

Monday Night Darts

The top game in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League saw reigning champions, the Hampton Inn host the Smugglers Inn "B". The two sides went into the match occupying second and third place respectively and both teams knew a win was vital in the race to be crowned champions. The Smugglers made the better start, taking an early 2-0 lead only to see the Hampton bounce back and win the last pairs game and both threes games to take a 3-2 lead into the singles games. An opening singles win from Clive Johnson put the Hampton 4-2 and a man of the match performance from Paul Dawkins put the Hampton into a commanding 5-2 lead. The Smugglers responded with back to back singles wins from Jordan Dadd and Keith Ralph to leave the game evenly poised at 5-4 to the Hampton. Hampton skipper Peter Furner led by example winning the next singles game to secure the important win at 6-4 for his side. The Hampton wrapped up a superb 7-4 home victory with Steve Moys winning the last singles game. Highlights saw Craig Critchley check out on 114 and hit a maximum 180, while his team-mate Paul Dawkins hit two maximum 180's and Smugglers' Jordan Dadd hit one maximum 180.

The Angling Club "B" took the honours in the Angling Club derby, winning 6-5 away to the Angling Club "A". The "B" side lead 3-2 going into the singles games, but saw the "A" side level through George Grosvenor. The "B" side regained the lead at 4-3 through Jeff Buxton and Reece Kiley followed suit to double the "B" side lead to 5-3. The "B" side secured the win at 6-3, skipper Craig Reeves putting in a man of the match display to win his singles games. The "A" side reduced the final deficit to 6-5 with Mike Brett and Andy Sim winning the last two singles games. Highlights saw Craig Reeves hit a maximum 180 and check out on 110, while Reece Kiley checked out on 115.

The Heron came close to pulling off a shock result away to the Chislet Colliery Club but fell just short, losing 6-5 on the last singles game. An opening singles win from Heron's Matt Elliott levelled the match score to 3-3, only to see the Chislet Club take a 5-3 lead after back to back singles wins from David Hards and skipper James Wells, was secured the man of the match award. The Heron responded with back to back singles wins of their own, wins from Luke Simmons and Mike Moore levelling the match score to 5-5. In the decisive last singles game, Chislet's Terry Longland defeated Heron skipper Debbie Milner 2-0 to secure all three points for his side. Highlights saw Heron's Mike Moore check out on 104 and Chislet's Paul Bunting hit a maximum 180.

Leaders Divers Arms maintained top spot with a 9-2 away win over the Rising Sun. The Divers went into the singles with a 4-1, but that was immediately cut back to 4-2 with Riser's Dan Chance winning the opening singles game. The Divers responded with singles wins from man of the match Chris Howard and Jason Adby to secure the win at 6-2. Further singles wins from Dan Cameron, Mark Sayer and skipper Paul Knight wrapped up the win. Highlights saw the Riser gain some consolation with Graeme Poynter check out on 122, while Divers duo Dan Cameron and Paul Knight each hit a maximum 180.

The Smugglers Inn "A" continued their return to winning ways with a 7-4 home win over the Whitstable Labour. The Smugglers took a 4-1 lead into the singles and an opening singles win from Colin Hopkins put the Smugglers in control at 5-1 up. Ben Brickland pulled one back for the Labour Club, but any comeback hopes were shortlived as the Smugglers secured the win at 6-2 with Tim Baker Snr singles win. Man of the match Jim Marsh extended the Smugglers lead to 7-2 before the Labour Club gained some consolation with skipper Max Claughton and Tommy Ricketts winning the last two singles games.

Results...Monday 12th March 2018

Angling Club "A"	5-6	Angling Club "B"
Hampton Inn	7-4	Smugglers Inn "B"
Rising Sun	2-9	Divers Arms
Smugglers Inn "A"	7-4	Whitstable Labour Club
Catholic Club	-Vs-	Bye

100 plus checkouts:

122-Graeme Poynter; 115-Reece Kiley; 114-Craig Critchley; 110-Craig Reeves; 104-Mike Moore

Maximum 180's:

2-Paul Dawkins; 1-Paul Bunting; 1-Dan Cameron; 1-Craig Critchley; 1-Jordan Dadd; 1-Paul Knight; 1-Craig Reeves