January Report - 2018

The start of a year we hope will continue with our members taking part in all competitions throughout the year. The CAA has now firmly established and very successful. Tony Lear is CAA and ALBC Competition Secretary and his partner Carol Hollett has taken on the CAA representative and Ladies Captain for ALBC.

The Spring Handicap Triples is now in its fifth year and is well supported with members eagerly battling it out get into the best five players to play the final on 2nd of March.

The Sunday Bonanza commenced on Sunday 7th and continued with games on 14th and 28th January. Winners were Bill Lovett and Lin Burgess on 7th, Keith Minnett and Austin Crilly on 14th

The Joe McCraw Two Wood Singles (Metre Stick) took place on the 18th until 21st January. Winner was Christine Parkinson and runner up Tony Lear.

The first of the Ladies Charity started against Mojacar on 12th January with ALBC winning three rinks and a large overall winning score.

The first of the six 2017 CAA competitions '11 a Side' commenced on 9th January. ALBC played three teams. Red, Blue and Navy team captained by Reg Birmingham, John Fitzgerald and Vic Parsons respectively. Thanks to Tony Lear who ran the Navy side while Vic was in UK for a month. Current results to date are both ABC Red and Blue teams, Division 1 and Division 2 are in the lead and Navy are in third place in division 1.

The Winter League continued for the new year with games on 10th and 17th January.
The schedule was then amended due to the order obtained during 2016 to have 2 Divisions of seven teams on 31st January until 14th March. The early winners were Almeria Rovers and in Division 1 and eighth place was Almeria Ramblers and starts at the top of Division 2. The winners of each division will play a final on 20th March.

Finally, over the last couple of months an Almerencia provincial team was made up from bowlers of all clubs who have gone through trial selection and been invited to join the team group. Well done to ALBC who had a strong representation with Reg Birmingham, John Fitzgerald, Sylvia Pritchard, Chris Ewer, Christine Parkinson, John Burgess, Colin Wright, Ken Richardson and late comer new bowler Stephen Byatt. The first game on 23rd the selected team lost narrowly by 2 points.

Whilst writing and on a personal basis thank you for those members who enquired of Joan's latest cataract operation. It went very well and to date is looking good.

As usual the update of ALBC results, schedules and reports can be found on our website
www.bowlingalmeria.com

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