

## ***2017 Men CAA Pairs Championship Final Results***

The 2017 Men's CAA Pairs Championship took place at Almeria Bowls club starting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 22 pairs started the competition from across all the clubs of the area.

By the semi-finals, all remaining players were from Almeria BC.

Brian Hallam and Ken Richardson v Bryan Thomson and Martin Harris.

Brian and Ken started well and were in the lead on the twelfth end with the score 14-11.

Bryan and his partner Martin scored five shots on the next end to go ahead. They then continued to pressurize to win by six shots. Good to see Martin, who is a newish bowler reaching this stage.

Austin Crilly and Tony Lear v Chris Ewer and John Fitzgerald, past winners albeit different partners,

Although in the prior round Austin and Tony played excellent bowls, they were unable to get on top of their game with the powerful performance from Chris and John who won comfortable.

The Final was eagerly awaited by the many supporters, expecting a classic, they were not let down. This was certainly the best Final I have watched and reported on for some time. The supporters were glued to their seats not wanting to miss a shot throughout. Score was level on the eighth end. Bryan and Martin then edged forward looking like they were going to win when on the seventeenth end they were ahead 16-13. Holding two shots on the eighteenth end until the last bowl of John's took the jack and forced an extra end by scoring the three shots required. The extra end was also nip and tuck with Chris putting in three bowls on the jack. Martin came in for second bowls. Bryan then had a controlled firing shot into the pack and unfortunately, the jack went to two of John's bowls waiting on the side. Bryan was unable to get into these bowls to lose a great Final.

On completion the Trophy and Prizes were then awarded to the finalists, the CAA Delegada thanked the supporters; all players for taking part especially the superb final.

Further thanks to all the umpires and to ALBC for hosting the three days, the photographs which can be viewed with this report on ALBC website [www.bowlingalmeria.com](http://www.bowlingalmeria.com)

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