

BOWLING CLUB



DE ZURGENA



'THE BIAS'

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ZURGENA OPEN TRIPLES WINNERS



Wow! What a tremendous competition our Open Triples turned out to be with an excellent weekend of bowling, wonderful camaraderie and a thriller of a final that had the crowd gasping, sighing, and cheering, creating a fantastic atmosphere. 2023 champions, Shootsie, Maureen Hanratty and Jan Dando met David Arnold, Mike Philpott and Tony Harris in an all Zurgena final after both teams topped their section.

David's team were on top form advancing to an 8-4 lead before the final seventh end. With only one bowl remaining and holding two, Jan used her years of experience to assess the head and called to Shootsie, "If you make this, it'll be the shot of your life. Remove this bowl, and we could score 5." As Shootsie approached the mat, the tension was palpable. His expert drive removed the bowl cleanly, eliciting cheers from the crowd as the opposing team's spirits fell.

The umpire was called and declared 4 shots, leading to a one-end playoff. Shootsie, winning the toss, opted to give the mat away. Tony's first bowl stopped within 10 inches of the jack, but Maureen's bowl nestled inside his. Tony responded, placing his bowl inside Maureen's, and with Mike's excellent delivery, they held 2 shots. Shootsie, with three bowls remaining, faced a congested head. David bowled his first to protect the head, and Shootsie's initial drive missed. His next bowl left his hand like an arrow, straight into the head. Bowls went everywhere and when the dust had settled, Shootsie's team held 3 shots. David's last-ditch effort to draw the shot failed, finalizing the score at 11-8 in favour of Shootsie's team, who retained the title.

What a match it was, worthy of gracing any competition at any level. Every bowler was at the top of their game, and the real winners were the sport of bowls and Zurgena Bowls Club.

WINDSOR BOWLS CLUB FRIENDLY MATCH



On Tuesday 15th October Zurgena Bowls Club hosted visitors from Wales, the Windsor Bowls Club. A popular format of play in the U.K. is rinks (4 player teams) and we were happy to accept Windsor's request to play 6 games of rinks. A strong performance by Zurgena, as you would expect on home turf saw us take the victory, winning 4, drawing 1 and losing 1, with a shots score of 89 to Zurgena and 72 to Windsor. A very friendly group and good bowlers too, we will be looking to play them again next year. Well done everyone!

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP



What's this? Club President Ade Leitch with a bowls trophy? What did he win? When and where did he win it? Or has he stolen it? He certainly looks pleased with it.

In all seriousness though, our thanks are due to Ade who has donated this marvelous trophy to the club, and named it the President's Cup. It will be awarded annually to the winner of the Zurgena Singles League. Nice one Ade!

The league was run for the first time in 2024, the winner being Steve Daniel who beat Derek Strong in the final.

The 2025 league will commence on Monday 6th January with a start time of 14.00H each week and end in April. There will be two leagues, with each player playing each other in a round robin format, two semis and a final.

For this season we are trying a different format. The games will consist of two sets of 9 ends each with two trial ends allowed. The winner will be the player with the most sets won. In the event of a tie after the two sets a tie break of three ends will be played, the toss of a coin to decide who has the mat. The winner in the tie break will be the player who wins the most ends in the tie break.

More information will be circulated in November. Who knows, Ade has been playing well with his white narrower bowls and may be the first name to be engraved on the trophy. Unless of course, you can stop him!

OPEN TRIPS PHOTO GALLERY



MIND YOUR P'S AND Q'S

Paella and a quiz were the order of the day at the club recently and thanks are due to Carol and Steve Way who organised a splendid event. Pictured below are the winners of the quiz, 'The dented doors' resplendent with their trophies (that's more like it Ade 😊). As you can see by the empty paella pan, the food went down a treat and everyone had a great time.



GREEN UPDATE

It has been quite a challenge finding a builder who can complete the necessary work for the December deadline and has the equipment needed to do it. To take the pressure off we have agreed to delay the laying of the new green for 3 months to allow a reputable builder to be appointed and the work carried out in time. If it can be done sooner all the better. Verbal permissions have been obtained from the Town Hall to carry out the work and Roy Keningale and Rich Brimble have started fixing the steel lengths to the sides of the green. Thank you to those members who helped unload the steel from the wagon. We are in discussion and awaiting written quotes from local builders and Greenguage, for levelling each end of the green with screeding and also compacting marble gravel.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday November 10th

November 4th to 8th

November 9th and 10th

November 14th to 17th

November 21st to 24th

November 28th to December 1st

Rock and Bowl at Zurgena BC

FAB Ladies Singles at ALBC

Barry Woods Pairs Open at Cabrera BC

FAB Men's Singles at Indalo BC

FAB Ladies Pairs at ALBC

FAB Men's Pairs at Indalo BC

14.00H registration