



Maltby & District Invitation Darts League 2025-26

FINALS NIGHT REVIEW

This year's finals & presentations were held on Friday 29th May 2026 at the Dormans Club for the second consecutive year, but this year was in the main downstairs function room.

Proceedings got under way as planned at 7:30 with the 7-man final between the Endeavour "A" and Hemlington Social Club. The first match was between Karl Henry of the Endeavour and Dale Handley of the Hemlington Social, with Karl getting the Endeavour off to a 1-0 lead with a 4 finish. The second leg saw Dave Handley level the match with a 70 finish over Chris Peacock. David Robson then put the Hemlington Social into a 2-1 lead with a 35 finish over Anth Golden, before Josh Goodall levelled the match for the Endeavour with a 14 finish, and the night's first 180, against Hemlington Social's captain, Craig Cook. Gary Hughf put the Endeavour into the lead again with a 30 finish against Josh Mazfari. Cory Henry for the Endeavour was on next against Chris Handley. Not only did Cory hit the second 180 of the night, but he sealed the match for the Endeavour "A" with a 4 finish much to the delight of his team mates. Although the Endeavour had won the match we played the final game out, which was between Baily Walton of the Endeavour and Lewis Garcia of the Hemlington Social, which Baily won with a 64 finish.

The 4-man final was between two teams from the Beechwood. Adam Thompson, Tom Cronin, Adam Vickers, and Carl Small, took on Paul Greenwood, Isaac Speight, Adam Smith, and Anthony Speight. Paul Greenwood took the first leg with an 8 finish against Adam Thompson. Tom Cronin then levelled the match with a 66 finish against Isaac Speight. Adam Vickers then took his team into a 2-1 lead with an 8 finish against Adam Smith, before Anthony Speight levelled the match with a 40 finish against Carl Small. Next was the pairs section of this match, which saw Anthony and Isaac Speight (father and son) take a 3-2 lead with Anthony finishing on 5 against Carl Small and Tom Cronin. The 6th leg was between the two Adams, Thompson and Vickers, against Adam Smith and Paul Greenwood, where Adam Smith took the match with an 8 finish.

Next up was the triples final between Tom Cronin, Carl Small, and Isaac Speight from the Beechwood, against Jacob Cooksey, Chris Clough, and Michael Smith from the Parkway. Tom Cronin finished on 40 and 4 to take the match 2-0 for the Beechwood.

Next was the pairs final between father and son duo, Anthony and Isaac Speight from the Beechwood, against Chris Legg and Paul Gamble from the Griffin. The first leg went to the Beechwood when Isaac finished on 6, but Paul Gamble levelled the match with a 36 finish for the Griffin. The deciding leg and the match went to the Beechwood with the night's highest finish of 87 from Isaac Speight.



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The last match of the evening was the individual's final, a local derby between Gary Hughf of the Endeavour "A", against Tom Hodgson of the Endeavour "B". This was a fantastic end to the evening, with Gary taking the match 2-0 with finishes of 60 and 63.

At this point we paused for our buffet supper.

Now that everyone had been fed, and all darts had been played, it was time for the presentation of the trophies. As per the previous five years, only the annual trophies would be presented at Finals Night, and the money that would have been spent on smaller keepsake trophies would be donated to charity, as chosen by the League Champions, this year, and for the second year running, the Beechwood. Sadly, in previous weeks, a long-standing member of the League, and the Apple Tree, Billy Smith had passed away, and so the Beechwood had asked that this year's donation be given to Billy's family, who in turn have donated the money to the Endeavour Unit at James Cook Hospital.

Huge thanks to Tracy and her team at the Dormans for making the evening run so smoothly, and this new venue for the League has been a great success.

Special thanks to Peter Adams (League Chairman) and Billy Pugh (Apple Tree) for their assistance in setting everything up today. A very big thanks also to Billy Pugh for marking all finals, and to Ian Black for engraving all trophies.

I would also personally like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who hosted and refereed cup matches throughout the season. Adam Smith and Carl Small (Beechwood), Elliott Mapplebeck (Dormans Club), Dave Glazebrook (Erimus), and Brian Longstaff (Yellow Rose). Please forgive me if I have missed any names. Without all of these people, we wouldn't have had any finalists.

Thanks to all for making this another successful event, and congratulations to all winners and runners up.



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Here is a summary of where the trophies went: -

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
League	Beechwood	Endeavour "A"
Danny Goodall KO Cup	Endeavour "A"	Hemlington Social
Ken Tinkler Memorial Trophy (4-man)	Adam Smith Anthony Speight Isaac Speight Paul Greenwood Lewis Durrant (Beechwood)	Tom Cronin Carl Small Adam Vickers Adam Thompson Dean Sewell (Beechwood)
Jim Maynard Shield Triples	Tom Cronin Carl Small Isaac Speight Lewis Durrant (Beechwood)	Jacob Cooksey Chris Clough Michael Smith Steven Clough (Parkway)
Tony Hillman Pairs Trophy	Anthony Speight Isaac Speight (Beechwood)	Chris Legg Paul Gamble John Flynn (Griffin)
Spencer Freeman Individual	Gary Hughf (Endeavour "A")	Tom Hodgson (Endeavour "B")
Highest Shot Out	160 Isaac Speight (Beechwood)	

Again, many thanks for everyone's support, and I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

John Tinkler
League Secretary
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