

Monday Night Darts

The top game in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League saw two title challengers, the Smugglers Inn "B" and reigning champions the Hampton Inn meet at the Smugglers. Both sides went into the match with unbeaten records and it was the Smugglers who made the marginally better start, coming out of the pairs leading 2-1 and then the two three games were won evenly by the two sides, seeing the Smugglers take a 3-2 lead into the singles games. The Hampton responded with an opening singles game win from Steve Coker to level at 3-3 and his team-mate Clive Johnson followed suit, winning his singles game to put the Hampton 4-3 up. The Smugglers took their turn to level, Benn Swinfield winning to make it 4-4. The Hampton again regained the lead, Steve Moys winning to put his side within touching distance of victory at 5-4. The Smugglers again levelled, man of the match Jordan Dadd, aided by a maximum 180 and a 109 checkout, winning his singles game to level the match score to 5-5. In the decisive last singles game, Smugglers skipper Chris Dadd led by example, defeating Hampton's Craig Critchley 2-0 to secure a hard fought 6-5 home win for his side. Other highlights of the superb match saw Hampton's Steve Moys hit two maximum 180's, while his team-mates Steve Coker, Andy Smith and skipper Peter Furrer all hit one maximum 180 apiece.

Leaders Divers Arms took full advantage of the Smugglers Inn "B" win to open up a three point lead at the top thanks to a 7-4 home win over the Rising Sun. All seemed to be going to plan for the Divers, leading 4-0, before the Riser staged a comeback, winning the last threes game and the two opening singles games, through Nigel Grace and Dan Chance to pull the score back to 4-3. The Divers responded with back to back singles wins of their own, Mike Cattell and Mark Sayer both winning to secure the win at 6-3. The last two singles games were evenly won between the two sides, Chris Howard winning for the Divers and Graeme Poynter winning for the Rising Sun. Highlights saw man of the match Mike Cattell hit a maximum 180.

The Angling Club saw a thrilling match played out between home side the Angling Club "B" and the Angling Club "A". The "A" side led 3-2 going into the singles, but saw the "B" side level with William Weller winning the opening singles game. The "A" replied with wins from Matt Nye and Mike Brett to open up a controlling 5-3 away lead. The "B" refused to lie down and responded with singles wins from Jeff Buxton and Craig Reeves to level and force a decisive last singles game. With the scores locked at 5-5, George Grosvenor put in a man of the match performance for the Angling Club "A", narrowly defeating "B" sides Jack Buxton 2-1 to secure all three points and the bragging rights for the Angling Club "A". Highlights saw Grosvenor check out on 114 and Weller on 101.

The Smugglers Inn "A" maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a 6-5 away win over the Whitstable Labour Club. Leading 3-2, opening singles wins from Steve Peacock and Colin Hopkins put the Smugglers into a commanding 5-2 lead. Ben Brickland pulled one back for the Labour Club, but any comeback hopes were short lived as the Smugglers secured the win at 6-3 through stand in skipper Jim Marsh, leading by example with a man of the match performance. The Labour Club gained some consolation with skipper Max Claughton and Aaron Knight winning the last two singles games. Highlights saw Labour Club's Andy Bryant hit a maximum 180.

A 6-5 away win for the Chislet Colliery Club over the Heron sees the Chislet Club move off the foot of the table and leapfrogging the Heron at the same time. The Chislet Club were trailing 3-2, but skipper James Wells won the opening singles game to level the match score to 3-3. The Heron regained the lead through Mike Moore, only to see the Chislet again level, Ross Llewellyn winning to make it 4-4. The Chislet then took the lead for the first time in the match, Terry Longland winning to put his side 5-4 and his team-mate David Hards followed suit, winning his singles game to secure the match win at 6-4. The Heron gained some consolation with Chris Woods winning the last singles game, aided by a maximum 180.

Results...Monday 27th November 2017

Angling Club "B"	5-6	Angling Club "A"
Divers Arms	7-4	Rising Sun
Heron	5-6	Chislet Colliery Club
Smugglers Inn "B"	6-5	Hampton Inn
Whitstable Labour Club	5-6	Smugglers Inn "A"
Catholic Club	-Vs-	Bye

100 plus checkouts:

114-George Grosvenor; 109-Jordan Dadd; 103-Mike Moore; 101-William Weller

Maximum 180's:

2-Steve Moys; 1-Andy Bryant; 1-Mike Cattell; 1-Steve Coker; 1-Jordan Dadd; 1-Peter Furrer; 1-Andy Smith; 1-Chris Woods