

HOME COUNTIES I.B.A. FINALS 2016 on Sunday 30th October

HELD AT Prince Arthur IBC Gillingham Kent

On Hampshire's return to the Home Counties IBA we were represented in the four disciplines by our County Championship Winners of 2016, and all four progressed through to Finals day

With an early start the Semi Finals got under way promptly at 10:00

In the Singles Adam White cruised through 21- 2 against Ernie Smith (Kent)

In the Pairs Geraint Jones & Gary Lovett, were involved in a tight game winning on the last end with the last bowl 19-18 against Lou Johnman & John Geeves (Middlesex)

Not much went the way of David & Rob Bines along with Mick Slade in the Triples where they came up against a formidable trio in the shape of Paul Murray, Martin Coles & Bradley Coles and although heads were tight the Middlesex trio came out on top each time winning 22-5, and went on to win the Final

In the Fours, the Hampshire quartet of Duncan Rogers, Dave Rice, Steve Shaw and Trevor Morgan were trailing all the way through till the 18th end, and finished the game all square, forcing an extra end which they won 21-20. Opponents were Jack Seagrave, Gary Taylor, Andy Beaumont & Barry Jenkins (Surrey)

In the Finals, three eagerly contested events by the Hampshire guys but we could only muster second place.

Adam White went down 14-21 to John Wilson (Surrey)

Geraint Jones & Gary Lovett lost 22-13, to Sean Gingell & Steve Touhy (Surrey)

Duncan Rogers, Dave Rice, Steve & Trevor Morgan, were once again involved in an extra end in their game, but this time lost out to L Ereira, A Catherall, J King & J Ereira (Kent)

Nevertheless, a good showing in Hampshire's return to this competition, and despite the result, all players are to be congratulated on their achievement in reaching the Final Stages