

30th Anniversary New members' Competition

Fourteen of our new members, 7 ladies and 7 men, enjoyed a three woods singles competition on the 15th and 16th August. To reduce the 14 to 12, two preliminary matches were played in not very pleasant weather on the 15th. The weather improved considerably on the 16th and the 12 bowlers were allocated to one of three groups for the group stage of the competition. Each bowler played three, 7 ends, matches in the morning against the other bowlers in their group. The winner of each group, plus the best runner-up, played in the semi-finals (9 ends) in the afternoon, before the final (11 ends) was contested.

The three group winners were Adrian Bevan, Steve Bollschweiler and Bob Hopkins. They were joined in the semi-finals by Gordon Tucker as the best runner-up, with two wins and a shot difference of +8. Two other bowlers - Cathryn John and Christine Pegg - also won two matches, but their shot differences were -1 and +2 respectively. The two semi-finals were closely fought, with Steve Bollschweiler and Bob Hopkins proceeding to the final. This was won by Steve Bollschweiler by 13 shots to 7.

Many congratulations to Steve on his victory. Congratulations also to all the other players who helped to make this a memorable tournament. The atmosphere was great and I'm sure the new members got to know each other much better. Many thanks to the different markers: Jan Berry, Liz Cugley, Peter Stuart, Bryn Owen, Brian Ilbery, John Eagle, John Davies and Viv Grandfield. Thanks also to John Davies and Bill Malcolm for the various photos, some of which will accompany this article.

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