

2018 CAA Ladies & Men's Pairs Finals

This year both the Men and Ladies Competitions were played on the same dates, 29th November until the Finals on Sunday 2nd December. The ladies played at Almeria Bowling Club and Men at Indalo Bowling Club until the Final which then both Men and Ladies played at Indalo. The new arrangement was a huge success, especially both Men and Ladies Final played at the same time which was watched by an unofficial record of supporters approximately seventy-five plus. They made the atmosphere terrific with their enthusiastic support. Twenty-two ladies and Twenty -nine men's pairs entered. The competition was exciting throughout with lots of expected winners not doing too well and other pairs who weren't expected to shine, did so.

Men's Final result:

Winners: Trevor Moore and Nigel Rushton (Cabrera Bowling Club) Runners up: Chris Smith and Bill Lovett (Almeria Bowling Club Ladies Final result: -Winners: Babs Davies and Chris Ivin (Indalo Bowling Club)

Runners up: Chris Parkinson and Judy Abel (Indalo Bowling Club)

Men's Final

This was expected to be a close game with excellent quality of play in the early rounds from all finalists. Trevor Moore and Nigel Rushton who had a tough game against Graham Patrick and Wayne Roberts from Almeria B.C. in their semi-final. Chris Smith and Bill Lovett, very new bowlers, had shown their class beating very good pairs on the way to winning over another Almeria pair, Brian Hallam and Ken Richardson in their semi-final.

Trevor and Nigel started slowly trailing Chris and Bill 1-9 on the seventh end, but were level 9-9 on the eleventh, thirteenth,12-12 and fifteenth,13-13 end. On the seventeenth end Chris and Bill were two shots ahead 15-13. The last end proved to be the most exciting play of the day when on Bills last bowl after being two shots behind came in and took the shot. Then Nigel played his last bowl at a controlled pace and took the shot bowl out leaving a gain of three shots giving Nigel and Trevor the championship in a very good final.

Ladies Final

This was another great competition of the highest quality with all finalists playing great bowls. Babs Davies and Chris Ivin who had beaten Mo Frith and Jan Dando in the semi-final started by taking no prisoners steaming ahead 11-1 on the sixth end. Then slowly Judy Abel and Chris Parkinson who were successful over Sue Mannall and Doreen Hall in their semi-final started making their score more respectable. On the seventeenth end they were five shots behind Babs and Chris. On the eighteenth end when Chris and Judy went to bowl their bowls Judy and Chris were two shots ahead. Judy then put another three bowls in the head giving them the five shots required for a chance of an extra end. Chris however wasn't going to let this happen on her last bowl delivered into the head and took the championship. Another exciting Final.

After the competition, Tony Lear who had run the competition thanked Indalo Club for hosting the final, all players and supporters, the umpires who had officiated, Alan Deacon, Ferah Mehmet and John Mannall. He then presented the winners Trophies and prizes. Vic Parsons then took the photographs

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