

## CAPTAINS FINAL REPORT 2011

As this is my final report I thought I would begin with a look back over some of the highlights of the season.

It started in April with our traditional Captains v Presidents game and it was a really fun game to play in. Later in the month we arranged an impromptu Football rules game played in our football team's shirts, this was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Men v Ladies game for the 'Parry Salver' was won by the men. It was a very entertaining game with "Sister Magic Maurice" making a guest appearance for the ladies team. Not a pretty sight as you can see from the photo.



We played 18 Touring sides during the season and we won 15 lost 3 all were enjoyable and competitive.

We lost our first two games against Borough of Eye B.C. and Swakeleys House B.C.

Our game seemed to improve as the season progressed and we beat our old friends from Popes Mead although that may be down to an excess of Brandy and Loveage.

Our final tourist friendly was against Lampeter the game started at 3.00pm and a meal was provided after. As usual the result didn't matter although we lost by 4 shots our guests for the day provided very good company and all our players stayed for the meal after provided by our hardworking catering team. *As far as I can remember* we said farewell to our guests at 11.00pm .On behalf of Topsham B.C. I would like to thank all of our visiting teams for their excellent company and wish them well for the future.

The Friday night club triples league were a great success and the money from the raffle enabled us to enjoy two well supported social evenings, our thanks go to Maurice, Mike and Tony for organising the triples league.

On the competitive side of the game the men's team finished second in both the Exeter & District league and in the section county trophy table.

In the E & D over 60s League our 'A' team won the 1<sup>st</sup> Div and the 'B' & 'C' teams finished mid table.

[Grant Howland](#) was a member of the successful Devon County Middleton Cup team.

In the Devon County Men's Grater Pairs Final [Grant & Gary Howland](#) lost to [Alan Mann and Roy Johnson](#) from Newton Abbot BC

In the Devon County Men's Unbadged Triples Final [Jim Turner, Nigel Goodfellow and Maurice Daniels](#) lost on the extra end 17-18 a Bideford Triple.

[Jean Chudley and Grant Howland](#) won the County Mixed Pairs Title.

In the National over 55 men's singles [Norman Owen](#) reached the S W Area final

In the Exeter Singles Final [Dave Coe](#) lost to Dave Hoan from Exonia.

## The club finals winners were

<b>Club Champion</b>	Grant Howland
<b>Men's 2wood</b>	Norman Owen
<b>Men's Handicap</b>	Lee Phillips
<b>Men's Over 60's</b>	Roy Andrews
<b>Men's Intermediate</b>	Norman Owen
<b>Men's 96 shots</b>	Norman Owen
<b>Men's Pairs</b>	J Turner/J Brand
<b>Men's Triples</b>	M Brooks/C Chudley/M Daniels

## Congratulations to all the winners.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November we held our annual dinner & dance at the Exeter Golf & Country Club.

It was a great night and we joined for dinner by the Men's & Ladies Presidents of Bowls Devon. Then the trophies were presented to the successful competitors and this was followed by dancing to the live band 'Changes.'

## It is now time to thank several people for their hard work and dedication to Topsham B.C.

There are too many to name individually but my thanks to

The people who prepare and maintain the green.

The people who make the teas and cater for our meals.

The people who serve behind the bar.

Gary Howland for designing and running our web site

Mike and Pam Coggins who prepared and maintained the flowers etc which won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Topsham in Bloom competition.

Dave Counter for arranging all our fixtures and all the other jobs required to prepare for our guests.

Carol who found time from all her other duties to

Brian & Margaret Ewing's who have decided to have a break from bowls. They have worked tirelessly for the club in many roles including being captains, secretary, running the kitchen, arranging functions and generally supporting the club in many ways.

We wish them well for the future.

Peter Greeno my vice captain for all his assistance and support. I wish him all the best for next year.

My wife, the Ladies Captain Jean for her patience and understanding.

And finally, to all the members of our club who, collectively, have made this year a successful one, both on and off the green.

**I thank you all for your support.**

**See you all next year.**

*Captain  
Colin Chudley.*