

## **Monday Night Darts**

Despite only just passing the half way point of the season, the Angling Club "B" faced Chislet Colliery Club in what could prove to be a pivotal game in the relegation battle in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League. Both sides were promoted from Division One last season and it was last years Division One champions, the Chislet Club who took an early 1-0, only to see the Anglers, runners up to them last year respond by winning the next four games to take a 4-1 lead into the singles games. Opening singles wins from Martin Hackett and Dave Hards pulled the score back to 4-3. Man of the match, Anglers skipper Craig Reeves restored his teams cushion to two legs at 5-3 and he didn't have to wait long to secure the win, team-mate Jeff Buxton following suit to make it 6-3. The Anglers wrapped up a superb 8-3 home win with William Weller and Chris Davis winning the last two singles games. Highlights saw Chris Davis check out on 104.

The Smugglers Inn "A" returned to winning ways with a 7-4 away win over Heron. Leading 4-1, an opening singles win from Tim Baker Snr put the Smugglers into control at 5-1 up. The Heron pulled one back through Matt Elliott only to see the Smugglers secure the win at 6-2 with Colin Hopkins singles win. The Heron won two of the last three singles games with wins from Luke Simmons and landlord Bob Elliott either side of Smugglers' man of the match Jim Marsh's singles win.

The Smugglers Inn "B" were again made to work for their win by the Catholic Club, running out 7-4 home victors. The Catholic Club took a 3-2 lead going into the singles but saw the Smugglers respond with five successive singles wins to turn the game around and secure the win at 7-3. Singles wins coming from Benn Swinfield, Keith Ralph, debutant Justin Dane, Jordan Dadd and Anthony Halls. The Catholic Club gained some consolation with Adam Farmer winning the last singles game. Highlights saw Catholic duo Del Male and Chris Nichols each hit maximum 180's, a feat matched by Smugglers Benn Swinfield. However they were all upstaged by man of the match Jordan Dadd who hit a maximum 180 and checked out on 132.

Reigning champions the Hampton Inn won 9-2 at home to the Rising Sun. Leading 5-0, the Hampton saw the Rising Sun bounce back with singles wins from Nigel Grace and Graeme Poynter reducing the deficit to 5-2. The comeback was shortlived as the Hampton secured the win at 6-2 through man of the match Clive Johnson's singles win. The Hampton wrapped up the win with further singles wins from Steve Moys, Stacey Dawkins and Paul Dawkins. Highlights saw Hampton duo Paul Dawkins and Steve Moys check out on 109 and 102 respectively, while their team-mates Craig Critchley hit one maximum 180 and Clive Johnson hit two maximums.

Leaders Divers Arms won 11-0 away to bottom side Whitstable Labour Club. Leading 5-0, the Divers won all six singles games, dropping only two legs in the whole match. Singles wins coming from Chris Howard, Dan Cameron, skipper Paul Knight, Mark Sayer, Mike Cattell and Jason Adbly. Highlights saw Howard check out on 115, while the Labour Club gained some consolation with Tommy Ricketts picking up the man of the match award.

### **Results...Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Angling Club "B"	8-3	Chislet Colliery Club
Hampton Inn	9-2	Rising Sun
Heron	4-7	Smugglers Inn "A"
Smugglers Inn "B"	7-4	Catholic Club
Whitstable Labour Club	0-11	Divers Arms
Angling Club "A"	-Vs-	Bye

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

132-Jordan Dadd; 115-Chris Howard; 109-Paul Dawkins; 104-Chris Davis; 102-Steve Moys

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

2-Clive Johnson; 1-Craig Critchley; 1-Jordan Dadd; 1-Del Male; 1-Chris Nichols; 1-Benn Swinfield