

## **Devonshire Trophy – Opening Day Competition 2019**

The Devonshire Trophy Competition took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April in somewhat chilly and breezy conditions. Nevertheless, 42 bowlers braved the elements to start the new season in fine spirit.

The afternoon started with the traditional minute's silence around the flag pole to remember those who are no longer with us and those who are battling illness or injury.



There then followed a 'spider', where members stand around the edge of the green, with one foot in the ditch, and all bowl one wood at the same time to a jack in the centre of the green. After much vocal encouragement of the 42 woods, it was Lynda Chapman who finished closest to the jack and won a bottle of wine in the process.

The games then began. 3 one hour games in total with a short break for lunch. Considering it was the first week of the season, the green was running well, albeit with some quirky lines that challenged everyone at times. Long jacks were interesting and trying to match line and weight on any length jack was at times challenging. Nevertheless, and in spite of the cold, the games were played in good spirit and were enjoyed by all!

At the end of the day, there were two teams who won all of their games. In the runners-up position, with 6pts and a +14 shot difference, was the team of Greg Davis (skip), Sheila Baudains and Russell Eyre. But top of the podium for the first competition of the season, with 6pts and +29, was the team of Sue Cockle (skip), Paul Whelan and Keith Chapman.

Well done to all who took part and to all those who helped to make the day a success.

