**Wessex Region Night League 2016-2017 – Final Report**

Hearty congratulations to the winners: Charlotte Thornton of Sarum, Gavin Clegg of BOK and Annie Pickering of WIM.

In the main Handicap League, for the ladies; Charlottes win is her forth in five years. Actually 9th in 10 years! Julie Astin again second and Kirsty Staunton, moving up significantly in the last week, in third. On the gentlemen’s side; Gavin Clegg again managed to keep Chris Branford at bay, with a resurgent Dale Paget in third.

In the Open competition, included if you recall to give the M21’s a chance, it hasn’t quite panned out that way. The winner being Gavin Clegg. Close second was Peter Suba just 7 points from victory. Last year Peter was 12 points from victory, on that basis he should win the 2018/19 league. However Dale in third, would have won with just one other good score, something he is quite capable of. On the Ladies side Annie Pickering was first again and three places better than last year in a very creditable 7th overall. Second was Becca Ellis just pipping Jo Pickering.

The prize for the competitor who completes the most races, but not one of the winners, goes to Mike Frizzel who managed 15 of the 17 races. 9 competitors managed 13 or more.

Well done to not only the victors, but the other 150 odd competitors and the Organisers and Planners without whom this just wouldn’t happen.

The League goes from strength to strength. More races, more participants and closer results. No event was cancelled this year giving us 17 races. 32 competed in seven or more events which is quite significant. Over 100 took part in 2 or more. Look out for next years fixtures; Its rumoured there will be 20 races in the League.

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| 1st Charlotte Thornton | 1st Gavin Clegg | 1st Annie Pickering | 1st Gavin Clegg |
| Sarum | BOK | WIM | BOK |
| 2nd Julie Astin | 2nd Chris Branford | 2nd Becca Ellis | 2nd Peter Suba |
| Wessex | WIM | WIM | Wessex |
| 3rd Kirsty Staunton | 3rd Dale Paget | 3rd Jo Pickering | 3rd Dale Paget |
| WIM | Wessex | WIM | WSX |

Gavin Clegg

League Co-ordinator.