



## 2016 Palace Cup (Handicap Singles)



**Winner: Reg Birmingham**



**Finalists: Reg Birmingham  
Keith Sephton**

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. The updated handicap list was used for the competition.

In the Final, Reg Birmingham (scratch handicap) was successful over Keith Sephton (three handicap) The game was re-scheduled from 1400 to mid- afternoon as the semis took place earlier due to the the extreme heat on Friday, hence moving them to Saturday. It was good to see Keith take part as he has a traumatic time with cancer of the throat and undergone surgery during the past year. Keith however, on this occasion was unable to maintain the level of bowls he had played leading up to this game, but still played some good shots. Reg was in a mean, determined mood taking the Championship comfortably.

To reach the finals both players had to continue to play at the top of their game. Reg played Sylvia Pritchard who has been playing very well this season. Her start was not good for thirteen ends. She then fought back but was unable to catch up with Reg who was on fire. Keith played Tony Mullen and as predicted was a tough game. Score was level on tenth end at 10-10, then Keith started to put pressure on Tony going ahead by 18-10. Tony, still continued to fight but was unable to overcome Keith's lead.

The quality of bowls was superb throughout the three days and produced many exciting games for the supporters watching. As yours truly was in UK many thanks to Jim Pike for running the competition. John Fitzgerald gave thanks to the markers who without, the competition could not happen and for all the support from members both playing and watching. To Bryan Hughes for taking the photographs. The Trophy was then presented. All above can be found on our competition website thanks to John Henworth.

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