



Winner: Linda Burgess



Finalists: Mandy Harris and Linda Burgess

2017 Non- Winners Singles Cup Report

The **Non- Winners Singles** is the first of the 2017 autumn competitions. The Non- Winners' Cup is for those members who have not won a singles competition here in Spain or UK during the last five years. It was encouraging that sixteen members entered. Some of our most accomplished new and not so new players took part. It looked on paper to be a very good competitive competition and proved to be so.

The competition took three days to complete, starting on Monday 9th with the final taking place on Thursday 12th October afternoon. The weather was hot, no wind, with the sun shining. Those taking part put up some tremendous performances.

In the semi -finals Linda Burgess losing finalist in 2016 against Tony Lear was great to watch when Tony seemed to have the game wrapped up winning at the time 18-13 on the tenth end and going confidently forward. Linda then started playing her 'A' game scoring well and matching Tony until the eighteenth end when scores were level at 19-19 finishing off with a breathtaking two ends when Linda scored twice at two shots each winning the game 21-19.

The other semi featured two newish bowlers who have only been playing bowls for a short period. Stephen Byatt (Steve) against petite Mandy Harris. Both had played well up to this point and continued so during this game. The lead changing several times with the score on the twentieth end 15-15. Mandy then put the final pressure winning the semi 21-16.

The Final, the first in the history of this competition featuring two ladies and very competent ladies they were. Both played well, but unfortunately for Mandy, Linda was determined to not repeat 2016 when she lost to Chris Parkinson. Mandy fought hard but this was Linda's day winning 21-9.

On completion, our Captain, John Fitzgerald thanked all players that had taken part, the very good support watching the competition, the assistance with green preparation not forgetting the markers who without, we couldn't run the event. He then presented the Trophy to Linda Burgess. Thanks to Vic Parsons doing his usual photograph work

Vic Parsons - ABC Press Officer

