EAST HERTS STRIKE SILVER

The first competition of the new season saw Special Olympics East Herts travel to Sidcup, Kent for a competition on Sunday 21st October, 2018.

Eleven teams from Surrey, Bexley, Herne Bay, Thames Gateway, St Albans and Harlow were organised into 4 pools.

Shooting Stars' first match was against Thanet Sharks. This was an extremely close game, with the lead passing from one team to the other. Each end was hard fought, with Shooting Stars scoring first: 2-0 and 1-0. Then the opposition pulled back 2 points which was countered by Shooting Stars 1-0 then another 1-0, with Thanet taking the last end 0-1. The final score was 5-3. All the players made good contributions to the final score.

The second match versus Romford was even closer. Shooting Stars won the first two ends 2-0 and 1-0 but dropped the next two. Shooting Stars took the fifth end with Romford rallying in the last but Shooting Stars had just done enough to finish 5-4 winners. Good decision-making by Captain Harry ensured the win.

In both matches there was abundant evidence that this term's training was contributing to the success of the team.

Consequently the team went into the playoffs as winner of their pool. Shooting Stars were matched against Herne Bay and Shooting Stars got off to a flying start, taking the first three ends. However the opposition took both fourth and last end. Again it seemed as if both teams were equally matched however Shooting Stars secured that important 1 point to win 5-4.

The win took the team into the final for the first time ever in the three years of entering this competition.

The opposition, Bexley Dodgers Super Stars, were playing on their home ground. A very well established club which has had multiple successes at all levels over the years. Unfortunately on the day they were 'on song' and won the gold medal with a final score of 9-2.

Nonetheless our silver medals from this competition bode well for the start of the Boccia England League in the New Year.