



ALMERIA BOWLING CLUB

January Report - 2015

This is the first monthly report of 2015 and not a lot of competition news but there has been a great deal of work done as you will see below.

The second year of the **Spring Handicap Triples** has been well subscribed and is going well. The Wednesday League, is good for our Rovers who are in the lead with the Gunners in 7th Place and Ramblers just behind in 8th Place.

The **CALB 4's** started Jan 6th and will continue until 10th February. At the time of writing, results are that ABC Red are in the lead and Blue team are not doing too well, third place in the league.

The **'Sunday Lunch Bonanza'** is going well although again because of other fixtures, only three games have been played

Only club competition, the **Joe McCraw Singles (metre stick)** was played this month. The winner was John Fitzgerald who beat Jim Pike after a hard fought game.

The club Ladies and Men's Singles, **Appleby Vase & Dyer Cup** started 29th January and will report on next month's report. Thanks to John and others in running this and the singles in my absence.

Our main news is the **club area improvements** we have made as a result of our Captain, John Fitzgerald, 'Wish List' which over a period the committee had been talking about but action was required. This resulted in a tremendous effort with volunteers taking part. On the list was easy, safety steps on to the delivery end of the green, this was followed by laying artificial grass before mounting the carpet. The other end was concreted and brought to again a safety level. The clubhouse was clad with similar stone to the patio wall. The inside of clubhouse needed sorting and made into changing room with more locker space, which left us finding a separate office at our own cost. This was done and a prefabricated office was purchased. To finish off, painting of all areas was required.

Lots of members helped to achieve this work. Thanks to all but special mentions must be made to Tony Mullen with the help of his 'labourer' Mary his dear wife who did a great job with the cladding of clubhouse. Graham Patrick with Tony laying the artificial grass and Ken Sykes using his professional experience doing and 'advising' with lots of painting. Without all the other members that assisted with achieving the objective it couldn't have been completed, thank you all for taking the time and your efforts achieving this. Whilst writing a big thank you to Anthony and Shirley for the help with their staff in concreting the in between greens getting rid of equipment shed and preparing the space for our new office and assisting with the cost of the paint. However although they appeared to be doubtful about our choice of office construction, I know when all is complete I am sure they will be proud of what our members have achieved.

Final thanks to Allan Deacon for assisting me with the photographs of the improvements cycle. Once again I will remind all members that most information apropos competition, schedules, full reports and special news will be found on our website www.bowlingalmeria.com and sometimes when appropriate on www.bowlinginspain.com

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