

COSTA ALMERIA LAWN BOWLS

2015 CALB Fours Knockout Competition

Winners



Finalists



This year the **CALB Fours** was only supported with sixteen teams taking part from Indalo, Cabrera and Almeria Bowling club. An unusual situation with insurance problems caused a rescheduling when it was decided all games were played at Almeria Bowling Club apart from one game scheduled at Cabrera against an Almeria four.

This was cancelled after Paul Abel, one of the Cabrera players had a horrific accident the previous evening trying to accelerate the lighting of a log fire and received third degree burn from a 'blow back'. He is currently in a Granada hospital and may have to go to Seville. I am sure you will all be thinking of him and wishing him a fast and successful recovery.

The competition began with the first round on the Friday 4th December and then proceeded with the quarter-finals on Saturday afternoon 5th completing Sunday 6th with Semi-finals and Final.

Winners were John and Christina Fitzgerald, Chris Ewer, Maureen OHara **Runners up** was another Almeria team from Wayne Roberts, Chris Parkinson, Austin Crilly and John Henworth

The **Final** took place on a sunny but very cold day. The prediction was it would be a close game and to some extent it was. A game of two halves when Wayne's team started extremely well going 14-4 ahead at the half way stage. From the ninth end John's team settled down and continued to put pressure on leveling the score on the fourteenth end 15-15. They were determined to win by allowing Wayne and team to score only one more shot taking the championship 19-16.

The losing semi-finalists who played against the winners were strong teams from Almeria B.C. Alan and Pat Deacon, Viv and Ken Sykes. Against the runners up also from Almeria were Reg Birmingham, Colin Wright, Tony and Mary Mullen.

After the game John Fitzgerald, our captain, thanked all for supporting the competition, yours truly and Jim Pike for running the competition. I then echoed what John had said and invited CALB Treasurer, Malcolm Smallfield to present the Trophy and Prizes to the Finalists.

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