



Almeria Bowling Club

2017 March Monthly Report

The **CAA 11 a Side** competition began on 17th January. Six games were played by all local clubs leading to the Final on 2nd March played at Indalo Bowling Club. During this period a Rink, Triple, Men Pairs, Ladies pairs was played for on each game. Our Red Team lead by Reg Birmingham won the competition beating the Winners, Indalo, of Blue group. The ALBC Blue team lead by John Fitzgerald reached the third and fourth Playoff and unfortunately lost.

This is the fourth year of the **Spring Handicap** which commenced on 9th January and was played on Monday afternoons. During that period of eight planned dates, the best four individual total scores was totted up. These were then drawn into two triples to play in the Final on Friday 3rd March. The Final six successful members were the Winners, Reg Birmingham, John OHara and Wayne Roberts who were drawn to play Colin Wright, Pat Deacon and Martin Harris.

Cabrera Lawn Bowls Club hosted the **Basil Withers Open Mixed Pairs** competition over the weekend of the 4th and 5th March 2017. All four clubs in the area were represented with 24 teams, slightly down on last year. The competition was played on a round robin basis with four groups of six teams. The winners of each group were Tony and Joan Wells from Cabrera LBC, Paul and Judy Abel also from Cabrera LBC, Reg Birmingham and Christine Parkinson from Almeria BC and Austin Crilly from Cabrera LBC with Sandra Brown from Almeria BC. The winners of the two semi-finals were Tony and Joan from Cabrera and Reg and Christine from ALBC. The final was won by Reg Birmingham and Christine Parkinson, Runners up were Tony and Joan Wells and 3rd place went to Austin Crilly and Sandra Brown who beat Paul and Judy in the playoffs.

During a very hot period the **ALBC Drawn Triples** commenced on 9th March and continued until the Final on Sunday morning of the 12th. This year moderate entries of thirty-nine members, thirteen teams of triples took part.

The winners were Stephen Byatt, Graham Patrick and Chris Ewer against another strong team, Ken Richardson, Rona Hendry and Bryan Thompson

As I was in UK many thanks to Wayne Roberts for taking the photographs for **St Patricks Day** which can be viewed on our website. The day was a total success when everyone enjoyed themselves. Before the day started John, Fitzgerald thanked Jim Pike and Bryan Hughes and others for the tremendous job done in getting the bowling green area back to normal after the terrible storms prior to Wednesday and allowed the day to happen. For those that organised the bowling, Sandra Brown for managing the payments for buffet etc. Special thanks for Eileen and John Phoenix for running the day, Eileen, Christine Parkinson and others for running the Raffle. Eileen Phoenix thanked everyone for the kind donations which enabled us to have a great return with the Raffle plus Tombola who was run by Sheila Nuttall and others, raising **1,074 euro for M.A.C.S. Charity**. Well done for everyone's generosity.

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

Friendlies on 20th and 21st March, home to Sheffield and away to Greenland's respectively went well.

Stop Press: The new green construction commenced on 31st March and with luck will be completed in May

. All of above will be found in full on your web site www.bowlingalmeria.co

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