

Simon And Fern Storm Into Doubles Final

There were some interesting pairings and results in the doubles event of the New Milton Club Annual Tournaments last week. This event is really just a bit of fun before the Tournaments get serious again next week with the main event, the Scratch Singles tournament.

The doubles is a handicap competition, best of three up to 31 with the pairings being drawn out of the hat on the night. The players' handicaps are then averaged to give a handicap for the pairing. With twenty-two players taking part, the eleven pairings were drawn into two groups of four and one of three for the first round-robin.

Brother and sister pairing Simon & Fern Daish (+24) won all of their matches to win their group of four and Malcolm Floyd & Tom Daish (+16) lost just the one to come runners-up.

The formidable combination of Shaun Newcomb & Terry Jenvey (+12) were unbeaten to win their group of four and Gerard Redman & Bill Page dropped just the one to go through as runners-up. Malcolm Douglas and Andrew Daish (+25) came the closest to getting the better of the Newcomb/Jenvey duo but lost out 30-32 in the third end of a nail-biting encounter.

In the only group of three, the Div 3 combo of Bev Scott-Johns & Mick Barry (+17) won both their games to go through as winners and John Parkhouse & Brian Theaker (+21) beat Roy Hobbs & Rhys Jessop (+20) to emerge as runners-up.

The winners and runners-up of each group were drawn into two groups of three for the second round-robin. Newcomb & Jenvey (+12) beat both Scott-Johns & Barry (+17) and Floyd & Daish (+16) to go through to the final. They will meet siblings Simon & Fern Daish (+24) who managed to see off both Parkhouse & Theaker (+21) and Redman & Page (+20) to win their group convincingly.

It is all set up for a fascinating final, due to be played on Monday 6th July. Newcomb won the title with Malcolm Floyd last year and will be eager to reclaim his share in this year's title with Jenvey. However, Simon and Fern Daish's continuing improvement makes their handicap of +24 (up to 31) appear ever more daunting against Newcomb and Jenvey's start of +12.