

## VETTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2A

### NORTHUMBERLAND AVOID THE DROP.

Down in the Winter Wonderland of Wellingborough, in deepest Northamptonshire, the Northumberland squad of Geoff "Green-grass" Salter, Dale "Crumble" Aitkenhead, yours truly, Caron "I'm only here for the beer" Guthrie and Karen "Miss Money Penny" Henry, played the second round of County Matches.

3 Matches were played and it was a mixed bag of results:-1 win 1(close)loss and 1 not so close loss!!

Saturday 7 February 2009:-

First up the match vs. Bedfordshire, a must win for both teams in the relegation tussle; a 7-3 victory for North., next up Norfolk, a really close match just going 6-4 in favour of Norfolk.

After a very enjoyable evening at a restaurant (recommended by our good friends from Northamptonshire) we returned to the fray, fully refreshed and ready for action against Lincolnshire.

At this stage of the proceedings the outcome of both Promotion and Relegation were finely balanced.

We (Northumberland) needed Norfolk to beat Bedfordshire to ensure that we stayed up. Northampton had to beat Nottinghamshire by a greater margin than the expected winning margin Lincolnshire were thought to be going to get from beating us!!

Anyway we lost 3-7 to Lincs., but what a match, some great TT and some finely balanced games.

(I'll leave the really good story-telling to Trottski;as I know that he can spin a good tale!!!)

Individual results for Northumberland:-Salter P6 W3,Aitkenhead P6 W2,Scope P6 W3,Guthrie P3 W1.Mens' Doubles Salter/Aitkenhead P3 W3,Mixed Doubles Salter/Henry P3 W2

So all-in-all Job done!!

Norfolk beat Bedfordshire, so a BIG thank you goes out to them

Jimmy Scope