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Match Report Wednesday 30th November 2011

Playing a Wednesday match is never very easy, but alas The Gatecrashers home night was a Wednesday, so we had to do what we always do and that is to try and play to the best of our ability. Did it bear fruit? Or would the match go the same way as many of our earlier matches of this season have gone?

Playing first was Andy M., Doug and Dixie. The set began fairly well with us hitting 22 down. It did go downhill a little from there, but then picked up again on the final hand when Andy M. hit a 12 spare which gave him a set total of 38. Dixie also got a spare on his final hand, but alas it was only a 9 spare. He also scored 38 for this set. The breakdown for this set was a 2, three 4's, a 5, three 6's, four 7's, three 8's, two 9's including the 9 spare and a 12 spare. The other player total for this set was 43 and the set total was 119. The Gatecrashers played a fairly consistent set with them hitting 7's. We thought that they would romp home with the set when S. Farr hit a good 12 spare on his fifth hand. It was thanks to this that he hit a set total of 42. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, seven 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. The player totals for this set were two 42's and 35 which also gave them a total of 119. We had drawn the set which meant that we both had a single point on the board, this meant that the match and a potential win was still on the cards.

The second set consisted of Paul, John C. and Grandad. The set seemed to flow a little better because we managed to hit five 8's. Alas there were no spares for us on this set, but we still played on. Our breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, seven 5's, a 7, five 8's and two 9's which gave us player totals of 31, 36 and 43 and a set total of just 110. The Gatecrashers seemed not to put a ball wrong on this set with a good mix of 7's and 8's. Once more they didn't manage a spare either. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, five 6's, six 7's and five 8's which gave them player totals of 40, 39 and 41, giving them a set total of 120. Alas they had won the set by 10 pins which meant that they were now ahead by two points and 10 pins. Things now were not looking too good.

The third set consisted of Kojak, Neil and Andy G. We seemed to lose a little focus during the set with a few 2's being hit, which never looks good in any match, especially when we are trailing behind so early in the game. Kojak did up the ante a little when he hit an excellent 15 spare on his second hand. Well done to him on that, but alas it didn't get him close to our highest score. This was to come in the final set. Our breakdown for this set was four 2's, two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, two 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 15 spare. The player totals for this set were 35, 32 and 35. The Gatecrashers did seem to have better luck on the face of things because J. A. Lippiatt also hit a 15 spare on his second hand which gave him their first of two highest scores for the match of 46. The other was to come in the final set. They did, however, suffer a slight setback when one of their players hit a V/C which is not always a good thing in a match such as this. Their breakdown for this set was the V/C, two 3's, two 4's, a 5, six 6's, two 7's, three 8's and the 15 spare. Their player totals for this set were 29, 46 and 33. Their set total was 108 which meant that they had won this set as well by 6 pins. They were romping away with the points and pin profit.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Grant and Captain Woody. The scores on this set were fairly mid range consisting of a mix of 6's and 7's with a couple of 8's thrown in to make it



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interesting. Captain Woody kept plugging away at the pins and hit an excellent 12 spare on his fifth hand which gave him our highest score of the night of 45 so well done to him. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 4's, three 5's, five 6's, four 7's, two 8's and the 12 spare. Our player totals were 32, 34 and 45 and our set total was 111. The Gatecrashers seemed to storm the party by hitting a couple of 8's and 9's. M. Vaughn also hit a good 15 spare on his third hand to give The Gatecrashers their second highest score of the night of 46, so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, a 5, three 6's, six 7's, two 8's two 9's and the 15 spare. The other player totals for this set were 38 and 40 which gave them a set total of 124. They had won this set by 13 pins. The overall match totals were 471 to The Gatecrashers and 442 to us. We had lost the match by a disappointing 29 pins and had won 13 out of the available 14 points. As far as the points go, this has been our worst season yet because on previous matches that we had lost we had gained at least 2 points per match.

Oh well, such is life. We will just have to put this behind us and move on to our next match which thankfully will be back on a Friday, against The Box Tops on our home alley. Let's hope we can re-group, move on and get another much needed victory on that match. Call back next week and see how we fare.