

## EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 1996 Annual General Meeting held at Exning on June 6th.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the 1995 AGM were read, agreed to be a correct record and signed by the chairman.

The chairman then gave his report - App 1.

The Secretary/Treasurer then presented the accounts, these were accepted by the meeting and signed by the chairman. Mrs Peggy Eke of Shropham, Norfolk was appointed official auditor for the Association.

The league secretary reported that he had experienced considerable difficulty in issuing up to date monthly league tables, as several counties were rather late in sending in results. However the season finished with Suffolk the winners, Cambridgeshire second and Norfolk third.

The out-going committee then resigned and was re-elected en-bloc.

The 1996 County Championship has been moved to September 29th so as not to clash with the English County Fours Championship. There had been a few little niggles about the 1995 Championship which resulted in two letters from Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. For the future it was decided that it is essential scoreboards are provided, seating, which is normally limited, must be shared, and the type and availability of refreshments must be ascertained.

The meeting was then asked to consider the question of eligibility for county teams. The meeting decided thus "That persons who belong to clubs in two counties must annually nominate for which county team they would prefer to play, if picked. This decision to be made on May 1st."

Suffolk then proposed that the scoring of the Eastern Counties League matches should be altered from an available 36 points to a clear 2 points for an overall win, 1 point for a draw and none for an overall loss, i.e. match points rather than game points. The motion was defeated by a majority decision.

The Triples/Four/Pairs/Singles Championships were then discussed. It was decided that the Triples Championships should stay as they are but the other elements would be integrated into a one day tournament. Various suggestions were made and delegates are to return to their own county committees for further discussion. A provisional date of June 22nd 1997 has been made for this tournament. If a formula can be agreed at the next meeting these Championships will be rotated as is the County Championship.

AOB. The treasurer suggested that the £50 entry fee for the County Championship be waived this year, due to the surfeit of funds, this was accepted.

Cambridgeshire requested clarification about the provision of teas etc at league matches. These are to be given upon arrival, cost to be taken from raffle proceeds. It is at a county's own discretion whether further refreshments are provided free of charge or sold.

It was decided to hold another ECCBA meeting on Thursday, September 5th at Linton.

There being no further business, Exning were thanked for their hospitality and the meeting was closed.

The meeting was followed by a league fixture meeting.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 95/96

The 1995 Inter-County Four Championship was held at WARE in Hertfordshire, organised by the Herts Committee, and at this point I would like to thank them for the cordiality and friendliness at this event. This was their first endeavour at staging this competition and congratulations are in order for all concerned.

The overall winners in this Championship were NORFOLK with a total of 44pts and the runners-up Cambridgeshire with 40pts. It was a very popular win, and well deserved by Norfolk who played exceptionally good Carpet Bowls, and will no doubt try very hard to repeat that performance this year.

The Inter-League was won by SUFFOLK with 117 pts and runners-up Cambridgeshire with 109pts. Well done Suffolk! and all Counties not only for competing well, but for giving good hospitality to each other throughout the season, everyone involved is enjoying going to the different venues, and it is now settling into a very good competition.

Bedfordshire are holding the 1996 Six Counties Championship at the PUTTERIDGE CENTRE in Luton on the 29th September 1996, and we will all be looking forward to going. As Herts last year, this is Beds first time for staging this event, and I would like to wish them every success in their organising etc.

In November of 1995 the Six Counties held a meeting at Linton. The main reason being, to try to come to some agreement on playing dates throughout the coming year, in respect, that all the Counties fours, pairs, singles, and all the Inter-County League matches should be played on the same day.

Much to my surprise, all Counties discussed and came to an agreement on all the above as follows: Last Sunday in September will be the SIX COUNTY FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. 3rd Sunday in November )
2. 2nd Sunday in February ( Dates for Singles, Pairs, or Fours every year
3. 2nd Sunday in March )

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The Six Counties Inter-League matches will be played on the following dates for 96/97

24th November 1996	19th January 1997	16th February 1997
	16th March 1997	13th April 1997

The second Sunday in May was agreed to be the day on which each of the Six Counties would play their League Finals.

I would like to thank each individual County for responding in the way that you all have. It is for the benefit of all the Counties for the future of the game, and I can see more regularity measures which will have to be brought in as the game progresses, especially if other Counties start to emerge.

At this time we have a Six County Fours Championship, Six Counties Inter-League Championship and now it is hoped we will have The Six Counties Singles, Pairs, Fours Championship either in a Team Bowl format or in another make-up. This is on the agenda for discussion and commitment later.

My first year as Chairman. I would like to thank Jill, and David for the work that they do, and to all of the County representatives who come to our meetings with good intent and a commitment to further the game of Carpet Bowls.

Ron Amor