

## 2024 in retrospect

### Short mat champions

Before the outdoor season got under way the short mat finals saw four winners, with Phil Denny being the star player winning two competitions.



John Smith, Bryan Nicholson, Karen Owen and Phil Denny

## Outdoor Season

### Representing the Country

Joe Vandeppeer (on the left) pictured in Belfast playing for England Juniors (the other players in their four are Harry Duffield from Bromley and Isaac and Imogen Jenner from Appleyard).



Sue Mates carried out her Umpiring duties across the country and internationally.

### Representing the County

Mick Fisher and Steve Wells played for Kent in representative matches. Joe Vandeppeer and Tom Attaway participated in Kent Under 25 fixtures.

Leah Bamford was chosen to represent Kent in Under 25 fixtures, until her work situation took her out of the county. She did however take part in Kent's Amy Rose victory at Leamington.

## County competitions

Pete Foster and Paul Causer reached the Kent finals in the Singles and Unbadged Singles respectively played at West Wickham Bowls Club.

Pete Foster and Jeff Vane reached the Kent finals in the Pairs played at Empire Bowls Club in Greenhithe.

In the Under 25 Pairs Joe Vandeeper with his partner Isaac Jenner (Appleyard) won their finals held on Kent Finals Day played at Birchington Bowls Club.

At the end of July, the ladies of Canterbury only had the Mollie Cleggett trophy to play for in the Counties for 2024. They were through the first rounds having soundly beaten Thanet, narrowly beaten Sellindge, decisively beaten Whitstable, but sadly, despite winning at home, our loss away to Birchington was greater, so the finals eluded us this year and we have had to hand over our Mollie Cleggett crown to another club.

## National Competitions

Chris Dawson and Jeff Vane played their Senior Pairs Area Final against a pair from Sheerness at Kemsley Bowls Club and won and so competed at Leamington Spa in August where they lost narrowly. It was a fine performance to have progressed so far.



Having beaten last year's English Champions (Appleyard), Canterbury A faced Sandwich A at Betteshanger BC on Wednesday 17 July in the Area Final of the National Top Club competition and effectively lost on the final end 2-3. Joe Vandeeper progressed with his partner Isaac Jenner in the Junior Pairs at Leamington, but fell in the second round. Again, it was a fine performance. Leah Bamford was in Kent's victorious Amy Rose team.

## Club Competitions



**Mike Talbot, Deborah Mac Vean and Mike Doyle, winners of the Centenary Cup**



**Robert Green and Pete Foster winners of the Drawn Pairs**



**Mike Cunningham and Paul Causer holding the Mathew and Allen Cups**



**Mike Cunningham, Sue Close and Mervyn Gulvin with the Dickins Trophy**



**Simon Willis** receives the Major Carroll Cup from Captain Mike Cunningham

**Final's Day Winners and Runners-up**

**Winner**

**Men's Singles – Steve Wells**



**Winner**

**Ladies Singles – Yvonne Gambrell**



**Runner Up**

**Men's Singles – Pete Foster**



**Runner Up**

**Ladies Singles – Mandy Catt**





**Winners - Ladies Pairs – Pauline Smith and Karen Owen**



**Runners Up - Ladies Pairs – Sue Close and Yvonne Gambrell**



**Winners - Men's Pairs – Eddie Churchley and Bryan Nicholson**



**Runners Up - Men's Pairs – Darren Ellis and Malcolm Nicholson**



**Winner - Court Cup – Darren Ellis**



**Runner Up – Court Cup – Tom Andrews**



**Winner - Men's 2 Wood – Alan Cornfoot**



**Runner Up - Men's 2 Wood – Paul Causer**



**Winner - Ladies Challenge Cup – Janice Steele**



**Runner up - Ladies Challenge Cup - Deborah MacVean**



**Men's Handicap – Winner - Dixie Duricki**



**Runner Up - Men's Handicap - Tony Dobson**



**Winner - Ladies Handicap – Karen Owen**



**Runner Up - Ladies Handicap - Jane Carey-Harris**



**Winner - Over 65's Cup – Mike Cunningham**



**Runner Up - Over 65's Cup – Dave Todd**





**Winners Mixed Pairs – Yvonne Gambrill and Tony Dobson**



**Runners Up - Mixed Pairs - Mandy Catt and Andy Ferguson**



**Winner - Ladies 2 Wood – Yvonne Gambrill**



**Runner Up - Ladies 2 Wood – June Mitchell**



The Men's season ended with a bang as they came away from Herne Bay as winners of the Bernard Annand Trophy



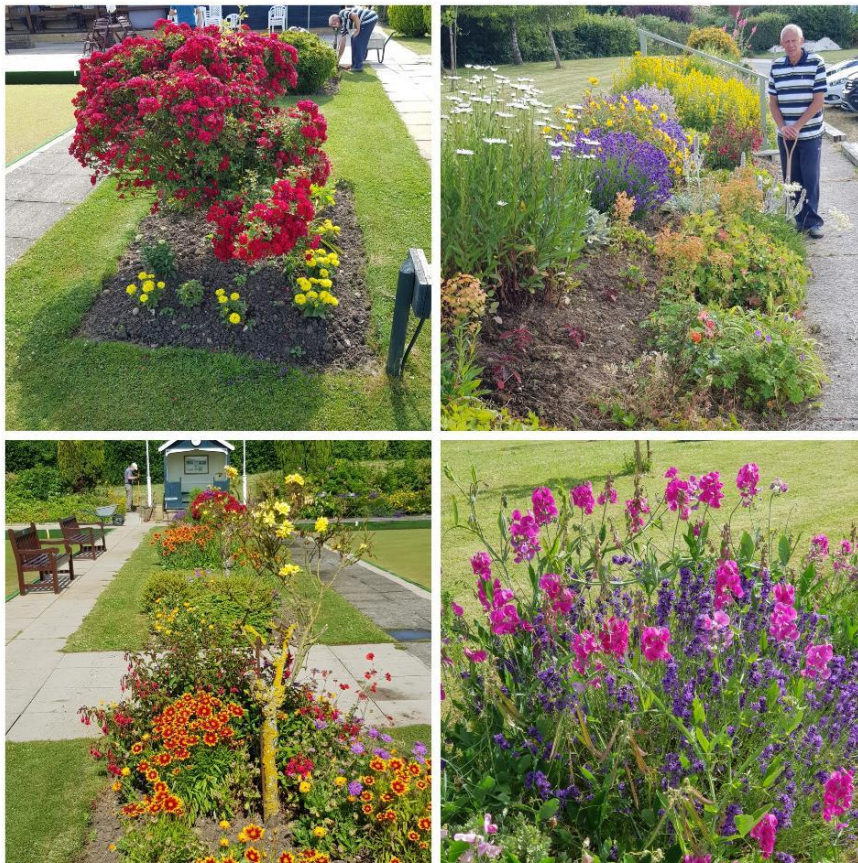
**Tom Attaway, Paul Causer, Dave Todd, Darren Ellis, Mike Cunningham (Captain), Damian Hone, Bryan Nicholson and David Charlton**

Winners and runners-up gathered for the **Celebratory Dinner** hosted by our President, **Sue Close**.



Thanks to Richard Close for many of the excellent photos in the above record of 2024 events.

John Andrews, webmaster, compiled this collection.



**The End**