

## The Shoot Out Club Report

(Serious About Events/Skittles)

If your team is wondering where to go for that end of season party then look no further !

At our AGM back in July 2014, Brian Pengelly, Director of the Shoot Out Club, was invited to give a talk about their skittle week-end events and what they could offer our teams.

After his talk he invited two of our members to come along to their March tournament in Torquay, to sample the atmosphere. So on 13th March myself and fellow skittler John drove down to the Derwent Hotel in Torquay for the week-end. A fun filled Skittle Fest with food, beer, skittles and dressing up !

The Dewent Hotel is one of a complex of 4 hotels linked together under the title TLH Leisure Resort, (*see layout below*) and is situated only a five minute walk from the sea front. There are many bars and game rooms where you can play pool, indoor bowling etc. or just sit and relax in one of the many lounge areas, you can even watch the 'big game' on the large screen TV. There is also an indoor pool and hot tub for those who wish to indulge. Our stay was half board with Sunday lunch. Transport down by coach is also provided.

The games are over 3 days, Friday evening to Sunday morning. 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 group winning teams played in the final with the highest scorers winning the Prize.

Our hostess's with the mostess's **Rachel & Karen** assigned John and myself to a team from Swindon called 'Farraday' as they were a couple of players short. We both played very well and in no means let our league down, however we didn't make it to the final. It was good fun and there are a wide variety of drinks available, my kind of skittles. On Saturday morning there was even time to go in to Torquay and take a look around, it was a lovely day so that's exactly what we did, pausing for a while for a latte in a the sun by the harbour, perfect ! In the evening after the skittle alleys were cleared away the Big Party began. A disco then a Live band got the party started. Fancy dress is optional and most teams joined in the spirit of the occasion, there was a huge range of costumes.

John and I went as cowboys, I was Woody from Toy Story, but looked more like Hoss Cartwright (older members will know who I mean), I suppose John was Little Joe. See photos on our *Gallery*.

We had a fantastic time and we both highly recommend these week ends and we definitely want to go again, but you need to book early as most teams book a year in advance. We urge you to check out their website for venues, dates and prices, you'll have a great time.

**The Shoot Out Club** has recently been re-branded as '*Serious About Events/Skittles*'

Thanks for taking the time to read this report  
Keith Parsons

