



2017 Avalon 321 Challenge Cup

Thanks to Avalon Funeral Plans for sponsoring the **Open 321 Avalon Challenge**. This competition played with a 321 round-robin format, where teams of three players play six ends of Triples, six of Pairs and finally six ends of Singles over a set period of two hours.

The competition was open to Cabrera, Indalo, Mojacar, Almeria , Zurgena bowling clubs. The sixteen teams entered were drawn and divided into two groups, played over three days, 29th, 30th and 31st October. On Tuesday afternoon on the 31st the winners of group one played group two to decide the competition winner and second place. The runners up of both groups played for Third and fourth place

The quality of play was excellent throughout. Finalists were from Indalo, Almeria and a mixed Almeria, Indalo team. The Final was between two Indalo teams, Group one winners, Jenny Thompson, Gill Atkinson and Maggie Holmes against Group two winners Keith and Linda Lester, with Tony Kent. Both teams had played well over the three days and on paper should have been a close game. It was however not so, as Maggie's team won all three disciplines taking the Open Championship.

The Runners up third and fourth play-off was between Group one runners up, Reg Birmingham, Ken Richardson and Colin Wright playing group two runners up, Tony and Mary Mullen from Indalo and Shelagh Allen from Almeria. This game results had to go to the rules to decide the winners. Tony's team won the triples and singles discipline but lost the pairs. This from spectators view gave Tony's team the third place, however the rules states that If the points and scores are level at the end of the game a triple is played to decide the winner. To save a repeat of this situation, next year the rules need to be amended for the final.

After the games our Captain, John Fitzgerald, thanked our sponsors, Julie Durrant from Avalon Funeral Plans for coming to see us to present the prizes. Tony Lear for running the competition with the help of Vic Parsons, Roy Tonkin, Brenda Tidswell, David Allen and most important Roy Ritson for his excellent scoring software. All the players who took part plus the many spectators that attended. Finally, for Bryan Hughes for keeping the green and equipment in order. Julie then presented the prizes with Vic Parsons, Tony Lear taking the photographs.

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