youth competition: This was a very well supported competition with the South-East Youth Academy entering most of their members. In the semi - final Jack Warner beat George Grosvener 3-0 and Ben Cunningham beat Henry Coates 3-0. It was a very close final with Jack Warner beating Ben Cunningham 3-2 to take the trophy and £70.00 with Ben taking home £30.00.

Over 60s competition semis – finals Stephen Hatcher beat Dennis Turnbull 3-0 and Paul Wright beat Dougie Wallis 3-2. Unfortunately, Stephen had to leave so Paul had a walkover in the final to win £70.00 with Stephen receiving £30.00.

Ladies singles quarter finals: Marlene Badger lost to Hayley Plume 3-2, Beckie Edmeads lost to Sue Smith 3-0, Anna Knight lost to Angela Oliver 3-1, Donna Hutt lost to Jo Locke 3-0 with each of the losers getting £50.00.

Semi – finals: Hayley Plume beat Sue Smith 3-0, Jo Locke beat Angela Oliver 3-1 with the losing semi-finalists getting £100.00 each.

After a close match Jo Locke beat Hayley Plume 4-2 in the final to win the Trophy and £500.00 leaving Jo the £300.00 runners up prize.

The men's singles attracted some class players and most games were hard fought.

Last 16: Michael Barnard beat Dean Reynolds 4-2, John Ferrell Beat Ryan Short 4-0, Steve Laybourne beat Matt Hill 4-2, Danny McIntyre beat Lewis McGurn 4-3, Jamie Cavern beat Fred Box 4-0, Paul Dawkins beat Paul Holloway 4-0, Neil Birkin beat Dan Martin 4-2, Roy Laybourne beat Paul McDine 4-2. Each of the losers received £50.00.

Quarter finals: Michael Barnard beat John Ferrell 4-1, Steve Laybourne beat Danny McIntyre 4-2, Jamie Caven beat Paul Dawkins 4-3, Neil Birkin beat Roy Laybourne 4-2, losing quarter finalists received £100.00 each.

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Semi – finals: Michael Barnard beat Steve Laybourne 5-2 with an average of 26.66 against Steve's 26.77 and Nigel Birkin beat Jamie Vaven 5-1 with an average of 26.72 against Jamie's 24.88 Steve and Jamie receiving £200.00 each.

The final was worthy of any televised match but Neil Birkin beat Michael Bernard 6-2 with an average of 28.46 against Michael's 27.20, Neik took the title and £1,000.00 and Michael had the runners up purse of £400.00.

A great weekend of darts with a mixed triples competition being held on Sunday before everybody headed home. This was the first of what will be an annual event by Darts Events 4 U and The Grand Burstin Hotel with next year's event booked for 26th/28th January 2018 all hotel bookings being taken by Isle of Wight Tours on 01983 405116. Details and entry forms can be found along with all Darts Events 4 U future dates on www.dartsevents4u.co.uk.