



March Monthly Report

This is the fifth year of the **Spring Handicap Triples** which commenced on 8th January and was played mainly on Monday afternoons. During that period of eight planned dates, the best five individual total scores was totted up. These were then drawn into two triples to play in the Final on Friday 2nd March. The Final six successful members were the Winners, Keith Minnett, Brian Hallam and Joe Sibley who were drawn to play Austin Crilly, Shelagh Allen and Bill Lovett

During very windy but warm weather the **ALBC Drawn Triples** using the combined handicaps of team members was played from Thursday 8th until the final on Sunday 11th March. The Winners were Sylvia Pritchard, Tony Lear and Joyce Sheard who won over Bryan Thompson, John Ohara and Colin Wright To reach the final Sylvia's team beat Mike Duffield, Joan Parsons and Jette Kress. Bryan's team were successful over John Fitzgerald, Graham Patrick and Pat Deacon

The **Winter League** was completed on the 13th March after commencing on 4th October 2017. The format this year was after 31st January 2018, fourteen teams were depending on position in the leagues divided in Divisions 1 and 2. The winners of Division 1 were ALBC Rovers and ALBC Ramblers took the Division 2. Our other Winter League team, the Gunners, were 5th in Division 1. Well done to all ALBC teams. After a meeting with all Winter League representatives present it was decided next season when John Fitzgerald came up with an idea so simple and easy to use that all the captains immediately voted on the implementation of it. The league will be run as one complete league and will be run over an 18-month time span, starting in October 2018. Further details will be promulgated when ready.

The **CAA 11 aside League** took place at various venues dependent on the schedule during bright, but cold and windy weather. All local bowling clubs took part from 9th January until the final which took place on 20th March. Ten teams took part. Three teams from Almeria (ALBC) and Indalo, two from Cabrera, one each from Mojacar and Zurgena Bowling Clubs. The teams were drawn into Red League and Blue League. The team format played was a Mixed Fours and Triples plus Men's Pairs and Ladies Pairs. On the 13th March the last day the ALBC Blue team and Indalo Tinto proved to be the winners of each league respectively. The final was played at Indalo as Reg lost the toss 'again' !!!!!!! Winners ALBC Blue with runners up Indalo Tinto. Third and fourth place were runners up of each division played. This was won by Indalo Blue when they beat ALBC Red. Once again well done to all ALBC teams.

The **Palace Cup Handicap Cup** was reasonably well supported with twenty players taking part. The competition commenced on Thursday 22nd and ended with the Final on Monday 26th March. Bad weather prevented it happening on Sunday, the scheduled day. The updated handicap list was used for the competition. In the Final, Ken Richardson after an exciting game won the game against Catherine(Cath) Patrick, the first lady to be involved in the final for some time.

Our new Ladies Captain found it challenging to organise and run the **Ladies Charity**. She has however done a great job and had great support from our ladies. Most games were won, and all had a great afternoon. The Charity Lunch at Bella Vista was brilliant, and monies raised was a staggering 2013.37 euro. Monies was shared, first went to a little blind boy who received a computer, so he could attend The National School. His parents were overwhelmed with the generosity. Other charities receiving monies were Stepping Stones that supports Alzheimer's/Dementia and MACS plus a computer club in Albox which recondition computers for disabled children.

Finally taking place from 28th until the 30th March was the **CAA 321 Competition**, this year held at the Almeria Bowling Club. Twenty-three teams took part from Indalo, Cabrera and Almeria (ALBC) Bowling Clubs. Winners were Jan Dando, Ann and Alan Reynolds against Gerard Donck, Keith and Linda Harvey, both from Indalo Bowling Club

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