



2016 Joe McCraw Two Wood Singles (metre stick)



Winner: John Fitzgerald



Finalists: John Henworth & John Fitzgerald

Once again it was nice to see the very good support for our Two Wood Singles (Metre Stick) knockout competition with 38 entries, which began on 21st and was completed Sunday 24th January. This is played as the title suggests with two woods and played to twenty-one ends. The winner being, the first to twenty-one shots within the metre stick or with the most shots on completion of twenty-one ends.

The winner for the third year running was John Fitzgerald who beat John Henworth in a game that had everything in bowling skill sets. John playing his normal steady way and did not disappoint us with some superb shots, which at times was equalled by John Henworth. However, although this was a low scoring game it was John Fitzgerald's day, not letting John Henworth get in front throughout the game and finished with the score at taking the championship 14-9 on the nineteenth end.

John Fitzgerald played Reg Birmingham in the first semi-final and as expected Reg was his usual competitive self-leading the game 5-1 after five ends. However, John then started to pressurise Reg by steadily going ahead. Reg was determined and fought back fighting back and levelling the score at 9-9 after fourteen ends, but unable to keep this improvement when John won on the nineteenth end 16-9 as Reg couldn't win.

In the other semi-final, John Henworth opponent was our new bowler of just ten months' experience, Tony Lear, who had done extremely well getting to this stage. Unfortunately for Tony, John was in a mean mood playing is normal high standard not allowing Tony to settle, winning this game comfortably.

Once again the standard of bowling was excellent throughout the competition On completion our captain John Fitzgerald thanked yours truly for running the competition and thanked all players for taking part, markers, who without we couldn't run the competition, Colin Wright for umpiring, Jim Pike and Brian Hughes for the green preparation. I then echoed Johns thanks before presenting the winning Trophy to John Fitzgerald.

This report can be read with photographs on our websites www.bowlingalmeria.com and the new competition website <http://www.abcbowlingcomps.com>

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