



Almeria Bowling Club **2014 March Monthly Report**

The **Inaugural Cup** (Open Mixed Pairs) took place on 2nd & 3rd March during wonderful sunny weather. The entries were very good with a total of twenty-eight pairs from Indalo, Mojacar and Almeria Bowling Clubs.

Ruth Compton won this competition with Steve Grattage last year. Sadly Steve passed away during the year and I felt it would be respectful to both players if Ruth was asked to present the Trophy and cash prizes to the finalists.

The winners were Tony & Mary Mullen, second was last year's runners up Ken & Viv Sykes. Third was Jim Pike and Joan Parsons and fourth Graham & Catherine Patrick.

The **ALBC Drawn Triples** commenced with the Preliminary round in the morning of 6th March and the first round/quarter finals in the afternoon. The Semi-Finals and Final taking place on Monday 9th. The entries were fairly good with thirty-nine players, taking part. This competition is traditionally a very competitive, with some teams who one might be considered favorites failed to make it.

The winners were the team, Roy Tonkin, Sylvia Pritchard and Joe Sibley against another very competitive team, Leighton John, Linda Burgess and Patsy Tonkin.

On Thursday 19th March the **CALB Men and Ladies Singles Finals** took place at Almeria Bowling Club. This competition began in December 2014 and involved over one hundred and thirty players from bowling clubs, Almeria (ABC) Cabrera (CAB) and Indalo. (IND) Mojacar (MOJ) The results were as follows :
Final Championship Winners Ladies Singles: Barbara Davies (IND) Men's Singles: John Fitzgerald (Ladies Pairs : Linda Band/ Jean Smallwood (CAB) Men's Pairs: G.Donck/K. Harvey (IND)

St Patricks Day. Siobhan Herrity, our little leprechaun was magnificent organising everything. She was however supported well by our fellow Irish members, John and Eileen Phoenix together with Catherine and Graham Patrick, Sandra Brown and other members all helping to make the day so successful. As you are aware all monies raised on this day go to a charity. This year it will be our pleasure to present it to **Asprodalba**. Thank you to everyone who helped with achieving the superb record amount after a recount, the total was € 930.

Wednesday League final results were winners, Cabrera Madrid, second Almeria Rovers. With a difference of just two points 136 to 134. The Gunners who were sixth. Ramblers tenth. A good season and thanks to Graham Patrick (Rovers) Jim Pike (Gunners) John Fitzgerald (Ramblers) our team Captains for running the teams.

Finally, Jim Pike has worked hard to keep our carpet in good condition, despite wet and cold conditions at times. He would as well as the members to thanks for the help he has had from Brian Hughes and Ron Lloyd. The improvements have been progressing with the latest with Ron Lloyd making a long seating bench in the changing room and utilising the space a bit better. The other exciting happening is the club shirts are finally going to be ordered. Tremendous thanks to Stuart Beetham for all the work he has put into this project.

Please note all of above reports and photographs will be found on our website www.bowlingalmeria.com
Some are also on www.bowlinginspain.com

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