

## **Over 55 2017/18 Season**

### **Team Captain Report**

This year's O55s consisted of a mixture of ages covering the O55s to O65s range

The players used for the season:

Ladies: Mandy Holland, Viv Gillard, Pam Lee, Andi Stretch, Lorene Roberts,

Mair Dew, Sue Crompton, Annette Baker, Barbara Childs

Men: Paul Kirby, Peter Moseley, Neil Baker, Ross Ranson, Jim Ngyutin, Gary Webb,

George Joseph (Capt)

**Recommended for Essex County Colours - Mandy Holland and Neil Baker**

### **MCC – Masters County Championship**

During the season the O55s had to play against their counterparts from Bucks, Herts and Suffolk, in the Eastern Division. Having comfortably won the Division, the Team faced an unknown Sussex in the Play –off to represent the South East at the National Finals. Essex O55 won 8-4. A special thanks goes to Sue Crompton who played for the O50s and then for the O55s, on the day,

Two weeks later the Team faced Nottinghamshire on the Saturday semi-final, which they won 10-2. This set up a gripping Sunday final against a strong Yorkshire side.

It was all square at four rubbers apiece, going into the final section of the match – the Mix. After an initial close three setter, Essex came out on top, winning the Final 8-4. Essex had become the 2017/18 O55 National Champions.

### **MCC – Masters County Challenge**

Having been relegated from the Premier Division in 2016/17, Essex had to travel to Eastleigh in Hampshire, to play this year's January weekender. There they faced the O55s from Devon, Kent, Middlesex and Somerset.

Over the weekend Essex played 8, won 8 and only dropped 1 rubber and out 32.

The O55s, are now back in the Premier, for the 2018/19 season.