

The Shoot Out Club Report

A Few years ago, at one of our AGM's Brian Pengelly was invited to give a talk about their events at the Shoot Out Club and what they could offer our teams.

He invited two of our members to come along to an event to sample the atmosphere at their March event in Torquay.

So in March of the following season myself and fellow skittler John drove down to the Derwent Hotel in Torquay for the week-end, a Skittle Fest of fun beer and skittles.

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The games are over 3 days, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. 32 teams took part from all over the west country. The teams were split in to 8 groups of 4 and the games were spread over 8 alleys. Each team consisted of 10 players and played over 5 legs. So each team played at least 3 games over the week end. The 8 winners played in the final with the highest scorers winning the Prize.

John and myself were attached to a team from Swindon called 'Farraday' as they were a player short. We both played very well and in no means let our league down, however we didn't make it to the final.

The Dewent Hotel is a complex of 4 hotels linked together so there were many bars and sports rooms to watch the 'big game'. There is a large indoor pool and hot tub for those who wish to indulge. It was half board with Sunday lunch and transport down is also provided by coach.

Saturday morning there was time to go in to Torquay and look around it was a lovely day so that's exactly what we did. In the evening after the skittle alleys were cleared away the Big Party began. Fancy dress is optional and most teams joined in the spirit of the occasion, there wash a huge range of costumes. I went as Woody the cowboy but ended up looking like Hoss Cartwright (older members will know who I mean), I suppose John was Little Joe. See photos on our *Gallery*.

We had a really great time and we both thoughtly recommend these week ends and we definitely want to go again, so we urge you to check out their website for venues, dates and prices.

The Shoot Out Club has recently been re-branded as 'Serious About Events' and '[Serious About Skittles Events](#)' is where you need to look