

## Monday Night Darts

All eyes were on the top of the table clash in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League between unbeaten league leaders, the Divers Arms, who travelled to reigning champions, the Hampton Inn. A thrilling match saw the Divers take a 3-2 lead into the singles games, where an opening singles win from skipper Paul Knight doubled the Divers lead to 4-2. The Hampton responded with back to back singles wins from Clive Johnson and Paul Dawkins to level the match score to 4-4. The Divers regained the lead at 5-4 through Jason Adby's singles win, only to see the Hampton again level, Andy Smith making it 5-5. In the decisive last singles game, Hampton's Steve Moys put in a man of the match performance, aided by a maximum 180 and a 112 checkout to defeat Divers' Mark Sayer 2-0 to secure a vital 6-5 home win for the Hampton Inn. Highlights of the match saw Clive Johnson hit four maximum 180's and his team-mate Paul Dawkins two maximum 180's and a 104 checkout, while the Divers gained some consolation with Dan Cameron checking out on 104.

Despite the Hampton's win, they drop from second to third as the Smugglers Inn "B" move into second place after a 10-1 home win over the Whitstable Labour Club. Leading 5-0, an opening singles win from Keith Ralph secured the win at 6-0. Further singles wins from Richard Stevens and Benn Swinfield extended the Smugglers lead to 8-0. Labour Club skipper Max Claughton pulled one back for his side, only to see the Smugglers win the last two singles games through Jordan Dadd and skipper Chris Dadd. Highlights saw man of the match Chris Dadd hit a maximum 180.

Fourth placed Angling Club "A" moved to within six points of the top after winning 7-4 at home to the Chislet Colliery Club who continue to be plagued by inconsistent form. The Anglers trailed 3-2 going into the singles but levelled with George Grosvenor's opening singles win. The Anglers then took the lead for the first time at 4-3 with Matt Nye's singles win. The Chislet took their turn to level, David Hards winning to make it 4-4, only to see the Anglers regain the lead with Les Bates winning to put his side 5-4 up. There was no comeback though for the Chislet Club, as man of the match Mike Brett, aided by two maximum 180's won the next singles game to secure the win at 6-4. The Anglers won the last singles game through Kevin Moran to wrap up the win. Further highlights saw George Grosvenor check out on 1118 and Matt Nye hit a maximum 180.

The Angling Club "B" won a last game thriller away to the Rising Sun. The Anglers seemed in total control taking a 4-1 lead going into the singles games, but saw the Rising bounce back with opening singles wins from Graeme Poynter and Nigel Grace to reduce the deficit to 4-3. The Anglers responded with skipper Craig Reeves, putting in a man of the match display, winning his singles to put his side 5-3 up with three games left to play. The Riser refused to give up and back to back singles wins from Charles Gillibrand and debutant R Saunders levelled the match score to 5-5. With the scores locked at 5-5, Anglers Jack Buxton narrowly defeated Riser skipper Alan Howlett 2-1 to see the Anglers win 6-5.

The Smugglers Inn "A" put their recent troubles behind them with an 8-3 away win over the Catholic Club. The Smugglers took a 4-1 lead into the singles, but saw the Catholic Club reduce the deficit to 4-2 with Stuart Angel winning the opening singles game. The Smugglers responded with Steve Peacock's singles win to put the Smugglers 5-2 up. The Catholic Club pulled another back, Del Male making it 5-3, but there was no comeback as man of the match Colin Hopkins won his singles game to secure the win at 6-3. Further singles wins from Tim Baker Jnr and Tim Baker Snr wrapped up the win. Highlights of the match saw Catholic's Adam Farmer check out on 110.

### Results...Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Angling Club "A"	7-4	Chislet Colliery Club
Catholic Club	3-8	Smugglers Inn "A"
Hampton Inn	6-5	Divers Arms
Rising Sun	5-6	Angling Club "B"
Smugglers Inn "B"	10-1	Whitstable Labour Club
Heron	-Vs-	Bye

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

120-Clive Johnson; 118-George Grosvenor; 112-Steve Moys; 110-Adam Farmer; 104-Dan Cameron; 104-Paul Dawkins;

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

4-Clive Johnson; 2-Mike Brett; 2-Paul Dawkins; 1-Steve Moys; 1-Matt Nye