



CAPITAL WINGS



Roll up, roll up! It's the Inter-Regional Bowling Competition again. Held annually, this time on Sunday 26th April. Capital, Broadlands and Kent members came together to do the battle of the bowls.

Chris, Jo, Carl, Tara, Yetti and Ginny met up at the Premier Inn Rochester on the Saturday before the bowling match to have a few beers and some grub. They also met up with a few from Kent and Broadlands who stayed at the hotel as well. As always, the Moles were the last ones out of the bar.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny with Carl and Tara the only ones on a Wing. After breakfast, it was a short stroll to The Hollywood Bowl to catch up with all the Broadland's members and the Kent lot, including Ann. It was great to see her so soon after Peter's death. Also there were our Rowe family members - Elaine, Aaron and Leah - who made up the Capital teams as they have been doing for quite a few years.

Everyone was having fun with strikes or missing the skittles altogether and then the only way to describe it is, a Dam Busters manoeuvre: boom, bounce, bounce again and then in the gutter. Don't know what Jason from Kent was trying to do but he certainly got noticed.

After two games for each team, the results were that the Moles had:

- Won Men's highest score - Aaron
- Won Women's highest score - Leah
- Won most strikes - Aaron
- Won Men's team highest score
- Won Women's team highest score
- Won highest combined regional score, and
- Won Region's Individual lowest score - Jo.

Here is the evidence of a good day.



'Winning Women's Team'



'Capital the Victors'



'Aaron's Delight'



'Jo is bowled over'

After all that, Ginny went on a winning streak having the first three ticket numbers drawn in the raffle. They did say to redraw the third one again! Luckily the rest of the prizes were won by members of all three Regions.

Huge thanks go to Kent for the organisation and not forgetting Broadlands the other regional participant. It was a good weekend and an event that we must keep alive.

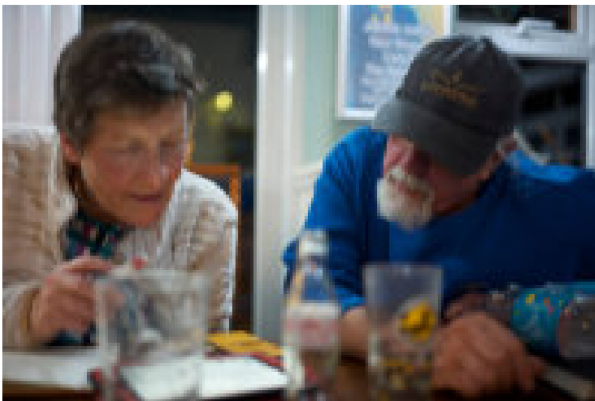
It will be Capital's turn next year to organise the event, and it looks like it will be the bowling alley in Maldon, Essex.

Yetti says a Well Done! to everyone. A clean sweep for Capital, which must be our first time ever.

Oh yes and not forgetting Jason who got something special: "The Barnes Wallis Award"
!!!



'Jason's Bouncing Balloon'



'Wingspan Reporters in Action'

My thanks go to Yetti and Ginny for providing the write-up on the bowling event as we were away on holiday. I had to check a couple of facts with Yetti and whilst doing so, a sneaky photograph was taken.

Finally, we were all very sad to hear the news that Peter Fisher from Kent Region had passed away on 23rd April. He was a great ambassador for our Club and was always ready to help others. We all have many great memories of him at Wing Dings, Treffens and other Goldwing events. Here's a happy photograph of Peter and Ann with Goldwing friends in a tram in Prague on the way to a celebration medieval feast for his 60th birthday.



Our love and thoughts go out to Ann, Steve and Paul and to all Peter's family.

He will be missed by so many.

Ride free Peter, 'til we all meet again.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash