

## THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Alan Tasker (blue top) v Neil Bennett (black top)

**Game 1.** This is the first time that Club Championships has been played under point a rally (PAR) scoring. However the two finalists are again, Alan Tasker and Neil Bennett. Alan won the spin and Neil started well by taking the first rally and putting the first & second points on the board. Both players traded points to go to 4 -2, before Alan took a brace of points to level the game at 4-4.

Again trading points to go to 6 all, this time Alan edged ahead to go to 8-6. The rallies getting longer as both players eased into the match. Some great retrieves and tight deep drives until Neil levelled again at 8 all. Alan then took the next three points to close out the first game 11-8.

**Game 2.** Alan to serve and Neil again, won the first two points and pushed into a 3-1 lead. Alan then, turned the game around, winning the next four points to go 5-3 up. Neil dug deep to stop the flow of points and levelled at 5 all. Like the first game the balance and the game levelled at 6 all.

Alan then stepped on the gas and won the next four points and 10-6 game ball. Neil rallied and held Alan saving two game points to rally to 10-8, before Alan was able to close out the game at 11-8.

**Game 3.** The pattern of play followed the previous two games Neil going 3-1 up before Alan levelled at 3 all. Neil pushed on to 5-3. Alan was attacking Neil's backhand, putting him under real pressure and taking advantage of the openings this created; levelling the game and pushing on into an 8-5 lead, winning 5 points in a row. Neil turned the play and wrestled back the next three points to level the game at 8 all. Alan again took charge winning the next two points to go to 10-8 and match ball. Neil won the next rally to save a match point and go to 9-10, before Alan closed out the Match at 11-9.

**Alan Tasker Won 3-0: 11-8, 11-8, 11-9**

