

REMINDER – The Open Pairs K/O Entry Forms must be returned to the Divers Arms by 11pm Friday 2nd February 2018.

Entry forms are in the team folders or can be downloaded from the website

The Smugglers Inn “A” suffered their first league defeat of the season in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League as they were beaten 6-5 away to the Chislet Colliery Club. The Smugglers started the brightest, leading 2-0, before eventually taking a 3-2 lead into the singles games. Opening singles wins from Chislet Club’s Martin Hackett and David Hards turned the game around and saw the Chislet lead for the first time at 4-3. The Smugglers levelled through Colin Hopkins, who narrowly defeated man of the match and Chislet skipper James Wells. The Chislet regained the lead through Ross Llewellyn and his team-mate Terry Longland followed suit to secure the win at 6-4. The Smugglers won the last singles game through Steve Walter to reduce the final deficit. Highlights saw Smugglers Jim Marsh hit a maximum 180.

Despite the Smugglers Inn “A” defeat, they move up one place to fourth after leaders Divers Arms won 9-2 away to the Angling Club “A”, who drop from fourth to fifth. Leading 4-1, opening singles wins from skipper and man of the match Paul Knight and Dan Cameron secured the win at 6-1. Mike Cattell extended the Divers lead to 7-1, before the Anglers reduced the deficit to 7-2 with Kevin Moran’s singles win. The Divers wrapped up the win by winning the last two singles games through Mark Sayer and Jason Aaby. Highlights saw Anglers Mike Brett check out on 100, while Divers Mike Cattell hit two maximum 180’s and his skipper Paul Knight hit one maximum 180.

The Smugglers Inn “B” were also upwardly mobile, a 9-2 home win over the Angling Club “B” sees them move into second place, leapfrogging the Hampton Inn thanks to having a better leg different by one leg. The Smugglers raced into a 5-0 lead without dropping a leg and quickly secured the match points at 6-0 with Jordan Dadd’s singles win. Anglers skipper Craig Reeves pulled one back for his side, only to see the Smugglers respond with singles wins from Keith Ralph and Richard Stevens. The last two singles games were evenly won by the two sides, Chris Davis for the Anglers and Chris Dadd for the Smugglers. Highlights the Anglers gain some consolation with Craig Reeves hitting a maximum 180 while his team-mate Jack Buxton was named man of the match.

Reigning champions the Hampton Inn dropped from second to third despite winning 7-4 at home to the Heron. The Heron made a superb start to the match opening up an early 3-1 lead, but saw the Hampton Inn battle back to level at 3-3 with an opening singles win from Clive Johnson. The Heron responded by regaining the lead through Mike Moore, making it 4-3, but the champions bounced back to again level, Steve Coker making it 4-4. The Hampton then took the lead for the first time in the match, man of the match Steve Moys winning to make it 5-4 and his team-mate Paul Dawkins won the next singles game to end the Heron’s fight and secure the win at 6-4. Hampton skipper Peter Furner won the last singles game to wrap up the win. Highlights saw Heron’s Matt Elliott and Hampton’s Steve Coker each hit maximum 180’s.

The Catholic Club moved up one place to eighth after an 8-3 home win over the Whitstable Labour Club. The match was going well for the Labour Club in the first half, taking a 3-2 lead into the singles games, but that was as good as it got as the Catholic Club rallied and won all six singles games. Wins coming from Stuart Angel, Del Male, Chris Nichols, Dave Anderson, Adam Farmer and Martin Murphy. Labour Club’s Dan Redford landed the man of the match award.

Results...Monday 15th January 2018

Angling Club “A”	2-9	Divers Arms
Catholic Club	8-3	Whitstable Labour Club
Chislet Colliery Club	6-5	Smugglers Inn “A”
Hampton Inn	7-4	Heron
Smugglers Inn “B”	9-2	Angling Club “B”
Rising Sun	-Vs-	Bye

100 plus checkouts:

100-Mike Brett

Maximum 180’s:

2-Mike Cattell; 1-Steve Coker; 1-Matt Elliott; 1-Paul Knight; 1-Craig Reeves