

2022-23 Men's League & Knockout Summary

Competition	Winner(s)	Score	Runner(s) Up	Match summary
Men's 2 Wood Singles	Mark Essex	21_18	Jeff Beal	This was a game of the highest standard, befitting a final. At 11 ends the score was 7-7, and then Jeff took control to surge ahead with the score 17-11 after 21 ends, however at this point everything changed with Mark winning 6 out of the next 7 ends to level the scores at 18-18 after 27 ends and then grabbing the 3 shots needed to win 21-18.
Men's Championship Singles	John McGuinness	21_6	Malcom Woodley	John, as he has been over the years was a class above everyone else. Well done to Malcom for reaching the final however John was too strong as he had been in each of the rounds with last years losing finalist, Stephen McAlister, scoring best achieving 13 shots, it was a shame they had to meet 1st round.
Men's H-Cap Singles	Graeme Mason	21_18	Darren Teverson	Another high quality game played at the same time as the 2 wood singles and with the same final score. Darren raced to a 9-2 lead but the next 5 ends were all won by Graeme levelling the scores at 9-9. The next 6 ends were very tight with scores still level at 12-12. Graeme then found another gear and raced to 20-12 but Darren was not finished winning the next 4 ends to get within 2 of Graeme however on the 25th end it was all over. Graeme triumphed 21-18.
Men's Novice Singles	Mark Essex	21_7	Clive Watson	Clive started well & after 3 ends was 5-2 in front however once Mark took control of the mat and shortened the length there was no stopping him. He won the next 9 ends to lead 16-5, Clive got a 2 on the 13th end but sadly for him he was unable to stop Mark scoring the additional 5 shots and the game was over at 16 ends. A high quality display from Mark again. For the novice bowlers out there then the good news is he will no longer be eligible to enter this competition in future.
Men's Plate	Jeff Beal	21_17	Roy Fabry	This is the 1st year we have held a plate event and it has produced some high quality matches, in the final both bowlers played well and the game was very even, at 13 ends the score was 10-10 after which Jeff demonstrated a greater consistency and whilst the game was not won until the 24th end Jeff was always ahead. Overall a great game to watch played in the right spirit.
Men's Nominated Pairs	Mark Essex Kevin super sub Scrace	21_11	Jeff Beal Colin Jones	Mark & Kevin started with a 5 on the 1st end and for the rest of the match they kept this lead and built upon it with Jeff and Colin shaking hands after 16 of the allotted 18 ends. Mark's father Len, had played the previous rounds but was unable to play in the final for health reasons. Kevin performed superbly ensuring Len could enjoy watching rather than playing. Well done all.

Men's Drawn Handicap Pairs	Craig Moran Clive Watson	22_21	Paul McVicar Darren Teverson	For myself and many of the large crowd that were priveleged to see this game, this was the highlight of the weeks finals. It was a game of 3 halves, Craig and Clive raced to an early lead leading 8-0 then a wonder bowl from Darren when 2 down ran the jack to a cluster of his bowls to score 5 and this launched their comeback and in fact they scored 16 shots without reply to lead 16-8 after 10 ends. Craig and Clive then clicked into gear and with a brilliant 4 on the 18th end took the score to 21-21 meaning an extra end was needed to decide the winner. Paul held the shot once the leads finished but Clive managed to push one of Craig's bowls onto the jack to hold one, despite Darrens best efforts he could not find a way to get the shot back. Super performance by all four bowlers especially in light of the fact this was the first season for them all at Desborough and especially for Craig who only started bowling this season.
Men's Nominated Triples	Mark Peachey Kevin Scrace Dave Simpson	23_11	Jeff Beal Clive Behmber Colin Jones	Despite the fact that the 2 teams looked to be evenly matched on paper this was a comprehensive victory for the triple skipped by Dave Simpson, both he and 'super sub' Kevin Scrace bowled extremly well putting Colin Jones under continuous pressure from the 1st end.
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Men's Nominated Fours	Adrew Essex Mark Peachey Mark Essex Kevin Scrace	29_2	Steve Isaacs Chris Bowler Eric Sharp Roland Dreesden	Well done to Roland and his merry band of men for reaching the final, unfortunately for them this was one game too far. Their opposition skipped by Kevin Scrace were just too strong and the teams shook hands after 14 of the allotted 18 ends.
Afternoon 12's League 1H	Windsor Alex	N/A	Gerrards X	Despite the fact the same teams came 1st and 2nd this has been a competitive league. Highlights - performance of UPSTARTS in 2H, Recently promoted did exceptionally well only falling at the last hurdle to miss out on runners up spot by 2pts.
Afternoon 12's League 2H	Windsor Alex	N/A	Gerrards X	
Men's Afternoon League KO	Windsor Alex	19_5	Desborough A	Final score 19-5 a resounding win for Windsor Alex over a lacklustre Desborough A team.
Men's Division 1 League 1H	Greenlaners	N/A	Firecrackers	In the 1H Greenlaners, captained by Bruce Adams, won 11 of the 14 games played and cruised to victory finishing 6 points clear of Firecrackers captained by Paul Worthy. The 2H was a different matter with Firecrackers sealing the win on the last game of the season. Special mention to the New Royals captained by Alan Speller who came 2nd.
Men's Division 1 League 2H	Firecrackers	N/A	New Royals	
Men's Evening League KO	Greenlaners	18_13	Exiles A	At the mid point GREENLANERS looked to be cruising at 11-5 however resilient fight back the gap was only 2 shots with 3 ends to go, GREENLANERS took 3 shots on the 16th end to effectively close EXILES A out.

2022-23 Ladies Indoor League & Knockout Summary

Competition	Winner(s)	Score	Runner(s) Up	Match summary
Ladies 2 Wood Singles	Jacinta Monteiro	21_19	Nicola Jones	Excellent match that went right to the wire, Nicola started the stronger, racing to a 6-1 lead however after 21 ends the scores were tied at 14-14. They then traded blows and despite Nicola moving ahead 18-14 Jacinta finished the stronger and was crowned champion of the 2 wood.
Ladies Championship Singles	Jenny Morgan	21_16	Helen Jones	Jenny, who has been bowling extremely well recently, took her A game into the final. The game was finely balanced after 17 ends with the score 12-10 in favour of Jenny. 5 ends later, following some excellent bowling by both ladies Jenny had forged ahead and was now 18-12 up. Despite a spirited come back by Helen, Jenny held on to triumph 21-16. Great game befitting a final.
Ladies Novice Singles	Marina Bignell	21_4	Susan Page	Unfortunately Susan was not feeling great before the game started and the scoreline reflected that. Not to take it away from Marina who bowled well but I am sure Susan, on another day, would at least given Marina a game.
Ladies H-Cap Singles	Helen Jones	21_10	Nicola Jones	Helen demonstrated why she qualified for the National finals this year with a very strong performance. Despite Nicola's best efforts Helen dominated from the outset with an excellent display of draw bowling. The final result was a win for Helen in 19ends.
Ladies Nominated Pairs	Julie Skelly Helen Jones	16_14	Lorraine Woodley Mary Price	An excellent display from both pairs. Lorraine and Mary recently crowned national champions in the 'old girls pairs' started the stronger but the game was close all the way to the final end. The difference at the end was only 2 shots but it was the 5 picked up by Julie and Helen on the 16th end that was the key to their success.
Ladies Drawn Handicap Pairs	Marina Bignell Nicola Jones	21_11	Helen Payne Tina Scherer	Helen and Tina started brightly but once Marina and Nicola over came the handicap they got better and better. Judging by the noise coming from the ladies they all seemed to have fun but in the end it was Marina and Nicola who came through.
Ladies Nominated Triples	Julie Skelly Lorraine Woodley Mary Price	21_13	Helen Payne Tonie Philpott Nicola Jones	Well done to all the ladies in this triples final, a very credible effort by Nicola, Helen & Tonie saw them 12-10 up after 13ends against 3 of our most experienced ladies who had all been playing in the national finals held at Nottingham, with 2 of the 3 (Mary & Lorraine) crowned national champions in the 'old girls pairs'. However Mary's triple scored heavily over the last 5 ends to triumph 21-13.
Ladies Nominated Fours	Julie Skelly Helen Jones Lorraine Woodley Mary Price	21_12	Tina Scherer Sarah Wooley Tonie Philpott Nicola Jones	With the score after 9 ends 17-3 to the team skipped by Mary Price it looked to be a long night for Nicola and her team HOWEVER they suddenly came to life and over the next 7 ends outscored their opposition 9-4. Sadly, for them, it was not enough to win the game but the team showed great character in not capitulating.
Ladies League 1H	Unbiased Captain Nicola Jones	N/A	Wombelles Captain Mary Price	UNBIASED, captained by Nicola Jones exceeded expectations in the 1H and ran out worthy winners for the first time.
Ladies League 2H	Wombelles Captain Mary Price	N/A	Foxy Ladies Captain Gina Braddock	WOMBELLES, captained by Mary Price, bounced back after a slow start to win the 2H of the ladies league.
Ladies League KO	Foxy Ladies Captain Gina Braddock	N/A	Wombelles Captain Mary Price	Unfortunately a date could not be agreed by the 2 teams for this game and the WOMBELLES had to concede the final. Gina, the captain and her ladies generously agreed to donate 50% of their winnings to the THAMES HOSPICE.

2022-23 Open & Mixed Indoor League & Knockout Summary

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Open Nominated Two Wood Pairs	Andrew Essex Colin Jones	17_10	Keith Roper Mark Essex	This was a high quality game evenly poised until the last 4 ends when Andrew and Colin took 2 big counts of 3 & 4 to safely seal the win.
Open Nominated Two Wood Triples	Helen Jones Andrew Essex Colin Jones	27_12	Wayne Renouf Jacinta Monteiro Clive Watson	Congratulation to Wayne (2nd year indoor bowler), Jacinta and Clive (only joined the club this season) for reaching the final. Unfortunately for them they came up against a very strong trio of Helen, Andrew & Colin who dominated this final from the outset, they went 14-2 ahead after 7 ends but dropped 7 shots over the next 2 ends giving hope to the newer bowlers. Any hopes they had of winning however were blown away as Colin's triple lifted their game to finally win 27-12.
Open Aussie Rules Pairs	Mark Essex John McGuinness	25_9	Andrew Essex Brian Jones	Mark & John raced to a 10 shot lead after only 4 ends which effectively sealed the game. The 2 teams then traded blows for the next 10 ends with Andrew and Brian conceding after 16 ends.
Mixed Nominated Pairs				Final will be played on Sunday 16th April starting at 11am. Marina Bignell & Mark Essex will play Julie Skelly & Colin Jones. Now delayed further with the game stopped after 2 ends due to Marina feeling unwell.
Mixed Nominated Triples	Marina Bignell Andrew Essex Mark Essex	25_3	Pietro Mingolla Julie Beal Jeff Beal	Congratulations to Marina, Andrew and Mark for dominating this match from the outset. The Beal's with a 1st year bowler in Pietro never got started and unfortunately the game was effectively over by the half way point at which time the score was 20-1.
Mixed Nominated Fours	Marina Bignell Jenny Morgan Keith Roper Mark Essex	21_6	Jeff Beal Julie Beal Kim Eales Tim Eales	2 very strong teams, well matched on paper, this promised to be a tight game. Unfortunately that was not the case, Mark Essex's four started very well leading 10-1 after 7 ends Tim's four then scored 4 over the next 2 ends and a comeback looked to be on the cards. However Mark's rink scored 3 on the next end followed by a count of 5 effectively ending the game and Tim conceded after 14 ends.
Friday Lunchtime League	Optimists Captain John Stenson	N/A	Wizards Captain Mark Essex	This league ran through the entire season (26 games) and the winner was only decided in the last round of games. Both teams went into the final round with the same points total however WIZARDS lost out only getting a draw whilst the OPTIMISTS had another big win elevating them to the top.
Friday Lunchtime League KO	Strollers Captain Robert Green	14_13	Wizards Captain Mark Essex	Enthralling game that saw the Wizards skipped by Kevin Scrace steadily move ahead of the Strollers, skipped by Dave Seymour. After 11 ends the Wizards were ahead 13-4 BUT at this point Sid, Jean and Newark & Dave came to life to score 9 shots over the next 3 ends. At 14 ends the scores were level. Some great bowls from the Strollers front end on the last end put them in a strong position and despite the Wizards best efforts they could not get the shot back.
Mid Week Mixed Morning League	Goodies Captain Gill O'Neill	N/A	Seagulls Captain Andy Mayne	This league ran through the entire season, won by the Goodies, under the expert guidance of Gill O'Neill who were comfortable winners of this league.....again. Well done to the SEAGULLS (Andy Mayne) who were 2nd.
Mid Week Mixed Morning League KO	Goodies Captain Gill O'Neill	13_12	Gensec Captain Roger Wyatt	This was a very watchable final with GENSEC quickest out of the blocks and leading 7-4 at the halfway point. The GOODIES however won the next 4 ends to lead 11-7, then GENSEC dug in and won the next 4 ends to lead 12-11 with one end to go. It looked like an extra end would be needed however Gill O'Neill drew in with the last bowl of the match to secure the 2 shots needed to triumph.

Mid Week Mixed Evening League 1H	Starlings	N/A	Goldfinches	Only 2 pts seperated the 2 teams at the top with STARLINGS winning the head to head with GOLDFINCHES.
Mid Week Mixed Evening League 2H	Starlings		Larks	2H went all the way until the last round of games with STARLINGS snatching top spot at the death.