

## BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

### ESSEX vs LINCOLNSHIRE

Chelmsford Social Club hosted Essex's return to the premier against Lincolnshire; however, the result was not the desired outcome.

The **Ladies 'B'** did however get off to a winning start with a 4-2 victory; Chelmsford's Wendy Reader lay claim to the match award in the opening set winning 3-1 with a 18.50 average; Leanne Peetoom (15.75), Sharon Wakeling (14.30) and Lynn Kelly (17.48) were also winners.

The **Men's 'B'** lost out 7-5, Joe Russell (27.16) was the man of the match with other wins from Tony Osborne (21.70), Alan Collins (23.89), Jamie Peetoom (24.74) and Robbie Turner (26.37); therefore all square at nine a-piece going into Sunday's fixture.

The **Ladies 'A'** lost out 5-1 with Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis (21.05) the only victor; however Steph Hewson, Donna Gleed and Karen Breen all lost 3-2, all missing vital doubles that could easily of reversed to result.

The **Men's 'A'** were beaten 8-4 losing the first 5-sets and winning only 5-legs. Brentwood's Steve Johnson (24.44) stopped the rot in the 6<sup>th</sup> set, winning 4-0; and it wasn't until the 9<sup>th</sup> set that Essex scored their next point with man of the match, Craig Vickers (27.42) winning 4-2, followed by his Chelmsford team-mate Andrew Kateley (26.58) winning 4-1 before Tilbury's Wayne Gleed (26.83) won the final set.

An overall 25-14 defeat leaving Essex 9<sup>th</sup> in the table and away to Lancashire coming up next.