

## **Monday Night Darts**

The Rising Sun were the big movers in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League after a thrilling last game 6-5 win over the Whitstable Labour Club saw them jump up two places to seventh. The Labour Club took an early 2-0 lead, but saw that lead cut to 3-2 going into the singles. The Riser levelled with Nigel Grace winning the opening singles game and his team-mate Mike Tucker followed suit, winning to put the Riser in front for the first time at 4-3. The Labour Club took their turn to level, Andy Bryant making it 4-4, before regained the lead, Steve Russ winning his singles game to put his side 5-4 up. The Riser again levelled, Graeme Poynter making it 5-5, setting up a decisive last singles game. With the scores locked at 5-5, Rising Sun's John Webster put in a man of the match performance to defeat Labour Club skipper Max Claughton and secure all three points for his side.

Third placed Smugglers Inn "B" ran out 7-4 away victors over fourth placed Angling Club "A", increasing the margin between the two sides to nine points. The Smugglers led 3-2 going into the singles games and wins from Keith Ralph and Benn Swinfield put the Smugglers into a commanding 5-2 away lead. The Smugglers did not have to wait long to secure the win, Richard Stevens winning the next singles game to make it 6-2. The Anglers gained some consolation with back to back singles wins from Les Bates and Mike Brett, only to see Smugglers skipper Chris Dadd win the last singles to wrap up the win. Highlights saw man of the match Chris Dadd hit a maximum 180.

Leaders Divers Arms almost completed the perfect whitewash, dropping only one leg in a 11-0 home win over the Heron. Leading 5-0, singles wins from Mark Sayer, Peter Gallacher, Dan Cameron, skipper Paul Knight, man of the match Chris Howard and Anthony Crocker completed the win. Highlights saw Chris Howard check out on 105, Paul Knight check out on 104 and Peter Gallacher check out on 100.

Reigning champions the Hampton Inn stayed in close pursuit of the Divers Arms with 10-1 away win over the Catholic Club. The Hampton took a 5-0 lead into the singles only to see the Catholic Club win the opening singles game through Stuart Angel, but there was no comeback on the cards as the Hampton secured the win at 6-1 through Clive Johnson's singles win. Further singles wins from Paul Dawkins, Andy Smith, Steve Moys and Peter Furner wrapped up the win. Highlights saw Paul Dawkins hit two maximum 180's and Clive Johnson hit one maximum 180.

### **Results...Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Angling Club "A"	4-7	Smugglers Inn "B"
Catholic Club	1-10	Hampton Inn
Divers Arms	11-0	Heron
Rising Sun	6-5	Whitstable Labour Club
Smugglers Inn "A"	0-11	Angling Club "B" – game claimed
Chislet Colliery Club	-Vs-	Bye

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

105-Chris Howard; 104-Paul Knight; 101-Paul Dawkins; 100-Peter Gallacher

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

2-Paul Dawkins; 1-Chris Dadd; 1-Clive Johnson