

Monday Night Darts

The first games of the second half of the season in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League were played last week and the top game saw reigning champions, the Hampton Inn host the Angling Club "A". Second placed Hampton Inn were only one of two teams that had defeated the Anglers in all competitions this season and a close match was expected but the champions raced into a 3-0 lead before both teams won a threes apiece to see the Hampton take a 4-1 lead into the singles games. An opening singles win from man of the match Paul Dawkins put the Hampton 5-1 up and they didn't have to wait long to secure the win, Craig Critchley winning the next singles game to secure the win at 6-1. The Anglers pulled two back through Mike Brett and Kevin Moran, but the Hampton responded with wins from Clive Johnson and Andy Smith to wrap up a superb 8-3 win. Highlights of the match saw Paul Dawkins hit three maximum 180's, his team-mate Clive Johnson one maximum, while the Anglers gained some consolation with George Grosvenor checking out on 102.

A huge game in the Division One standings saw the Catholic Club host the Rising Sun, and a 6-5 home win for the Catholic Club sees them leapfrog the Rising Sun, thanks to a better leg difference of one leg. The Catholic Club took an early 2-0 lead but the Riser battled to back to trail 3-2 going into the singles games. Opening wins from Dan Chance and Graeme Poynter saw the Rising turn the game around and lead for the first time at 4-3. The Catholic Club took their turn to level, Stuart Angel winning his singles game to make it 4-4 and his team-mate Adam Farmer followed suit, winning to put the Catholic back in front at 5-4. Catholic's Martin Murphy then put in a man of the match performance to secure the win for his side at 6-4. The Riser gained some consolation with Mike Tucker winning the last singles game for his side. Highlights saw Stuart Angel check out on 100 and Graeme Poynter hit a maximum 180.

Whitstable Labour Club ended their search for their elusive first win of the season, winning 8-3 at home to the Heron. The Heron had taken a 1-0 lead, but soon found themselves 4-1 behind going into the singles games. An opening singles win from Heron's Trevor Morris cut the deficit to 4-2 only to see the Labour Club win the next two singles games through Andy Bryant and Mike Back to secure the win at 6-2. The Heron pulled another back through Luke Simmons, but the Labour Club won the last two games through skipper Max Claughton and Tom Rickets to cue the celebrations. Highlights saw Trevor Morris check out on 108, but he was beaten to the man of the match award by Labour Club's Max Claughton who weighed in with a maximum 180.

Third placed Smugglers Inn "B" stayed in pursuit of the leaders with an 8-3 home win over the Chislet Colliery Club. Leading 4-1, the Smugglers saw the Chislet Club win the opening singles game through Martin Hackett, but responded with back to back singles wins from Keith Ralph and man of the match Richard Stevens. Ralph checking out on 100 and Stevens hitting a maximum 180 in the process. The Chislet pulled one back through David Hards only to see the Smugglers win the last two singles games through Mike Cooper and Jordan Dadd.

Leaders Divers Arms won 10-1 away to fifth placed Angling Club "B". Leading 4-1, opening singles wins from man of the match Mike Cattell and Dan Cameron secured the win at 6-1. Further singles wins from Mark Sayer, Chris Howard, skipper Paul Knight and debutant Taffy Willis rounded off the win, in a match that the Divers only dropped three legs. Highlights saw Cattell check out on 100, while the Anglers gained some consolation with Craig Reeves checking out 112 and hitting a maximum 180. There were further 180's from his Anglers team-mates Reece Kiley and Jeff Buxton.

Results...Monday 26th February 2018

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

100 plus checkouts:

112-Craig Reeves; 108-Trevor Morris; 102-George Grosvenor; 100-Stuart Angel; 100-Mike Cattell; 100-Keith Ralph

Maximum 180's:

3-Paul Dawkins; 1-Jeff Buxton; 1-Max Claughton; 1-Clive Johnson; 1-Reece Kiley; 1-Graeme Poynter; 1-Craig Reeves; 1-Richard Stevens