

2025 SEASON MATCH REPORT

In the 2025 season, we won 22 matches (including 1 conceded), drew 2 and lost 20.

Two of our teams won their blocks but, regrettably, both lost their semi-final match.

On September 5th, the AC Intermediate team (Mike Balch, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Wall and Judith Hutton) played their semi-final away at Camerton & Peasedown and lost 3-4.

The GC High Handicap semi-final, was held at Taunton on September 2nd.

Taunton's Team A (Christine Jones, Sue Speller, Phil Wight, Tony Stone, Angela Hendry and Christine Smith) lost 10-11 to Bude having come back from 1-9 at lunchtime.

It was a very exciting match with Taunton needing to win all four of the last round singles in order to draw 10-10. Christine Jones ran hoop 13 from the boundary to force the play-off doubles game.

Bude won this game 7-5 to go through to meet Broadwas in the final.

Christine Jones reduced her handicap.

Autumn Tournament for Taunton Deane GC High Handicappers Saturday 6 September 2025

12 players competed on a lovely sunny day, with the lawns looking really good.

In the final, Beverley Tapper defeated Mark Atlay to win the bottle of bubbly.



AUGUST MATCH REPORT

On Sunday August 31st the GC Level Play team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Tim Jolliff, Neil Fillery, Martin Wicks, Mike Balch) played away at Nailsea and lost 9-11.

On Friday August 29th the AC Federation team (Dave Pennack, Stephen Custance-Baker, Lloyd Kimber, Lorne Loxterkamp) played at home against Sidmouth and won 5-2.

On Thursday August 21st the AC Federation team (Dave Pennack, Martin Wicks, Anthony Myers and Judith Hutton) played away at East Dorset and lost 3-4.

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On Monday August 18th the GC Level Play 5+ team (Sue Custance-Baker, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Lusk, Dave Wall, Judith Hutton and Tony Stone) played at home against Winterborne Valley and won 14½ -5½.

On Friday August 15th the Short Croquet B team (Anthony Myers, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Pennack, Mike Balch) played at home against Lym Valley and won 11-5.

On Thursday August 14th the GC Level Play team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Tim Jolliff, Neil Fillery, Steve Beer and Martin Wicks) played away at Bristol and lost 4-16.

On Monday August 11th the Short Croquet Team A (Martin Wicks, Stephen Custance-Baker, Dave Wall and Gordon Butler) played Budleigh at home but lost 5-11.

On Monday August 4th the GC Level Play team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Tim Jolliff, Neil Fillery, David Jones and Mike Balch) played Budleigh at home and lost 4-16.

On Sunday August 3rd the GC High Handicap B team (Beverley Tapper, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Margaret Adams, Kathryn Pugh) played away at Weston-super-Mare and won 12-8.

On Saturday August 2nd the AC Intermediate team (Mike Balch, Judith Hutton, Dave Wall) played Budleigh at home and won 4-1.

JULY MATCH REPORT

On Thursday July 31st the GC Level Play team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Tim Jolliff, Steve Beer, Martin Wicks and Mike Balch) played away at Bath and won 14-6.

(Martin reduced his handicap to 2)

On Wednesday July 30th the GC Level Play 5+ team (Sue Custance-Baker, Dave Wall, Lorne Loxterkamp, Tony Stone, Judith Hutton and Dave Lusk) played away at Dowlish Wake and drew 10-10.

On Sunday July 27th the GC High Handicap A team (Christine Jones, Sue Speller, Phil Wight, Judith Hutton, Angela Hendry, Natasha Smith) played away at Weston-super-Mare and won 16-4.

On Friday July 25th the GC High Handicap B team (Beverley Tapper, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Margaret Adams, Kathryn Pugh) played at home against Dowlish Wake and drew 10-10.

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On Thursday July 24th the Intermediate team (Lorne Loxterkamp, Mike Balch, Judith Hutton, Dave Wall) played away at East Dorset and lost 3-4.

On Monday July 21st the Short Croquet Open B team (Anthony Myers, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Pennack, Mike Balch) played away at Budleigh and lost 4-12.

On Wednesday July 16th the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Lorne Loxterkamp, Sue Speller, Tony Stone, Gordon Butler, Andy Bennett) played away at Budleigh and won 11-9.

On Wednesday July 9th the GC High Handicap A team (Christine Jones, Sue Speller, Natasha Smith, Phil Wight, Angela Hendry, Christine Smith) played away at Dowlish Wake and lost 8-12.

(Phil Wight reduced his handicap.)

On Monday July 7th the GC High Handicap B team (Sue Custance-Baker (NPC), Andy Bennett, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Kathryn Pugh) played at home against Weston-super-Mare and won 10½-9½.

On Friday July 4th the Intermediate team (Sue Baker, Anthony Myers, Judith Hutton and Dave Wall) played at home against East Dorset and won 4-3.

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(Phil Wight reduced his handicap.)

On Monday July 7th the GC High Handicap B team (Sue Custance-Baker (NPC), Andy Bennett, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Kathryn Pugh) played at home against Weston-super-Mare and won 10½-9½.

On Friday July 4th the Intermediate team (Sue Baker, Anthony Myers, Judith Hutton and Dave Wall) played at home against East Dorset and won 4-3.

JUNE MATCH REPORT

On Monday June 30th the GC Level Play 5+ team (Sue Custance-Baker, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Wall, Tony Stone, Judith Hutton and Beverley Tapper) played at home against Budleigh Salterton and lost 8-12.

On Wednesday June 25th the GC High Handicap A team (Christine Jones, Gordon Butler, Sue Speller, Christine Smith, Angela Hendry, Phil Wight, Natasha Smith) played at home against Dowlish Wake and won 16-4.

On Wednesday June 25th the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Lorne Loxterkamp, Sue Custance-Baker, Tony Stone and Andy Bennett) lost away at Swanage 9-11.

(Tony Stone reduced his handicap.)

On Monday June 23rd the Federation team (Martin Wicks, Lorne Loxterkamp, Anthony Myers and Judith Hutton) played at home against Winterborne Valley and won 3-2.

On Friday June 20th the Intermediate team (Lorne Loxterkamp, Anthony Myers, Judith Hutton and Dave Wall) played away at Budleigh and won 4-3.

(Anthony Myers reduced his handicap.)

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On Thursday June 19th the SC A team (Martin Wicks, Stephen Custance-Baker, Dave Lusk and Dave Wall) played away at Lym Valley and won 12-4.

(Stephen Custance-Baker and Dave Lusk both reduced their handicaps.)

On Friday June 13th the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Lusk, Tony Stone and Sue Speller) played at home against Dowlish Wake and won 12-8.

On a rain-soaked Saturday June 7th, The SC A team (Martin Wicks, Stephen Custance-Baker, Dave Wall and Gordon Butler) took on the SC B team (Anthony Myers, Dave Pennack, Mike Balch and Sue Custance-Baker).

The Short Croquet A team won 10 – 6.

On Friday June 6th, the GC Level Play team (Stephen Custance-Baker, David Jones, Steve Beer, Lloyd Kimber, Martin Wicks) played at home against Dowlish Wake and won 12-8.

On Wednesday June 4th, the GC High Handicap B team (Beverley Tapper, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Andy Bennett, Kaye Inglis and Kathryn Pugh) played away at Dowlish Wake and lost 6-14.

MAY MATCH REPORT

Our teams have met with mixed success this month.

On Friday May 23rd, the GC High Handicap B team (Beverley Tapper, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Margaret Adams and Kathryn Pugh) played the GC High Handicap A team (Christine Jones, Sue Speller, Sue Baker, Angela Hendry and David Hingston) and lost 7-13.

On Monday May 19th, the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Lorne Loxterkamp, Tony Stone, Gordon Butler, Andy Bennett) played Swanage at home and lost 7-13.

On Friday May 16th, the GC High Handicap A team (Christine Jones, Gordon Butler, Sue Speller, Christine Smith, Angela Hendry and Natasha Smith) played the GC High Handicap B team (Beverley Tapper, Paul Ridge, John Warren, Angela Horseman, Kaye Inglis, Margaret Adams and Kathryn Pugh) and won 16-4.

On Wednesday May 14th, the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Lusk, Tony Stone, Andy Bennett) went to Dowlish Wake and lost 7-13.

On Tuesday May 6th, the GC Level Play 5+ team (Sue Custance-Baker, Lorne Loxterkamp, Dave Lusk, Judith Hutton, Tony Stone, Andy Bennett) went to Sidmouth and won 15 – 5.

APRIL MATCH REPORT

On Tuesday April 15th, the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Dave Lusk, Tony Stone, Sue Custance-Baker, Andy Bennett, Gordon Butler) went to Budleigh to play our first ever Advantage GC match.

Unfortunately, the match had to be abandoned with the match score at 9-7 to Budleigh because the weather was so awful that the lawns were under water. The League Rules state that in such a case the captains should try to arrange to play the remaining games, if possible. This match was completed on July 29th, with Budleigh eventually winning 11-9.

On Friday April 25th, The AC Federation team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Lloyd Kimber, Lorne Loxterkamp and Anthony Myers) went to Budleigh and won 4 – 3 in chilly but dry conditions.