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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS

As reported in the November newsletter Peter Harris after many years in the role of Secretary will not be putting his name forward for the coming season and Mike Radford as Treasurer has also indicated that he will not be standing for re-election at the forthcoming AGM in April.

Firstly I would like to thank both Peter and Mike for the outstanding contribution they have made to the running of this club in their time in office.

However you all need to be made aware that **unless we get some volunteers to fulfil these roles by the time of the AGM then we will not have a club** as by law you have to have a President, Secretary and a Treasurer .

Please help to keep your club open by putting your name forward for these roles You can of course speak to Peter and Mike to see what these roles entail beforehand.

Thank you

Firstly Congratulations to Alison Merrien on her well deserved **MBE**.

Secondly in my last newsletter I stated that Shirley Jehan had raised more than £600 pounds from the Euchre night when in fact it was £720 so an even bigger well done is deserved.

GUERNSEY V ISLE OF WIGHT

On the week end of November 26th/27th our Guernsey Tigers took on the Isle Of Wight in singles, pairs, triples and fours.

In the first session the fours and triples were played with the fours of Sophie Rabey, Lauren Batiste, Connor Rabey and Todd Prialux never behind and the closest IOW got was 9-5 on the 7th end but they only picked up another 9 shots to Guernsey's 20 for Guernsey to win 29-14.

The Triples of Marie Staples, Chris Staples and Kris Bichard however had a very tight game with the score being 3-3 after 5 ends and 4-6 after 8 ends but then the IOW scored a further 6 shots to Guernsey's 1 to lead 12-6 after 13 ends, However the Guernsey trio did not drop their heads and rallied to score 9 shots to 2 over the last 5 ends to win 15-14.

The second session was 1 Singles and 3 Pairs. Lauren Batiste was the singles player and did not get off to the best of starts dropping 6 shots over the first 4 ends but then started to get her eye in and scored 8 shots over the next 3 to lead 8-6 but then the IOW scored 9 shots to 1 over the next 5 ends to lead 15-9 but again Lauren came back over the next 4 ends with 8 shots to nil to regain the lead 17-15 but could only manage to hold on to one more shot as her opponent scored another 6 shots to win 21-18. Sophie and Connor Rabey teamed up in the pairs and this was another nip and tuck game with IOW being 5-2 up after 3 ends and 9-8 after 9 ends before GSY scored 5 singles over the next 5 ends to lead 13-9 but over the last 7 ends THE IOW scored 9 shots to GSY'S 2 to win 18-15.

GUERNSEY V ISLE OF WIGHT CONTINUED

Chris Staples and Kris Bichard were the second pair and again it was a very close game with GSY leading 7-3 after 6 ends 13-9 after 15 ends but could not keep it going and over the last 6 ends dropped 12 shots to lose 21-15.

The third pairing of Marie Staples and Todd Prialux were only in front once and that was on the 3rd end being 8-3 down after 7 and 14-9 down after 14 ends and could only score another 3 shots over the last 7 ends with the IOW winning 32-12.



The final session was 6 singles matches with Chris Staples on rink 1 and Marie Staples on rink 2 but sadly neither could get into any real rhythm and although they had some good ends could not hold on to the shots and Chris went down 21-4 and Marie lost 21-10. However the other 4 games did go our way with on rink 3 Connor Rabey playing his usual calm game and never being behind to win 21-10.

On rink 4 was Todd Prialux who found himself behind 8-3 after 6 ends then a run of 3,2,1,2 saw him take the lead 11-8 and then he was behind again 13-16 after 16 ends and with the next 8 ends going 7 shots to 4 in Todd's favour it meant that going into the 25th end it was all square and Todd managing to get that all important last shot.

Kris Bichard was on rink 5 and playing consistently well and was never in trouble winning 21-7.

Sophie Rabey playing on rink 6 was also always in control being 12-5 up after 9 ends and 18-10 up after 16 ends credit to her opponent who scored 7 to 1 shot over the next 5 ends but Sophie got the 2 to win 21-17.

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CHANNEL ISLAND FINALS GSY V JERSEY

Played over the week end of January 7th/8th and consisting of a total of 10 games to qualify for the British Isles Championships in Swansea which will be played in March.

On Saturday morning it was the Ladies and Mens Pairs with Carol Ingrouille and Ali Merrien taking on the Jersey pair of Gaynor Thomas and Alison Camacho. The Jersey pair settled in very quickly and were 8-2 up by the 5th end and 12-5 up on the 10th end but Gsy won the next 3 ends to pull it back to 10-12 but dropped another 3 shots over the next 2 ends to find themselves 10-15 down but again Gsy showed their resolve and scored 6 shots over the next 3 ends to take the lead for the first time and then over the last 4 ends Gsy scored 4 shots to 1 to win 21-16.

The Mens pairs saw Paul Ingrouille and Ian Merrien playing against Michael Rive and Malcolm De Sousa and as with the Jsy Ladies the men settled in to their stride straight away and were soon 7-1 up after 6 ends but then Gsy scored on the next 4 ends to lead 10-7 and then scored on 4 of the next 5 ends to extend their lead to 17-9 only to see the Jsy pair put together a run of winning the next 5 ends to lead 18-17 with just one more end to go and with Jersey holding the and the game Ian with his last wood moved the jack to the side to score 2 shots and win the game 19-18.

The next session was the Ladies Singles, Mens Singles and the Mens U25 Singles.

Alison Merrien played Alison Camacho and our Ali after playing Alison in the pairs and having such a close game would have expected a tight game in this but Ali peppered the jack and Alison just could not get into the game and did not score until the 9th end to make the score 14-2. However she was to only score another 3 shots over the next 8 ends and Ali came out a convincing 21-5 winner.

The Mens singles was Ian Merrien V John Lowery. Ian struggled to find the form that had seen him win the pairs earlier on and was 2-7 down after 5 ends then scoring a 3 on the next it looked as though it would keep the game a lot closer but then John strung together the next 5 ends to lead 19-5 and although Ian scored 4 shots on the next 2 ends could not stop John from getting the 2 he needed on the next.

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The Mens U25 Singles was Kris Bichard against Malcolm De Sousa and was a keenly fought contest all the way through with the scores being 7-7 after 9 ends and 12-13 after 14 ends but with Kris not getting much luck with some of his conversion shots Malcolm won on 4 of the next 5 ends to win the game 21-13.

Mens and Ladies Triples were up next which saw Ali in action yet again for her third game of the day as she teamed up with her pairs partner Carol and Shirley Petit against Chris Grimes, Gaynor Thomas and Helen Greechan and this looked as though it was going to be a tight game with the score after 5 ends being 3-3 but a run of 4 ends of Gsy scoring took them 9-3 ahead and with Jersey only scoring a further 2 shots the Gsy trio came out well on top winning 20-5.

The mens triple of Steve Bichard, Todd Priaux and Gary Pitschou took on the Jersey boys John Lowery, Lee Nixon and Tommy Greechan and this game was probably the most unpredictable as the game went on as Gsy was 5-1 up after 4 ends and then Jsy winning the next 7 ends to go a quite commanding 17-5 up but then Gsy won 5 out of the next 6 ends to level the score at 18-18 going into the last end but Gsy held their nerve to get 2 shots on the last end to win.

Sunday was the Ladies and Mens Fours plus the over 60's Fours.

In the Ladies it was Ali and Carol teaming up again along with Jan Lawrence and Jill Froome and after 6 ends it was 7-7 and after 10 ends it was 14-8 to Gsy then Jsy scored on 3 out of the next 4 ends to pull it back to 15-12 but they were to score only once more over the last 6 ends and Gsy came out convincing winners 24-15.

The Mens four of Alan Merrien, Mick Merrien, Paul Ingrouille and Ian Merrien got off to the worst possible start when dropping a count of 5 on the first end and a 6 on the 4th end to find themselves 12-1 down and these 2 scores proved to be costly as over the remaining 14 ends was pretty even with the scores being 12-9 to Jsy. Mens over 60's fours was a very one sided game with Ken Laine, Terry Dowington, Dave Lock and Richard Hill always in control 6-4 on the 5th end and then following on by scoring on the next 9 ends to lead 30-4 and went on to win 33-6.