## **Top Local Bowlers Battle it Out**

The Federation of Andalucian Bowling (F.A.B.) Men's and Ladies Pairs and Singles competitions ran over two weeks in November and attracted keen competitors from Mazaron, Almeria, Cabrera and Indalo Bowling Clubs.

The Men's Pairs Final was held at Cabrera Bowling Club and played in atrocious weather conditions, with a mean cold wind and not a lot of sun. John Fitzgerald and Bryan Thompson played against Reg Birmingham and Chris Ewer, all from Almeria BC. On paper this was going to be a very close final and after a real tussle, with all players performing well, John and Bryan won through 18 to 13.

The Men's Singles Final was played at Indalo Bowling Club with perfect bowling weather. It turned out to be an amazing match with good shots being match by even better shots. With help from plenty of spectators cheering their man on, eventually the sustained pressure by John Fitzgerald told and he beat Richard Swain, from Indalo BC, 21 to 13. John's second finals win in the competition.

The Ladies Pairs Final, played at Indalo, was between Christine Ivin and Linda Lester against Barbara Roscoe and Babs Davis (defending Champions from last year) from Indalo BC. Again it was a very good match but Barbara played a magnificent game which resulted in her and Babs taking the trophy in a very well deserved win.

After two very close last end wins in the semi finals, the Ladies Singles Final was contested between Linda Lester and Maureen Milsom, both from Indalo BC. Maureen took an early lead and held on, after being pushed all the way by Linda, to win 21 to 11 in a very emotional contest.

The Trophies and cash prizes were present by Ruth Compton who also thanked all the organisers for making the event run so smoothly and Cabrera, Almeria and Indalo Bowling Clubs for hosting the events.

Report by Carolyn Micklefield Press Officer

## PHOTOS:

Men's Pairs Finalists: John Fitzgerald, Reg Birmingham, Bryan Thompson and Chris Ewer Men's Singles Finalist Richard Swaine with Winner John Fitzgerald Ladies Pairs Finalists Christine Ivin and Linda Lester with Winners Barbara Roscoe and Babs Davis

Ladies Singles Winner Maureen Milsom and Finalist Linda Lester