



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report

Friday 11th January 2008

So we are finally here at the half-way point in the season and ready to try and turn our fortunes around.

The first set was fairly well matched with like for like scores from both us and The Fortyniners, until Lee from our side had a couple of rough hands and got a less than average score of 29. P. Kinsley of the Fortyniners had a good game overall which started well with a good 14 spare. Alas this was short lived when he suffered with a v/c on his second hand. But he went on to score a good 41. We drifted out to sea a little with a deficit of 9 pins at the end of the set and losing 2 valuable points. Could this be a repeat of the first game of the season where we only scored 4 points, even when they were two players short? Onto the second set. I think the cavalry must have arrived with this set when Steve C. aka 'Granddad' played a superb hand with 2 spares over the set with scores of 10 and 12 respectively. This powered him on to an excellent overall score of 49 - our highest score of the night (Well done). He was supported in this victory with Doug also hitting a good 10 spare to power him onto a good score of 42. Not to be out done Dixie also had a good spare, this time his was a good one of 12. He went on to power through with a score of 48 - one pin short of Steve. V. Brooks of the Fortyniners tried in vain to salvage what he could to score 38, with J. Snelling trying to catch up with a score of 30. Alas for the Fortyniners this was not enough to win the set. We on the other hand smashed to a victory of 45 pins which now gave us the upper hand of being 36 pins up - almost unheard of for us! Into the third set with tensions running high. Kev fought well to score a good 42 without a spare so well done to him, John tried to emulate his score but fell slightly short with 38. T. Jarvis of the Fortyniners just could not hold on so just skittled to a good 41. He was valiantly supported by J. Link and J. Gebler but this was not enough so they lost 5 pins on the set to give us a fantastic 41 pin lead to go into the final set. I think that something must've been done to the heating or put in the sandwiches, the pins and balls had cooled so decided not to fall for us during this set. Dave tried to keep it alive with a good score of 44 without a spare. The Fortyniners caught us napping (literally!), they all scored over 40! M. Southwood hit a good 42 without a spare; this was followed up by J. Main smashing through with a good 14 spare to hit their teams' highest score of 45. Not to be outdone, A. Wright supported with 44 without a spare. The Fortyniners slashed our lead by winning the final set by 21 pins to get their other 2 points to give us a much needed win with 21 pins overall on the game and 10 most welcome points.