Winner: Bryan Thompson with John Fitzgerald   Runner up: John Burgess with Bryan

2014 Non Winners Singles Cup Report

The **Non Winners Singles** is the first of the 2015 autumn competitions for those members who have not won a singles competition here in Spain or UK during the last five years. It was encouraging that twenty eight members entered. Some of our most accomplished players took part together with new improved players. It looked on paper to be a very good competitive competition and proved to be so.

The competition took three days to complete with the final taking place on Sunday afternoon of 11th October in ideal conditions, with the sun shining and just a little wind. Those taking part put up some tremendous performances resulting in one of the closest Non Winners Finals for many years witnessed by many members supporting the occasion.

The finalists were John Burgess who had some good results in team competitions in UK prior to settling down this year in Spain having purchased a new home. His opponent was a very experience Bryan Thompson who bowled many years in South Africa.
Both players performed in their usual very relaxed manner we are used to seeing. Bryan was ahead 7-3 after six ends. John stuck to the job and levelled the score 11-11 on the thirteenth end. Bryan kept the pressure on and was ahead after nineteen ends 15-14. A superb next end, when John went ahead 17-15 for the first time, scoring three shots. Unfortunately for John he was unable to sustain this lead and Bryan continued in his usual positive way taking the championship 21-18

It would be wrong not to mention the losing semi-finalists. The only lady remaining in the competition, Carol Roberts, had played so well in earlier rounds and was anxious to do well met a determined John Burgess, who in the end had a comfortable win. Bryan Thompson met Keith Sephton who again had played very good bowls to reach this stage. Keith continued to play well, but was unable to suppress Bryan's will to win.

On completion I thanked all players that had taken part , the very good support watching the competition, the assistance I had with umpiring and green preparation not forgetting the markers who without, we couldn't run the event. Our Captain John Fitzgerald then echoed my comments and presenting the Trophy to Bryan.

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