

BOWLING CLUB



DE ZURGENA



‘THE BIAS’

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GREEN OPENING CEREMONY



Ruth Compton, FAB Delgado, Deputy Mayor, Ana María Campos, Mayor, Domingo Trabalon Garcia and Club President Ade Leitch

Our new 80,000€ bowls green was officially opened on 21st December by Mayor Domingo and 40 members turned out on a cold morning to witness the event and to have a bowl on the new green. We were also delighted that Ruth Compton, Delgado, FAB Almeria was able to join us. When the Mayor cut the ribbon, it was the culmination of months of planning and collaboration between Zurgena Town Hall, Greenguage Bowls Surfaces and the officials from the bowls club.

Ray Malt, who won the Dutch auction for the privilege of bowling the first bowls at the first roll up gladly obliged and then the members were let loose on the new carpet.

Club President, Ade Leitch said, ‘I am delighted. Thank you to our members who supported the committee’s vision for the new green and to everyone involved in bringing it to fruition.’



Ray Malt’s first bowl

ANDALUCIAN SUCCESS FOR ZURGENA BOWLERS



Neil Leeder, Julie Mason and Shootsie

Finals' day at the Andalucian Championships at Indalo Bowls Club saw a fantastic display of bowling from all concerned. Player of the tournament was our very own Shootsie who retained two of the titles he won last year. With new partner Neil Leeder, the Zurgena duo beat Chris Ewer and John Fitzpatrick (ALBC) to take the coveted gold medal in the Men's Pair event. Shootsie then played Mark Naylor (ALBC) in the Men's Singles final and with a flawless performance he took his second gold medal of the day winning 21-9.

But the real star of the tournament was Julie Mason who had a superb week and a great final losing narrowly to Debbie Colqhoun (Indalo) to take a silver medal in the Ladies Singles. With recent events, Julie has shown a real strength of character defeating several Spanish International players en route to the final. Thank you to the organisers, umpires, markers and all the Indalo volunteers for an enjoyable week of bowling.

THE VICTORIOUS PRESIDENT'S TEAM



Ade Leitch's President's team were too strong for Neil Leeder's Captain's team in the inaugural Trips Challenge Match with wins in 4 out of 5 rinks and the top points score giving them a convincing 10 – 2 victory. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to doing it again in 2025

PRESENTATION EVENING GALLERY



NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT ADE LEITCH

I would like to wish every one of you a very prosperous and Happy New Year. We enter 2025 with our club in a good place, but we can all play a part in making it better. My message to members is respect and be kind to each other and enjoy your bowling.

MORE PHOTOS OF THE NEW GREEN & WORKS



NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to Keith and Linda Lester who are joining us from ALBC and a welcome back to returning member Mike Pinnock.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 January
9 – 12 January
16 – 19 January
Thursday 23 January

Zurgena Singles League commences, Mondays at 14.00H
FAB Mixed Pairs at Zurgena
Men's and Ladies Singles at Zurgena
Zurgena Bowls Club AGM, 13.30H at the club