



NEW MILTON BOWLING CLUB

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New Milton Bowlers win the Mitchells Shield

On a pleasant sunny day on 23rd June, over 60 players participated in New Milton Bowling Club's annual event – the Mitchells Shield, open to all Clubs.

Sponsored by Mitchells Estate Agent this has been a regular event in the Bowling Clubs Calendar for 6 years. Explains Tony Prince Club Captain, who organised the day “This is a mixed pairs competition open to all clubs in the area. Each year the numbers grow and this year with 32 mixed pairs it is the most we have had”

The competition received entries from clubs in the Bournemouth and New Forest leaguesincluding a pair from as far afield as Bracknell.

The morning was sunny and warm and started with a series of 3 games per pairs. By late morning this was whittled down to the last quarter finalists. Lunch was then provided for players and guests and the afternoon sunshine greeted the quarter, semi and finals of the day, The quality of the bowling and the support of the visitors all added to a fun and exciting day.

The Final was a win for the New Milton pairing of Ray Whitlock and Karen Coller. The picture shows the winners receiving the Mitchells Shield and the prize money from the Club Captain and Maureen Clark Club President. And this year the runners up were also from New Milton Bowling Club, Bob Ward and Chris May, shown in the picture. This was particularly rewarding for the Club as it celebrates its 100 Anniversary this year.

New Milton Club boasts two greens allowing for so many playing and the clubhouse facilities allowed for all day catering and drinks, which was very welcome on such a lovely summers day. “A great day had by all” was the general feeling of those participating and watching.

The Mitchells Shield Pairs competition will be organised again next year, open to all clubs.

