

Dear Brian,

And could I also thank you – I'm sure on behalf of all us new members as well – for a very enjoyable day's tournament. Thank you, personally, for all your hard work in organising the event, and also the team of markers who guided us through each of our games with courteousness, with the friendly encouragement and help offered us, as players, with admirable neutrality.

I would also like to thank my fellow competitors for their incredible sportsmanship/sportswomanship and good humour throughout the tournament in both victory and defeat. We were all keen to play our best and win games if we could – it was a tournament with an eventual winner, after all – but that 'competitive spirit' did not detract from the friendliness and camaraderie with which the games were played. And during the day, we all lost at least one match, including, Steve, the very worthy overall winner.

All in all, the event, I believe, helped make bowls even more enjoyable for us, and especially within the Pentyrch Club, where we are all beginning to feel very much at home, after such a short period of time.

So, again, thanks to our organiser, the team of 'officials' and fellow competitors for a very enjoyable day!

Gordon Tucker      17<sup>th</sup> August 2021