



Almeria Bowling Club



2016 Dyer Cup and Appleby Vase Report

(Club Men's and Ladies Single Championships)

The **Dyer Cup and the Appleby Vase**, Men and Ladies Singles respectively, commenced on a beautiful sunny day on Thursday 28th and continued over the weekend until Sunday 31st, when the Semis and Finals were played.

The **Club Singles Champions** in the **Appleby Vase** was Sylvia Pritchard over Christine(Chris) Parkinson with Tony Mullen winning over Joe Sibley in the **Dyer Cup**.

Appleby Vase Final – Both finalists continued playing excellent bowls with Chris Parkinson taking an early lead after five ends and keeping the pressure on until the fifteenth end when Sylvia Pritchard who had been fighting and playing hard levelled the score at 12-12 and again on the nineteenth end, 15-15. Unfortunately for Chris, Sylvia's experience and determination won the day not allowing Chris to score again with Sylvia winning the championship.

Dyer Cup Final – On paper it was going to be a tough game with both players giving strong quality performances in the early rounds. This was a steady start for both players for eight ends with the score at 7-7. Joe continued to fight and play hard, but Tony was in a mean mood and in the end was a comfortable winner.

Ladies first **Semi-Final** – Sylvia reached the final by having a convincing win over Viv Sykes who although played well was unable to stifle Sylvia's will to win.

The other lady's **Semi-final** was between Chris and Siobhan Herry. Unfortunately for Siobhan who had had a superb journey to this point, couldn't keep up with Chris.

The men's first **Semi-final** was between John Fitzgerald, winner of this event in 2014 and one of our French visitors Joe Sibley. Both played constantly good quality bowls. However, on this day the credit went to Joe for keeping the pressure on in reaching the final.

The second men's **Semi-Final** was a really tough exciting game between Tony and Bryan Thompson. Score 17-17 on the twentieth end. Tony however, scraped in by three shots to reach the final.

All in all, the four days went well, with the excellent standard of play by all. John Fitzgerald, our Captain, thanked everyone who had played and supported the various games, the markers, Colin Wright and Ken Richardson for umpiring. Vic then echoed these thanks and presented the trophies to the winners and photographs were taken.

This report with photographs will be found on www.bowlingalmeria.com and our new competition website <http://www.abcbowlingcomps.com>

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