



## **Almeria Bowling Club**



### **2016 March Monthly Report**

The **Inaugural Cup** (Open Mixed Pairs) took place on 29<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March. The entries were very good with a total of twenty-eight pairs from Indalo, Mojacar and Almeria Bowling Clubs. Colin Wright, Sylvia Pritchard won the competition with John and Christina Fitzgerald, second and third with lower shot difference than John's team was Jim Pike and Siobhan Herrity. Once again thanks to the helpers that ensured the success of this competition, namely Brenda Tidswell for completing score cards, Colin Wright, Roy Tonkin and Tony Lear assisting with the admin side and finally Jim Pike and Bryan Hughes for the green care

The **ALBC Drawn Triples** commenced with the Preliminary round in the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> March and was completed with the Semi-Finals and Final taking place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. As in 2015 the entries were fairly good with thirty-nine players, thirteen teams, taking part. The **winner**s were the team, Ken Richardson, Ann Hayhow and Joe Sibley against another very competitive team, Austin Crilly, Vic Parsons and Mick Dutfield

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March the **CALB Men and Ladies Singles Finals** took place at Mojacar Bowling Club. This competition began in December 2015 and involved over one hundred and seventy-nine players from our local bowling clubs, Almeria (ABC) Cabrera (CAB) and Indalo. (IND) Mojacar (MOJ) **Final Championships Results: Ladies Singles:** Maureen DeBoer/ **Men's Singles:** Tony Mullen (ABC) / **Ladies Pairs:** Beryl Male/Maureen DeBoer (IND): / **Men's Pairs:** John Fitzgerald/Bryan Thompson (ABC)

**St Patricks Day.** Thanks once again to Siobhan and all those assisting in making this day a continued success. This year the charity total was a huge 1,348.67 euro inclusive of Tombola monies of 559 euro. Siobhan visited Etticut, Turre and spoke to Beth who owns the business and represents Vera Orphanage. She accepted the charity money collected on behalf of Sister Antonia and gave her a receipt for monies collected.

Siobhan has continued to work and make this day so successful over a Fourteen years' period. In the early days her late husband Ray accompanied her and although he is no longer with us she continued her grand job. This year will be her last year accompanied by her good friends, Bob and Margaret-Kirby who have collected prizes and run the Tombola also for many years. Once again many thanks to all.

**Anniversary Open Competition** - As it is twenty years since bowls started at Almeria this one-day competition celebrated the occasion. Thanks to Shirley, Anthony and boy's sponsors enabling us to give the healthy cash prizes presented by David Jackson to the **Winners**, Colin Wright, Viv and Ken Sykes, **Runners up**, Rod, Lyn Band and Malcolm Smallwood, **Third**, John and Lin Burgess, Sylvia Pritchard. **Fourth**, Jenny Thompson, Gill Atkinson, Gerard Douglas

The **Palace Cup Handicap Cup** was supported reasonably well with twenty players taking part. The competition commenced on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and ended with the Final on Saturday afternoon, 27<sup>th</sup> March. **Winner** was Reg Birmingham and **Runner up** Keith Sephton.

Finally, it must be mentioned that because all members must now be registered (FAB) if they want to play competitions against other clubs, including the winter league. John Fitzgerald and other committee members worked hard to ensure all members wishing to participate are now FAB. Please note all of above reports and photographs will be found on our websites

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