

O55 Inter-County weekend 27/28 February 2010

It was a great weekend for the O55s, winning the Division 1 promotion playoffs against Sussex, Berks and Devon. Although Devon pulled out last thing Friday, I think the best 3 sides were left in.

On Saturday at 1300, Sussex played Berks with Berks winning 3-2 . In the evening at 1700 we played local rivals Sussex. Joe O'Flaherty and Robin Young playing at 5 and 3 respectively got us off to a good start, Joe beating Mike Link of Chichester, a super performance, Joe hardly making a mistake with his dinks and deft cross-court drops, winning 3-0. Robin Young had a hard tussle with Alan Hyde and finally wore him down to win 3-1. Next up were Dave Harris and our new National O60 champion Barry Featherstone. Dave was in the first game but Chris Locke from Chichester was too strong on the day and Dave lost 6-9 0-9 0-9. Barry played Phil Ayton from Brighton, an old adversary, with Barry losing 3-2 after 50 mins, having had 3 match points. That left us 2-2 with Paul Reader to play Ian Graham. Cometh the hour...! The first 2 games were very even 9-7, 7-9 then Paul imposed himself with some tireless running and won the next two 9-2, 9-2 making it 3-2 to Hants

On Sunday it was between us and Berks, winners getting promoted to the Premier division. First on were Dave Harris and Robin Young. Dave better suited to playing 5 string won first game 9-0 with usual drops and lobs. His second game was much the same but then Alan Hall made a fighting comeback, but seemed to be put off by his captain calling out and arguing with the marker. He lost his concentration and Dave went on to win 3-1 making up for his previous loss. On the other court, Robin was under the cosh 2-1 down but with continuous retrieving and some tremendous angles won through 3-2. First first blood to Hants! Next on was Alex Johnstone. Alex has been out for a while and still had a heavily strapped ankle but stepped into the breach at 4 string and was narrowly beaten 3-2 in a up and down game by John Petruschk Next up were the two stalwarts Barry and Paul. Barry had to play Keith Jones who had beaten Phil Ayton on Saturday, so was up against it. With some great tactical play and continuous pressure, Keith could not cope with Barry's variety of shots and Barry won 3-0. Paul Reader had a very tough match against Joe Richardson, who held his hip all through weekend and panted throughout but still managed to play two tough games!!! However Paul showed no mercy and won 3-2 after a hard fought 42mins match

HAMPSHIRE are therefore through to the O55 Premiership division

Many thanks to Chris Wilson and Ginger Welch for marking and good luck and a speedy recovery to Chris with his upcoming operation

Dave Harris

Captain

INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULT SHEET - Men O55

Category	Men O55
Round	Two
Division	
Date	27-28 Feb 2010

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An example of how to fill in is shown below - please delete and fill in

Match 1	SUSSEX	v	BERKSHIRE	Score	Games
	1	Phil Ayton	Keith Jones	1-3	9-3 5-9 8-10 6-9
	2	Ian Graham	Joe Richardson	0-3	7-9 8-10 6-9
	3	Alan Hyde	John Fowler	3-0	9-4 10-9 9-6
	4	Chris Locke	John Petruschk	3-2	6-9 9-6 6-9 9-4 10-9
	5	Dave Bowden	Alan Hall	0-3	5-9 5-9 7-9
			Result	7-16	

Match 2	HAMPSHIRE	v	SUSSEX	Score	Games
	1	Barry Featherstone	Phil Ayton	2-3	9-3 6-9 9-7 8-10 6-9
	2	Paul Reader	Ian Graham	3-1	9-7 7-9 9-2 9-2
	3	Robin Young	Alan Hyde	3-1	9-6 6-9 9-7 9-0
	4	Dave Harris	Chris Locke	0-3	6-9 0-9 0-9
	5	Joe O'Flaherty	Mike Link	3-0	9-6 9-5 10-8
			Result	16-8	

Match 3	HAMPSHIRE	v	BERKSHIRE	Score	Games
	1	Barry Featherstone	Keith Jones	3-0	9-6 9-6 9-4
	2	Paul Reader	Joe Richardson	3-2	9-4 5-9 9-4 3-9 9-3
	3	Robin Young	John Fowler	3-2	9-6 7-9 6-9 9-6 9-1
	4	Alex Johnstone	John Petruschk	2-3	9-7 1-9 9-1 2-9 5-9
	5	Dave Harris	Alan Hall	3-1	9-0 9-2 6-9 9-3
			Result	19-8	

	Final Places	Ties	Points
1	HAMPSHIRE	2	35
2	BERKSHIRE	1	24
3	SUSSEX	0	15
4	DEVON(NO SHOW)	0	0

One point for each game won in a match
 5 bonus points to team winning the tie
 Match = player v player
 Tie = county v county