



Tournament Report

EUROPEAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just Like Old Times as England Take All the Glory

IT was just like old times for me meeting officials and players from some of the teams. The likes of Roy Peacock, Bob Jack, Amadeu Gil da Rocha, Mary and Peter Price, Catherine Poppo, Nicky Brett, Jim Baker and Betty Morgan certainly helped me to roll back the years.

In the finish it was England who took both honours, winning the team trophy and the individual section.

The England team of Mo Monkton, Catherine Poppo, Nicky Brett and Simon Skelton finished 16 points clear of defending champions Scotland to win the title for the second time, and Catherine Poppo became the first player to retain the individual crown, having won it in Portugal two years ago.

The biennial championships featured 12 teams from European countries, plus two 'select' teams. The format was men's and women's singles and mixed pairs, all

Below: *England with the European mixed team championship trophy (left to right) Simon Skelton, Nicky Brett, Catherine Poppo and Mo Monkton, with European Bowls Union president Amadeu Gil da Rocha looking on.*

THE European mixed team championships were staged at the Athena Beach complex in Cyprus and sponsored by Constantinou Bros Hotels. It was the first time that a major bowls championship had been staged on the island and covering the event was former Bowls International editor **Chris Mills**, who now lives there.

how they finished

1 England 230 pts; 2 Scotland 214; 3 Spain 198; 4 Wales 184; 5 Ireland & Israel 168; 7 Jersey 160; 8 Netherlands 126; 9 Cyprus 120; 10 President's Select 102; 11 Portugal 96; 12 Guernsey 80; 13 European Select 74; 14 Isle of Man 66.

INDIVIDUAL

1 Catherine Poppo (England) 61 pts; 2 Iain McLean (Scotland) 59; 3 Lynn Stein (Scotland) 58; 4 Nicky Brett (England) & Simon Skelton (England) 57; 6 Mo Monkton (England) & Nick Cole (Spain) 55; 8 Pam Cole (Spain), Jim Baker (Ireland) & David Axon (Wales) 53; 11 Grant Logan (Scotland) 50.
12 Betty Morgan (Wales), Debbie Bell (Ireland), Caroline Brown (Scotland) 47; 15 Lindsey Greechan (Jersey), Haviv Takin (Israel) 46; 17 Irit Grencel (Israel), Jamie MacDonald (Jersey), Robert Horgan (Wales) 44; 20 Maggie Lawley (Spain) 42; 21 Guurtje Ros-Copier (Netherlands) 41; 22 Ann Sutherland (Wales), Beverly Polatinsky (Israel) 40; 24 Mandy Cunningham (Ireland)

39; 25 Colin Silberstein (Israel), Jackie Breslin (Spain) 38; 27 Chris Gimes (Jersey), Thomas Greechan (Jersey) 35; 29 Garry Collins (President's Select) 34; 30 Michael Weerdenburg (Netherlands), Gerry Jones (Portugal), Linda Ryan (Cyprus) 33; 33 Sol Robertson (Cyprus) 32; 34 Tom Owen (Cyprus) 31; 35 Ineke Nagtegaal (Netherlands) 30; 36 Myles Greenfield (Ireland) 29; 37 Stewart Banks (Portugal) 27; 38 Vicki Evans (President's Select), Louisa Taylor (European Select) 26; 40 Lynn Small (Guernsey), Geoff Savident (Guernsey), Janeth da Rocha (Portugal) 25; 43 Judy Drewer (President's Select), Loukas Paraskeva (Cyprus) 24; 45 John Alderson (Isle of Man), Theo Ballaart (Netherlands) 22; 47 Edward Alderson (Isle of Man) 20; 48 David Rice (President's Select) 18; 49 Jackie Nicolle (Guernsey) 17; 50 Georgina Flood (European Select), Tony Flood (European Select), Ramsay Taylor (European Select) 16; 53 Pauline Kelly (Isle of Man) 14; 54 Sid Le Maitre (Guernsey) 13; 55 Mary Banks (Portugal) 11; 56 May Moore (Isle of Man) 10.





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matches being of two sets with four points for each set won. Set points in the mixed pairs section were shared by each player.

All the England players scored well, with Pople on top (61 points), having won all her singles matches without conceding a set, while Brett dropped just one set in his

singles section, against Israel's Haviv Takin. In the mixed pairs, Monkton and Skelton dropped just one set and drew one in their seven-match schedule.

Young Iain McLean proved Scotland's most successful bowler, losing only two sets in the singles.

Spain proved the surprise package of the tournament by taking third place, ahead of Wales, with Israel pushing Ireland into sixth spot. Hosts Cyprus, competing in the event for the first time, finished a creditable ninth overall.

Aristos Didmedous, general manager

results

MEN'S SINGLES

Scotland (Grant Logan); Ireland (Jim Baker); Wales (David Axon); Jersey (Thomas Greechan); European Select (Tony Flood); Isle of Man (Edward Alderson); Netherlands (Theo Bellaart).

Results: Ireland bt Scotland 10-3, 8-8; Wales bt Scotland 9-6, 11-7; Scotland bt Jersey 7-7, 6-5; Scotland bt European Select 14-3, 17-4; Scotland bt Isle of Man 11-6, 13-2; Scotland bt Netherlands 7-7, 10-5; Wales bt Ireland 8-7, 11-4; Ireland bt Jersey 8-8, 12-3; Ireland bt European Select 17-4, 8-7; Ireland bt Isle of Man 9-3, 6-6; Ireland bt Netherlands 8-4, 14-4; Wales tied with Jersey 8-4, 5-6; Wales bt European Select 13-1, 6-6; Wales bt Isle of Man 10-9, 12-1; Wales bt Netherlands 7-6, 10-3; Jersey tied with European Select 7-11, 8-2; Jersey tied with Isle of Man 5-8, 7-6; Jersey tied with Netherlands 9-5, 4-15; Isle of Man bt European Select 8-8, 11-3; European Select tied with Netherlands 12-5, 1-23; Netherlands bt Isle of Man 6-6, 10-6.

Final positions: 1 Wales 42 pts; 2 Ireland 34; 3 Scotland 30; 4 Jersey 20; 5 Netherlands 16; 6 Isle of Man 14; 7 European Select 12.

England (Nicky Brett); Guernsey (Sid Le Maitre); Israel (Haviv Takin); Spain (Jackie Breslin); Cyprus (Tom Owen); Portugal (Stewart Banks); President's Select (Garry Collins).

Results: England bt Guernsey 13-5, 9-1; England tied with Israel 5-6, 11-4; England bt Spain 7-4, 9-6; England bt Cyprus 15-6, 12-5; England bt Portugal 9-3, 13-0; England bt President's Select 14-2, 13-3; Israel bt Guernsey 16-2, 11-3; Spain bt Guernsey 12-6, 9-7; Cyprus bt Guernsey 13-5, 14-6; Portugal bt Guernsey 12-2, 12-6; President's Select bt Guernsey 8-7, 7-3; Israel bt Spain 14-8, 6-6; Israel bt Cyprus 11-1, 11-4; Israel tied with Portugal 6-7, 9-4; President's Select bt Israel 10-6, 12-10; Spain bt Cyprus 9-6, 12-4; Spain tied with Portugal 4-8, 8-3; Spain tied with President's Select 4-6, 14-2; Cyprus tied with Portugal 9-6, 3-7; Cyprus tied with President's Select 10-3, 3-11; Portugal tied with President's Select 16-4, 6-14.

Final positions: 1 England 44; 2 Israel 30; 3 President's Select 28; 4 Spain 22; 5 Portugal 20; 6 Cyprus 16; 7 Guernsey 4.

President's Select (David Rice); Portugal (Gerry Jones); Cyprus (Loukas Paraskeva); Spain (Nick Cole); Israel (Colin Silberstein); Guernsey (Geoff Savident); England (Simon Skelton).

Results: Portugal bt President's Select 9-4, 8-3; Cyprus bt President's Select 9-9, 8-7; Spain bt President's Select 7-5, 7-3; Israel bt President's Select 8-6, 10-4; President's Select tied with Guernsey 3-12, 8-6; President's Select tied with England 7-13, 6-4; Cyprus bt Portugal 9-6, 11-3; Portugal tied with Spain 3-10, 10-5; Portugal tied with Israel 4-14, 9-4; Portugal tied with Guernsey 9-5, 5-9; Portugal tied with England 7-5, 2-11; Spain bt Cyprus 10-3, 13-4; Cyprus bt Israel 8-3, 7-7; Guernsey bt Cyprus 9-8, 11-3;

England bt Cyprus 8-7, 13-5; Spain bt Israel 14-2, 10-3; Spain bt Guernsey 8-7, 15-2; England bt Spain 7-6, 10-5; Israel tied with Guernsey 4-12, 12-10; Israel tied with England 6-5, 4-11; England bt Guernsey 10-4, 13-5.

Final positions: 1= England & Spain 36 (110 shots); 3 Portugal 24; 4 Israel 22; 5 Guernsey 20 (92); 6 Cyprus 20 (82); 7 President's Select 10.

Netherlands (Michel Weerdenburg); Isle of Man (John Alderson); European Select (Ramsay Taylor); Jersey (Jamie MacDonald); Wales (Robert Horgan); Ireland (Myles Greenfield); Scotland (Iain McLean).

Results: Isle of Man bt Netherlands 17-1, 9-4; Netherlands bt European Select 9-6, 9-3; Jersey bt Netherlands 6-4, 14-8; Netherlands tied with Wales 8-5, 1-18; Netherlands bt Ireland 9-5, 11-6; Scotland bt Netherlands 7-3, 14-2; Isle of Man bt European Select 9-7, 17-3; Isle of Man tied with Jersey 6-12, 11-1; Wales bt Isle of Man 13-2, 8-5; Ireland bt Isle of Man 13-3, 15-3; Scotland bt Isle of Man 9-2, 11-9; Jersey bt European Select 6-6, 9-4; Wales bt European Select 13-3, 13-3; European Select tied with Ireland 8-4, 5-9; Scotland bt European Select 14-4, 8-6; Wales bt Jersey 8-3, 8-6; Jersey bt Ireland 9-5, 14-3; Jersey tied with Scotland 9-5, 5-10; Wales tied with Ireland 10-7, 3-11; Wales tied with Scotland 8-7, 4-10; Scotland bt Ireland 7-5, 7-1.

Final positions: 1 Scotland 40; 2 Wales 32; 3 Jersey 30; 4 Isle of Man 20 (93); 5 Netherlands 20 (69); 6 Ireland 16; 7 European Select 6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Scotland (Caroline Brown); Ireland (Debbie Bell); Wales (Betty Morgan); Jersey (Lindsey Greechan); European Select (Georgina Flood); Isle of Man (Pauline Kelly); Netherlands (Ineke Nagtegaal).

Results: Scotland tied with Ireland 8-9, 10-5; Wales bt Scotland 10-9, 8-5; Scotland bt Jersey 7-6, 9-8; Scotland bt European Select 10-5, 15-2; Scotland tied with Isle of Man 15-2, 4-10; Scotland tied with Netherlands 15-2, 6-7; Ireland tied with Wales 9-6, 7-9; Jersey bt Ireland 12-4, 9-6; Ireland bt European Select 16-6, 12-5; Ireland bt Isle of Man 13-4, 6-4; Ireland tied with Netherlands 11-4, 7-8; Jersey bt Wales 8-3, 9-8; Wales bt European Select 11-4, 14-5; Wales bt Isle of Man 13-2, 10-2; Wales bt Netherlands 16-2, 11-3; Jersey bt European Select 10-6, 9-4; Jersey bt Isle of Man 25-1, 11-2; Netherlands bt Jersey 9-5, 9-8; European Select bt Isle of Man 7-6, 12-3; European Select tied with Netherlands 6-10, 6-4; Isle of Man tied with Netherlands 9-6, 4-8.

Final positions: 1 Wales 36; 2 Jersey 32; 3 Scotland 28 (113); 4 Ireland 28 (105); 5 Netherlands 71; 6 European Select 68; 7 Isle of Man 49.

England (Mo Monkton); Guernsey (Jackie Nicolle); Israel (Irit Grenchel); Spain (Pam Cole); Cyprus (Sol Robertson); Portugal (Mary Banks); President's Select (Judy Drewer).

Results: England bt Guernsey 16-3, 12-5; England tied with Israel 15-2, 5-8; Spain bt England 9-9, 11-2; England bt Cyprus 14-4, 7-5; England bt Portugal 15-1, 13-6; England

tied with President's Select 6-7, 14-2; Guernsey tied with Israel 2-18, 9-5; Spain bt Guernsey 8-7, 13-4; Guernsey tied with Cyprus 3-9, 7-5; Portugal bt Guernsey 8-4, 16-4; Guernsey tied with President's Select 11-5, 6-8; Spain bt Israel 11-6, 7-6; Israel tied with Cyprus 2-11, 10-9; Israel bt Portugal 20-0, 10-6; Israel bt President's Select 9-4, 14-1; Spain tied with Cyprus 6-8, 11-5; Spain bt Portugal 13-4, 10-5; Spain tied with President's Select 9-6, 9-11; Cyprus bt Portugal 15-2, 15-2; Cyprus bt President's Select 12-3, 14-3; President's Select bt Portugal 11-4, 11-3.

Final positions: 1 England 34 (128); 2 Spain 34 (117); 3 Cyprus 28 (112); 4 Israel 28 (110); 5 President's Select 16; 6 Guernsey 12; 7 Portugal 4.

President's Select (Vicki Evans); Portugal (Janeth da Rocha); Cyprus (Linda Ryan); Spain (Maggie Lawley); Israel (Beverly Polatinsky); Guernsey (Lynn Small); England (Catherine Pople).

Results: President's Select bt Portugal 7-4, 17-3; Cyprus bt President's Select 11-6, 7-6; Spain bt President's Select 6-5, 7-6; President's Select tied with Israel 9-8, 6-10; President's Select bt Guernsey 12-4, 9-7; England bt President's Select 9-7, 8-4; Portugal bt Cyprus 5-4, 10-3; Spain bt Portugal 9-6, 7-6; Portugal tied with Israel 8-6, 5-7; Portugal tied with Guernsey 8-9, 14-3; England bt Portugal 14-2, 17-2; Cyprus bt Spain 8-5, 6-6; Cyprus tied with Israel 19-4, 5-15; Guernsey bt Cyprus 11-7, 9-6; England bt Cyprus 9-5, 7-6; Israel bt Spain 8-7, 15-4; Spain bt Guernsey 10-3, 14-3; England bt Spain 10-2, 7-5; Israel tied with Guernsey 7-13, 8-7; England bt Israel 14-3, 13-4; England bt Guernsey 8-3, 11-4.

Final positions: 1 England 48; 2 Spain 26; 3 Israel 24; 4 President's Select 20; 5 Cyprus 18; 6 Guernsey 16 (76); 7 Portugal 16 (74).

Netherlands (Guurtje Ros-Copier); Isle of Man (May Moore); European Select (Louisa Taylor); Jersey (Chris Grimes); Wales (Ann Sutherland); Ireland (Mandy Cunningham); Scotland (Lynn Stein).

Results: Netherlands tied with Isle of Man 19-1, 6-11; Netherlands tied with European Select 6-9, 14-5; Netherlands tied with Jersey 5-14, 8-3; Netherlands tied with Wales 4-10, 9-5; Netherlands tied with Ireland 13-5, 6-10; Netherlands bt Scotland 9-5, 9-3; Isle of Man tied with European Select 3-14, 10-4; Jersey bt Isle of Man 11-6, 12-5; Isle of Man tied with Wales 7-10, 10-9; Isle of Man tied with Ireland 5-12, 10-6; Scotland bt Isle of Man 10-5, 17-1; European Select tied with Jersey 2-14, 9-4; European Select tied with Wales 8-5, 5-9; Ireland bt European Select 19-2, 9-5; Scotland bt European Select 7-6, 8-5; Wales bt Jersey 12-5, 9-6; Jersey tied with Ireland 8-7, 7-8; Scotland bt Jersey 17-2, 10-4; Wales bt Ireland 7-7, 12-4; Scotland bt Wales 7-7, 16-14; Scotland bt Ireland 14-4, 8-3.

Final positions: 1 Scotland 38; 2 Wales 26 (112); 3 Netherlands 28 (107); 4 Ireland 26; 5 Jersey 20; 6 European Select 16; 7 Isle of Man 8.



Above: A panoramic view of the action from the European Championships at the Athena Beach complex in Cyprus.
Below: Teams lined up for the opening ceremony.



for Constantinou Bros Hotels, said that the honour of hosting the championships was both a privilege and pleasure for the company, who had strived to provide superior overseas bowls facilities to the thousands of bowlers who travel to their hotels year after year.

It was announced during the closing ceremony that the event in two years time would again be played at the same venue.

* Pictures from the event can be downloaded from the Constantinou Bros Hotels website: www.cbh-cyprus.com/bowls_champ_photos.php

results

MIXED PAIRS

Scotland (Stein/Logan); Ireland (Bell/Baker); Wales (Sutherland/Horgan); Jersey (Grimes/T. Greechan); European Select (Flood/Flood); Isle of Man (Kelly/E. Alderson); Netherlands (Nagtegaal/Bellaart).

Results: Scotland bt Ireland 8-4, 10-1; Scotland bt Wales 11-6, 10-6; Jersey bt Scotland 5-4, 15-2; Scotland bt European Select 7-5, 8-5; Scotland bt Isle of Man 10-1, 6-4; Scotland bt Netherlands 7-3, 7-6; Ireland bt Wales 15-1, 5-5; Ireland bt Jersey 6-5, 5-2; Ireland bt European Select 8-4, 10-1; Ireland bt Isle of Man 11-7, 11-3; Irelands bt Netherlands 10-3, 11-8; Wales tied with Jersey 6-10, 10-5; Wales bt European Select 10-2, 8-3; Wales bt Isle of Man 12-1, 5-5; Wales tied with Netherlands 4-8, 9-1; Jersey bt European Select 14-1, 9-7; Jersey bt Isle of Man 7-5, 5-5; Jersey bt Netherlands 5-3, 11-2; European Select tied with Isle of Man 6-3, 3-9; European Select tied with Netherlands 4-7, 9-4; Isle of Man tied with Netherlands 0-12, 9-2.

Final positions: 1 Scotland 40; 2 Ireland 38; 3 Jersey 30; 4 Wales 24; 5 Isle of Man 12 (52); 6 Netherlands 12 (47); 7 European Select 8.

England (Popple/Brett); Guernsey (Small/La Maitre); Israel (Grenchel/Takin); Spain (Lawley/Breslin); Cyprus (Ryan/Owen); Portugal (Banks/Banks); President's Select (Evans/Collins).

Results: England tied with Guernsey 7-4, 5-7; England

bt Israel 12-10, 7-4; England tied with Spain 12-4, 6-9; England bt Cyprus 11-3, 3-12; Portugal bt England 4-4, 6-4; England tied with President's Select 4-5, 13-2; Guernsey tied with Israel 15-3, 2-10; Spain bt Guernsey 7-6, 5-4; Cyprus bt Spain 5-5, 13-1; Guernsey tied with Portugal 3-9, 8-5; Guernsey tied with President's Select 5-13, 5-1; Israel tied with Spain 2-11, 9-3; Israel bt Cyprus 11-2, 10-4; Israel bt Portugal 16-0, 12-11; Israel bt President's Select 11-2, 14-2; Cyprus bt Spain 11-1, 6-4; Spain bt Portugal 8-7, 6-3; Spain bt President's Select 11-5, 9-1; Cyprus bt Portugal 5-5, 8-2; Cyprus tied with President's Select 8-7, 6-7; Portugal tied with President's Select 8-6, 6-7.

Final positions: 1 Israel 32 (112); 2 Spain 32 (78); 3 Cyprus 30 (78); 4 England 26; 5 Guernsey 18; 6 Portugal 14; 7 President's Select 12.

President's Select (Drewer/Rice); Portugal (da Rocha/Jones); Cyprus (Robertson/Paraskeva); Spain (Cole/Cole); Israel (Polatinsky/Silberstein); Guernsey (Savident/Nicolle); England (Monkton/Skelton).

Results: Portugal bt President's Select 5-4, 12-6; President's Select tied with Cyprus 10-3, 5-8; Spain bt President's Select 14-2, 11-8; President's Select tied with Israel 2-17, 5-4; President's Select tied with Guernsey 5-6, 8-2; President's Select tied with England 7-5, 0-12; Portugal tied with Cyprus 5-13, 6-3; Spain bt Portugal 10-9, 14-3; Israel bt Portugal 10-3, 10-5; Portugal bt Guernsey 4-4, 7-4; England bt Portugal 13-5, 12-0; Spain bt Cyprus 15-1, 4-3; Israel bt Cyprus 9-3, 7-5; Cyprus tied with Guernsey 5-3, 5-6;

England bt Cyprus 10-6, 7-3; Spain tied with Israel 8-4, 2-12; Spain bt Guernsey 7-1, 8-6; England bt Spain 6-3, 8-8; Israel bt Guernsey 14-1, 17-0; England bt Israel 9-2, 8-5; England bt Guernsey 13-1, 10-3.

Final positions: 1 England 42; 2 Spain 38; 3 Israel 32; 4 Portugal 18; 5 President's Select 16; 6 Guernsey 10; 7 Cyprus 8.

Netherlands (Ros-Copier/Weerdenburg); Isle of Man (Moore/J. Alderson); European Select (Taylor/Taylor); Jersey (L. Greechan/MacDonald); Wales (Axon/Morgan); Ireland (Cunningham/Greenfield); Scotland (Brown/McLean).

Results: Netherlands bt Isle of Man 9-4, 5-3; Netherlands tied with European Select 4-6, 11-2; Netherlands tied with Jersey 10-7, 5-6; Netherlands tied with Wales 7-2, 4-5; Netherlands tied with Ireland 5-8, 8-4; Scotland bt Netherlands 8-2, 4-4; European Select bt Isle of Man 7-3, 12-3; Isle of Man tied with Jersey 6-10, 7-5; Wales bt Isle of Man 12-3, 18-0; Ireland bt Isle of Man 7-4, 10-1; Isle of Man tied with Scotland 6-15; 8-7; Jersey bt European Select 13-4, 12-9; European Select tied with Wales 6-8, 10-2; European Select tied with Ireland 3-14, 8-7; Scotland bt European Select 11-1, 18-4; Jersey bt Wales 11-3, 6-4; Ireland bt Jersey 7-3, 8-2; Jersey tied with Scotland 6-7, 14-1; Wales bt Ireland 6-6, 12-1; Scotland bt Wales 13-1, 8-5; Scotland bt Ireland 13-1, 12-1.

Final positions: 1 Scotland 38; 2 Jersey 28; 3 Ireland 26 (75); 4 Netherlands 26 (74); 5 Wales 22; 6 European Select 20; 7 Isle of Man 8.