

## Seniors Report - October 2010

We played against **Essex** at North Middlesex, 4 x 4BBB, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We lost 3 and won 1 (Pattie Barratt and Gerry Archer). The ladies we played against were very low handicappers, and so the result was almost predictable. Sadly, Essex Seniors have indicated that they may drop this friendly fixture in preference for competitive singles matches against the other counties in their new group\*\*. North Middlesex catered for us very well with quiche salad and loads of chips! At least three of the number had indicated that they could not eat sandwiches. (\*\*We should know their intentions after their meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.)

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July we played **Surrey** away at Windlesham, seven singles. Pattie Barratt stepped in to captain the team at short notice, and managed to win her match. In spite of difficulties travelling, and a last minute reserve having to be found (Christine Gerson), the team played valiantly but lost 6/1.

Finally, we played **Buckinghamshire** away at Beaconsfield on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, seven Greensomes matches. Having to find 14 women is not always the easiest task, but I'm pleased to report that we all safely made it in spite of road closures en route that morning. I'm even more pleased to report that Middlesex won the match 4-3.

The **Seniors Summer Meeting** at Wyke Green on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August went very well on a brilliantly sunny day. The generosity and help before and during the day from Wyke Green was comprehensive, and very much appreciated. The winners of the Hume Goblets were Mary Wilson (Crews Hill) and Pattie Barratt (Pinner Hill). We had 44 players in all - down from last year.

The team for the **Inter County Championship** on 21st September at Theydon Bois was Lulu Housman, Mary Wilson, Anne Koychev and Christine Phillips. They played so very well on a difficult course, finishing with the same score as Sussex and Bucks thanks particularly to Lulu's amazing score of 76 - four better than the next player. When you take into account the quality of the field, the high scores demonstrate how difficult ALL players found the course. Unfortunately we lost out on count back finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of the 9 counties but it was a truly magnificent result for us. Sussex were first, and Bucks second.

Next year the competition will be held at Frilford Heath on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to all the players who represented the county in the Seniors events this year, and to all the other members of the executive for their assistance in making my first year as Seniors Organiser so enjoyable.

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