

# County Closed 20012/13 Finals



The finals of the County Closed Squash Competition were held at The West Worthing Club on Saturday 25th May at 5pm. Three players reached the final, front left to right, Matt Lidington (Brighton), Peter Higgins (West Worthing) and Matt Pelling (Brighton). It was decided to have a best-of-3 round-robin competition between the 3 players, followed by a best-of-5 game final. The results of the round-robin were as follows:

Peter Higgins bt Mat Lidington 11-7, 11-7

Matt Pelling bt Mat Lidington 5-11, 11-6, 11-4

As the two finalists had by then already been decided, the 3<sup>rd</sup> round-robin match was not played. The result of the final was:

**Peter Higgins bt Matt Pelling 11-6, 8-11, 11-4, 11-8**

Our congratulations go to all 3 players for producing first-class, hard fought matches in an excellent spirit. The competition this year was played in a new format with the players matched right across the county by location and standard. Each round was re-drawn on that basis rather than have any seedings. Players arranged their own matches. The aim was to produce close matches for everyone, in every round, at every level, whilst attempting to reduce travelling and avoid players coming against someone from their own club. The format was accepted as a qualified success which will hopefully result in more people entering next year.

A total of 22 players entered the competition and there was a plate competition held separately for the first-round losers. We are awaiting the result of this match between Phil Ransley and Marty Fuller. Congratulations to them both. The full results from all matches can be found on the LMS website. Our thanks go to The West Worthing Club for hosting the final.

If you require any further information or would be interested in the competition next year then please contact Karl Manning.