

## Monday Night Darts

The Smugglers Inn "A" maintained their 100% record in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League, their latest win coming 8-3 at home to the Rising Sun. The Smugglers led 3-2 going into the singles games, where man of the match Colin Hopkins, aided by a maximum 180, won the opening game for the Smugglers Inn. The Riser pulled one back through Charles Gillibrand, but that was as good as it got for the Rising Sun as the Smugglers won the next two singles games through Steve Peacock and debutant Richard Lee to secure the win at 6-3. Further singles wins from Jim Marsh and Steve Walter wrapped up the win for the Smugglers.

The Divers Arms will finish 2017 as the league leaders after winning 9-2 at home to the Chislet Colliery Club. Leading 5-0, an opening singles win from Dan Cameron secured the win at 6-0 for the Divers. Man of the match Chris Howard, aided by a 116 checkout put the Divers 7-0 up. The Chislet reduced the deficit with singles wins from David Hards and Ross Llewellyn, either side of wins from Divers Jason Adby and skipper Paul Knight.

Reigning champions the Hampton Inn moved into second place with an 8-3 away win over the Angling Club "B". The Anglers had taken a 1-0 lead but found themselves trailing 3-2 going into the singles games, where they saw opening singles wins from Clive Johnson and Paul Dawkins put the Hampton into a commanding 5-2 lead. The Hampton did not have to wait to secure the win, Steve Coker winning the next singles game to secure the match points at 6-2. Further wins from Steve Moys and Andy Smith put the Hampton 8-2 before the Anglers gained some consolation with Jack Buxton winning the last singles game. Highlights saw Buxton hit a maximum 180.

The Heron moved up two places to eighth, leapfrogging their opponents, the Catholic Club, at the same time with a 6-5 home win. The Heron went into the singles games trailing 3-2 but saw singles wins from Matt Elliott and Trevor Morris turn the game around to lead for the first time in the match at 4-3. Further singles wins from Luke Simmons and Mike Moore secured the win at 6-3 for the Heron. The Catholic Club gained some consolation with Jason Cabbage and Martin Murphy winning the last two singles games.

The Angling Club "A" moved into fourth place with an 11-0 away win over the Whitstable Labour Club who are still seeking their first points of the season. Leading 5-0, an opening singles win from Les Bates secured the win at 6-0. Further singles wins from Luke Adby, George Grosvenor, Kevin Moran, Andy Sim and Mike Brett completed the whitewash.

### Results...Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Angling Club "B"	3-8	Hampton Inn
Divers Arms	9-2	Chislet Colliery Club
Heron	6-5	Catholic Club
Smugglers Inn "A"	8-3	Rising Sun
Whitstable Labour Club	0-11	Angling Club "A"
Smugglers Inn "B"	-Vs-	Bye

#### **100 plus checkouts:**

116-Chris Howard

#### **Maximum 180's:**

1-Jack Buxton; 1-Colin Hopkins