

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Both men's and Ladies teams had a mixed day, however the lane conditions were very hard with complaints of a big difference across a pair of lanes let alone end to end.

Unfortunately only 4 Ladies could make it on the day which gave us no chance of changing the team at all during the day. The Men's team did have a spare player and the starting team was as the qualifying from the trials which meant Martin sat out the first 2 games to give the team time to settle down before making changes.

The first game total of 907 was not the best start but this was followed by a second game of 977 which a great improvement. The third game saw Martin brought in for Rodney but all struggled finishing with a 868.

After lunch Phil was replaced for Rodney but even with freshly dressed lanes we could only manage a 806. At this point a machine break down caused a half hour break which gave us a chance to throw a few practice balls on the spare lanes and with another change of Phil returning the 5th game improved to a 983.

The final game and an unchanged side resulted in another 983 pulling us up the table but unfortunately not quite enough as we missed the cut for the final by only 86 pins.

For the Ladies it was hard not being able to rest anyone but they worked hard throughout the day with totals of 578, 570, 607, 589, 651 and 639. Leta topped for the team with some very steady bowling but all worked hard for the team and only missed out by a few pins against the Staffordshire team which contain most of the England team. The finals standings meant both teams did not qualify for the finals with the ladies finishing in 9th place.

The individual scores are as follows:

L Humphreys	160 – 145 – 167 – 170 – 192 – 160
L Young	124 – 158 – 146 – 124 – 153 – 157
J Hendon	123 – 111 – 153 – 141 – 133 – 174
S Cobb	155 – 140 – 125 – 138 – 157 – 132
B Scott	168 – 207 – 170 – 168 – 193 – 169
R Gardner	177 – 148 - - 147
K Young	184 – 176 – 181 – 150 – 180 – 199
S Tidd	221 – 185 – 167 – 156 - 209 – 212
P Punter	128 – 232 – 147 - - 202 – 204
M Green	175 – 157 – 171 – 169

As mentioned the conditions were hard but credit to all as no one gave up and all worked hard for both the team and themselves.

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