

## **ANOTHER MIDDLETON CUP SUCCESS**

Bowls Hampshire continued their good form on Saturday in the Middleton Cup by repeating last week's win of 18 points to 4 this time beating Sussex CBA by 133 shots to 105 at Worthing Pavilion BC.

With a couple of positional changes in the team Hampshire finally managed to start a match well and after 5 ends were 8 up overall but with just a couple of shots difference on most rinks. The next 5 ends were very similar and we reached the half way stage leading by 60 shots to 45 and ahead on 4 of the rinks.

The next 5 ends saw big shot gains by both rinks of Leo May and Russell Morgan picking up 8 and 12 respectively but things were not quite so successful for the four skipped by Paul May who were having 'one of those afternoons' and all agreed there was no point in doing the lottery later that evening....

However the overall position was looking good, and with a 15 shot lead it was hopefully just a question of how many points we would score with 3 of the rinks only up or down by 2 or 3 shots.

The last stage of the match saw another push from Hampshire and the lead rose again to 18 shots at 18 ends with Peter Ward's rink adding 7. Another good final three ends across the green saw Hampshire gain a further 10 shots and run out comfortable winners, winning on 4 rinks, and coming very close on Chris Daniels' rink.

Skip's scores were as follows:

Leo May	22 - 19
Peter Ward	26 - 12
Chris Daniels	19 - 21
Richard Shelley	26 - 19
Paul May	16 - 19
Russell Morgan	24 - 15

So after 2 matches and 2 wins and with 36 points we are in a great position ahead of the big match next Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, when we travel to Canterbury to face Kent in what many will see as the group decider....