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A team from Minehead Bowls club travelled to Taunton Deane on Wednesday 30th March for an indoor friendly match. B Matthews, J Brooks, J Dawson from Minehead beat P Luscombe, G Pumley, R Duncan and R Jones 26:15

R Caddy, R Ball, P Matthews, M Stapleton from Minehead lost 12:31 against M Duncan, M Reeves, T Donaldson and D Trump K Hooper V Welch & G Hooper for Minehead lost 14:21 against M Horton, A Wilson, T Hardman & D Horton. 12:21. Minehead loosing overall by 15 shots (67:52)

A new competition was launched this year, in memory of John Campbell a valued member of Minehead Bowls club who sadly died prematurely last April. 16 teams from Minehead, Porlock, Watchet and Williton entered the early knockout rounds of mixed rinks over the weekend of 19th and 20th March with four teams going forward to the semi-final & finals held Sunday 3rd April. Two convincing wins in the semi-final saw the Watchet team consisting of A Trunks, R Groves, D Hyngard and J Groves meet the Minehead team of R Ware, I Bullock, T Morgan and M Palmer. Minehead gallantly tried to narrow Watchet’s lead with a few high scoring ends towards the end of the match but it wasn’t enough to catch Watchet winning 19:11.

This inaugural competition has been a huge success; bringing together the local clubs, raising a total £500 and whilst it did bring a few tears for a sorely missed club member; the weekend will be remembered for the many great games of bowls with an exceptional amount of fun and laughter; undoubtedly a fitting tribute to competitions namesake; John Campbell: rest in peace .

PHotos

Runners up from Minehead : From left to right: R Ware, I Bullock, T Morgan (competition organiser), Val Welsh (club president), M Palmer

Winner from Watchet: From let to right: D Hyngard, T Morgan (competition organiser), I Trunks, Val Welsh (Club President), R Groves, J Groves

Four semifinalists of the John Campbell competition: from Watchet, Porlock & Minehead