

Captain's Blog May

Bar-gate 01/05/2011

Colin Chudley

Topsham 50\*N 3\*W

We started May with a game against [Seaton](#) on Tuesday 3rd the weather was a bit blustery but it stayed dry.

Topsham won the game with the score 130 - 92.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we visited [Tiverton West End B.C.](#) they are celebrating their Centenary this year and they may have had a hangover from their party the night before. We won a very enjoyable match 112 - 92

We congratulate Tiverton West End on their Centenary and hope they have a successful season.

We had visitors from [Swakeleys House \(Middx\) Tourists](#) On May 9<sup>th</sup> they provided stiff opposition and again we were fortunate with weather and managed to miss the showers by having a delayed tea break. The score was not in our favour at 104-136 but we lived up to our name of being a very friendly team. Swakeleys House gave us a memento of the day which showed scenes of Swakleys House and the area.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May we held an open coaching day for prospective new bowlers and it was very well attended I hope those who came along enjoyed their morning and that they will return to us on the Wednesdays for further coaching.

Our first Club Night Triples was played on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and I have no doubt that the date was used as an excuse by some of the teams who lost but it was well supported and enjoyed by all.

We gave a welcome to [Five Valley Tourists](#) from the Gloucester area Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. In windy but dry weather we gained a win 133-101 We obviously started the game in a serious mood but this only lasted a short time and after the game we had a few drinks with our guests and permitted one or two of them to leave with a small raffle win. We also gained a new member to the Topsham Wrong Bias Ass, Mr B Hughes of Five Valleys.

Our Guests were provided with a hot meal before they travelled home. Their thanks and mine go to the people who prepared and served this meal.

Carol Horgan, Margaret and Brian Ewings, Ruth Voysey, Di Greeno & Ann Tarr. They were all magnificent on the day and the meal they produced was worthy of any good restaurant. I know it is risky to name people so I apologise if I have forgotten anyone.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May our hardworking catering team was again in action providing meals for 66 Ladies after the S W Counties league game between Bowls Cornwall v Bowls Wiltshire. It was a great effort following so close after the Sunday game.

Well done to everyone who helped out on the day.

It was the men's turn to star on 16<sup>th</sup> May in a friendly game against [Phear Park](#) and they won the four rink triples game 66- 54.

We went to the seaside at [Sidmouth](#) on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> we had good dose of bracing fresh air but again it stayed dry. We won the game convincingly with the vital mixture of good play and good luck the score was 156-72

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of May we visited the country and played [Honiton](#) this match was reduced to 6rinks of triples by Honiton and I thank those who stood down. I had a day off myself and the team was ably captained by our vice captain Pete Greeno and recorded a good win 112-95.

Our results so far are.

Played 11

Won 8

Lost3

Our game against [Cullompton](#) on May 30<sup>th</sup> was cancelled by them because it is a Bank Holiday and they had difficulty getting players.

The ladies captain reports that after the county games were held, she received many messages of thanks and congratulations from the visitors to our green.

I conclude by thanking the green team who managed to maintain their very high standards in a dry and possibly difficult month.

To Be Continued Next Month.....