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MENS & LADIES SINGLES



***The winners Mike Philpott & Susie Derby,
Zurgena Male & Ladies Singles Champions
with trophy presented by Club Captain Donald Garden***

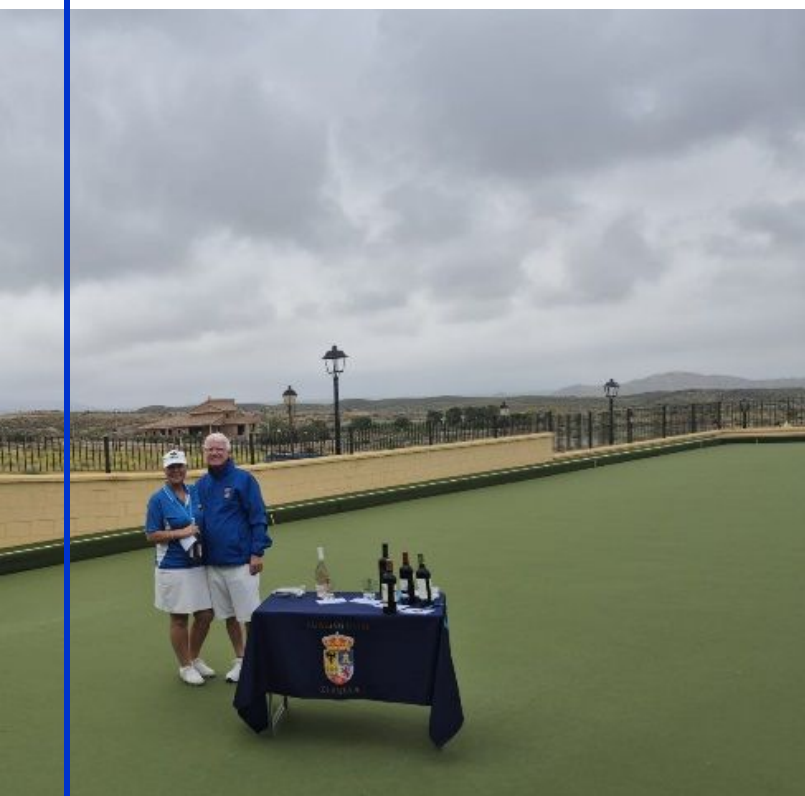
What a great weekend of bowling. The Men's Singles and the Ladies Singles was a knockout competition with 16 male entries and 8 ladies. It was the first to score 21 with some very close matches, not least between Susie Derby and Carol Way in the Semi-Final who were at 20-20 and both were within a couple of inches of the jack with about a 2mm difference. Following a caliper measurement Susie just edged it. Susie had another tough match in the final with Leanne Garden staging a strong comeback to make it 19-19 before Susie edged it on the 23rd end.

Mike Philpott played some very accurate and consistent bowling leading to a convincing 21-5 victory over Wal Walton.

Congratulations go to Mike Philpott who claimed the Men's championship and Susie Derby who won the Ladies. Very well done to you both.

Runners up were Wal Walton and Leanne Garden and 3rd place were Steve Daniels and Julie O'Connor respectively. Well done to our finalists.

More photos from the Singles Competition



Runner Up **Leanne Garden**



Runner Up **Wal Walton**



Third place **Julie O'Connor**



Third place **Steve Daniels**

SIDCUP BC FRIENDLY

The Tony Mason Memorial Match

This annual fixture was once again competed at Zurgena on 5th May 2026. As most members know this particular match has a special place in our calendar as Sidcup BC was the UK club of our own (and still very much missed) Tony Mason and Julie Mason. As a result of this special connection, it is held as the Tony Mason Memorial Match and the teams compete for the Memorial Trophy.

As ever a warm (and thankfully sunny) welcome was provided to the Sidcup team and there was time to enjoy each other's company both before and after the match with great support from Malcolm Darby who cooked his way through a multitude of bacon rolls, burgers and various alternatives! He was ably supported in the tea hut by Dave & Marta Webb who stayed on after their stint at the morning roll up. Julie Mason provided a fund at the bar for everyone to enjoy a drink or two which was very much appreciated! There were many others who helped with clearing up or had baked cakes to add to the cooked food. Our collective thanks to all who contributed.



The match was played (as expected) in a friendly but competitive spirit, and it was clear that Sidcup have started to become more used to our surface as they improved on their score last year taking two of the six rinks. They have pledged to win the trophy at some point, obviously not if we have anything to do with it!

In the end Zurgena were victorious taking the points 10-4, winning four rinks and the overall shot score by 112-79. This was another enjoyable and successful afternoon with lots of positive feedback from both sides. This has further cemented the friendship and links between the two clubs and Sidcup have already stated their intention to return next year, once again confirming the significance of this much-loved fixture.

Thanks to Wal for his excellent report

Mid May saw the return of our **Rock & Bowl** nights, this time under our new Social and Fundraising Secretary Steve Way.

Music played during the 14 ends of bowling with the team with the highest shots taking the prize which was a 5€ voucher for the teahut, won by Carol, Diane and Jason. Followed by Paella by Steve, Burgers from Malcolm then Karaoke, STSD Bingo, Football Cards and Darts, run by Mike Philpott and won by Steve Fry. Overall 350€ raised for the club. Well done Steve on your inaugural event.



Ibex Trophy Funday

The Ibex Trophy funday is an event held to acknowledge our main sponsors Ibex Insurance. We started with the Spider competition, which was great fun, especially for our newer members who hadn't played it before and for the winner Rich Brimble.

We then played 3 games of 5 ends, with breaks in between to stay hydrated and fed and to talk tactics as roles changed within the 3 sets. We also gained points for touches and in powerplays. Overall lots of fun, lots of frustration and some high scores.

Thanks go to Wal, Donald & Steve for the organisation, to Malcolm for all the cooking on the plancha, to Laurann, Tina and all those who helped in the teahut, to Carole T for helping with the raffle, to the ladies who made cakes, and to our Sponsor Ibex Insurance. Bernie from Ibex kindly brought us some merchandise and presented the trophy. Well done to all involved.



F.A.B OPEN TRIPLES

Zurgena hosted this event where 16 teams entered divided into 2 leagues with 3 games played yesterday and 2 this morning. The final consisted of

League A Team A1: Mick Ryan, Jason Wilson & Paul Day

League B Team B4: Malc Barber, Stewart Kinnear & Dave Leslie.

A message from our competition secretary Wal.

"What a final it was resulting in the need for an extra tie-break end with the scores all square at 5-5 after the 7 ends. Finally, Team A1 were victorious after the additional end. Many congratulations to the winners but also to the runners up, both teams played some superb bowls making it such a close-run finale which was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

My thanks to everyone who took part, especially our friends from the other Clubs, who help to make this comp what it is. The matches over the two days were played in in the right spirits, in good company and the feedback I have received is that everyone enjoyed themselves!

As ever these comps do not run without help. Our collective thanks, as ever, to Ian Mason for the expert umpiring, to Malc Darby for the excellent work on the Plancha and to Lyn Brimble for running the tea hut. Thanks to all those who helped set up, put away, lock up etc" Well done to all involved.



F.A.B Open Triples Champions 2026. Paul D, Mick R & Jason W.



FAB Open Triples RunnersUp2026 Malc B, Stewart K & Dave L.



WELCOME TO SUMMER

Roll Up on June 11th was a welcome to summer event arranged by Steve W. All wore Hawaiian/ loud shirts whether they wanted to or not. The sun shone and the atmosphere was great. Afterwards there was homemade Sangria and free popcorn. Altogether a bit of fun in the sun.



ZURGENA HONG KONG PAIRS

This was a knockout competition played over 4 days with 10 prs of bowlers. The semi-final saw matches between Jason W/Ade L v Mandy/Martin H, and Roy K/Julie M v Gavin S/Bruce H. these were 2 close matches with only 1 shot difference in one of the matches.

The final result was the Bronze medal went to Mandy /Martin H after their play off against Roy/Julie.

Silver medal went to Bruce/Gavin and the worthy winners were Jason/ Ade.

Congratulatsins to all the finalists but especially to our winners.

Thanks go to all our club members who helped during the competition either running the teahut or plancha but especially to Rich Brimble for running the event on behalf of our Comps Sec.



Hong Kong Pairs Winners Jason Wilson and Ade Leitch



H K Pairs Runners Up Bruce H & Gavin S



H K Pairs 3rd Place Mandy & Martin H

ZURGENA OPEN PAIRS

Zurgena hosted the Open Pairs with teams from Zurgena, Mojacar and Indalo.

Saturday was an extremely hot day. Teams in 2 groups, playing 2 or 3 games, each 8 ends or 70 mins whichever was the shorter, battled each other and the ferocious sun. With 3 points for a win and 1 point for each end won, it was all to play for.

The results after all the games were

Zurgena Open Pairs League Table - V1.0 - Copy

ZURGENA OPEN PAIRS LEAGUE GROUP 1												
	Saturday			Sunday								
	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	WIN Points	DRAWS	LOST	ENDS WON Points	Shot Diff	Points	Position
Team A1	A4 2-8	A3 8-7		A5 5-9	A2 9-9	3	2	0	16	-5	21	3
Team A2	A3 3-7		A5 7-4	A4 9-5	A1 9-9	6	2	0	16	3	24	1
Team A3	A2 7-3	A5 0-16	A1 7-8		A4 14-5	6	0	0	14	-4	20	
Team A4	A5 8-4	A1 8-2		A2 5-9	A3 5-14	6	0	0	18	-3	24	2
Team A5	A4 4-8	A3 16-0	A2 4-7	A1 7-7		3	2	0	16	9	21	3
ZURGENA OPEN PAIRS LEAGUE GROUP 2												
	Saturday			Sunday								
	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	WIN Points	DRAWS	LOST	ENDS WON Points	Shot Diff	Points	Position
Team B1		B4 8-7	B3 12-4	B5 10-8	B2 4-5	9	0	0	18	11	27	2
Team B2	B3 12-1		B5 7-4	B4 11-6	B1 5-4	12	0	0	17	22	29	1
Team B3	B2 1-12	B5 7-4	B1 4-12		B4	3	0	0	9	-16	12	4
Team B4	B5 11-3	B1 7-8		B2 6-11	B3	3	0	0	13	2	16	3
Team B5	B4 3-11	B3 4-7	B2 4-7	B1 8-11		0	0	0	4	-13	4	5
A1	Susie D & Malc D				B1	Adrian D & Maggie H						
A2	Ray M & Bruce H				B2	Ade L & Paul D						
A3	Paul Didcote & B.Willerton				B3	Julie O'C & Carol W						
A4	Dave L & Stewart K				B4	Colin A & Wal W						
A5	Chris G & Tanya G				B5	Roy K & Julie M						

Congratulations to Ade Leitch and Paul Day who top scored and also to Ray and Bruce who won their group



COMMITTEE NEWS

June was an extremely sad month for the club after hearing the shocking news about the death of Tina Sedge who was a wonderful support to Stuart, Jean and Brian. This was compounded just over a week later when we got the heartbreaking news that Stuart had also died. They were a truly lovely couple who were always happy and kind. Tina helped out in the tea hut numerous times despite working fulltime, always with a smile on her face. Stuart was a very good bowls player with a cheeky sense of humour.

I don't think they've ever had a bad word to say about anyone.

Our hearts go out to Brian and Jean.

There is a book of condolences at the club, if you've not yet signed it please do and hopefully, in time, it will bring a little comfort to Brian and Jean.

The news just got worse in July when we heard about Ian Mason collapsing and subsequently dying with his family with him.

Ian was a huge part of the club. He had been the President, Club Captain and as a coach taught most of us to play bowls. He was a highly respected Umpire with the FAB. He was very dry witted and loved his pint and local bar. He was full of life. He was a very popular man, evident by the number of people who turned up to his wake in loud/Hawaiian/ club shirts as requested.

Again, a book of condolences is available at the club.

There will be a little montage of photos in remembrance of our dear friends in the next newsletter.

DATES for the Diary

July 29th Rock & Bowl

August 2nd North / South Challenge