



2017 Palace Cup (Handicap Singles)



Winner: Brian Hallam



Finalists: John Burgess, Brian Hallam

The **Palace Cup Handicap Cup** was reasonably supported with twenty players taking part. The competition commenced on Thursday 23rd and ended with the Final on Sunday afternoon, 26th March. The updated handicap list was used for the competition.

In the Final, Brian Hallam after an exciting game beat John Burgess 21-17. Brian with only one year in the bowling world gave John an experienced player, an exciting battle. John started and continued well, but very quickly Brian fought back each time making scores level on the ninth, 9-9, eighteenth, 16-16 and twentieth end, 17-17, which showed how the supporters enjoyed the nip and tuck to this stage. Unfortunately for John, Brian kept his nerve the next two ends scoring a three and a single shot to reach the winning score of 21 shots, a well-deserved win.

To reach the finals both players had to continue to play at the top of their game. Brian Hallam played another new player who only started bowling last November, Chris Smith played a quality game but lost by five shots. John Burgess beat our Lady Captain, Christine Parkinson. This was not easy for John as Christine was leading all the way until the twenty- second end when the score was 17-17. The next end John scored one shot, Christine then fought hard and two ends later Christine was 20-18. John then played a brilliant shot taking the jack which was very close to Christine's shot wood and carried it to his two woods behind, scoring the required three shot to win.

On completion of the competition our captain John Fitzgerald thanked the supporters, the markers, Colin Wright for umpiring, Jim Pike and Bryan Hughes for green management, Tony Lear for running the competition with the help of Vic Parsons running the Semi's and Final. The trophy was then presented to Brian and usual photographs taken by yours truly. This report and photographs will be found on our website www.bowlingalmeria.com

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