

2017 Christmas Party and Presentation

A wonderful day was had by our members on the 7th December celebrating the annual Christmas get together first having a North versus South match bowling match. Most members were dressed traditionally in Christmas attire and thoroughly enjoyed their game. A group photograph of all attendees was taken before play commenced to be published on our website home page heading. After bowls everyone retired to the Miraflores Patio for liquid refreshments prior to the Christmas Lunch. As usual the Carvery was excellent and the sweet just as good.

On completion of lunch the raffle took place with Chris Parkinson our recently retired Lady Captain, leading the way announcing the winners of the prizes. Carole Hollett, Eileen Phoenix and Elaine Lovett who made up the excellent prize basket hampers and generally managed the other prizes kindly donated by members. Prior to this, the separate draw was carried out for a superb large hamper supplied by Chris and Sandra Brown which was won by Bill Lovett. The monies received more than 400 euros will be donated to charities, Stepping Stones, Blind Boy David, Donation Laptops and Mac's.

Our Captain, Reg Birmingham then addressed the attendees beginning with the result of the morning bowls. The North won by a small margin of 124 to the South 113. Winning team Maureen and John Ohara, Sandra and Chris Brown and the South winners were Lin & John Burgess with Clive and Sylvia Pritchard.

He continued with thanks to all those members who helped make this occasion so successful which included Sandra Brown for her superb management in arranging this party, Carole Hollett and team for running the raffle, John Fitzgerald and Bryan Hughes for the preparation of the carpet and surroundings. He also thanked the Miraflores staff for looking after us and presented a healthy money collection from us to them to be shared by all the staff. He then passed the stage to Tony Lear and Carole Hollett for presentations of prizes. On completion of this Reg Birmingham thanked Tony and Carole for the preparing and presentation of prizes and Vic Parsons for taking the photographs of all finalists. This report with all photographs will be found on our website www.bowlingalmeria.com

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