

BOWLING CLUB



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SPANISH CHAMPIONS



Shootsie is pictured alongside Lisa Bonsor, the Ladies Champion

Congratulations to our very own Graham "Shootsie" Shoots who became the Spanish Men's Singles Champion in May, beating the once World Indoor Champion Peter Bonsor in straight sets at Greenlands Bowls Club, Alicante. The competition was stiff, but Shootsie was victorious, bringing the cup to Almeria for the first time ever. Next year he will go on to represent Spain in Australia at the Champion of Champions Competition, playing against the best of the best in the World!!! We are proud to have him at our lovely little club in Zurgena! This should inspire all of us!

Two Zurgena Ladies also excelled in the Nationals with Jan Dando missing out in the semi-final in a very competitive tie break to Lorna Cormack from ALBC. In her first appearance at the Nationals, Maureen Hanratty did herself proud and finished third in her group so well done to all.

Shootsie will be defending his title closer to home as the Spanish National Championships are due to be held in our region in 2025. If you enjoy competitive bowls, then why not enter yourself.

RECENT COMPETITION WINNERS & R/UP

Handicap Singles



Winner: Jason Wilson. R/ Up: Tony Harris

Ibex Trophy Winners



Carol Way, Terry Lyons and Tony Mason

Zurgena Singles League



Winner: Steve Daniel. R/up: Derek Strong

Hong Kong Pairs Winners



Shootsie and Tony Mason

WEBSITE

A big thank you to Stuart Stansfield who having looked after the Club website for many years is retiring due to ill health. We wish him well for the future. This, however, means that we need a new Webmaster. The website is one of the first points of call with members of the public and potential members, so it is very important that it is up to date and relevant. After crashing a few months ago, the website needs rebuilding and will then require someone to maintain it so if there is anyone out there with the skill and time to take on this role it would be very much appreciated. The webmaster does not have to be a member either so if you know of anyone, please let us know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 7 August: | North v South Trips Challenge Charity Match (fancy dress, 1970's and 80's optional) |
| Sunday 1 September: | The Price Brown Fun Day |
| Wednesday 11 & 18 September | Team Challenge, Spitfires v Hurricanes |

Lawn Bowls' Etiquette [With thanks to the FAB Almería Website \(fabalmeria.es\)](http://fabalmeria.es)

The etiquette of the game of bowls is a combination of good manners, sportsmanship and sociability; these courtesies are best described as the unwritten Laws of the Game. They are designed to promote social ability and the excellent reputation for friendliness and sportsmanship the game of bowls has rightly earned.

- Be conversant with the Laws of the Game and any Rules of the competition and observe them.
- Be punctual to commence play at all matches and be properly attired.
- Keep quiet and refrain from moving when players are on the mat.
- Stand one metre behind the mat while your opponent bowls. – Law 12.1.1
- Always stand still at the head when a player is about to bowl, movement at the head or talking at the mat end is very distracting.
- Always allow your opponent the right to the head as spelt out in the Laws of the Game.
- Walk close to the centre of the rink with minimum delay when changing ends, do not distract play on the neighbouring rink.
- Do not unnecessarily delay play. Always be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
- Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest – Law 13.4
- Any player intending to fire should make sure players on that rink and adjacent rinks are aware.
- Every player at the mat end should assist in collecting bowls when the end is completed.
- Always pay your Skip the respect of waiting for their decision. Do not step onto the mat and indicate which way you intend playing – wait for the Skip's instruction – Law 40.1
- Never complain about lucky bowls, they often equal out over the game.
- Applaud all good bowls no matter what side you are supporting and accept lucky bowls graciously
- Never say “thank you” when the opposition has unfortunately improved your position.
- Respect the green at all times and stay in your rink– do not drop bowls onto the green, stand on the edge of the green or walk in ditches.
- Should you wish to leave the green always inform your opponent – Law 32.1
- If you lose, be a good loser, don't blame other people, the green, the weather etc.
- If you win don't say how easy it was and win or lose always shake hands at the end of the game and thank them for the game.
- When deciding shots at the end of an end, it is the player conceding the shots who should take out the bowls. If either want a measure then either, or both can do so.
- Offer your opponent a drink at the end of the game and when playing singles remember to offer the Marker a drink.

NEWLY QUALIFIED MARKERS

Four members of the Zurgena Club joined a group of would-be Markers from within the FAB area at Mojacar Bowls Club recently for a Markers course run by CAUMA (Costa Almeria Umpires and Markers Association). What an excellent day run by Umpires Ruth Compton and John and Sue Mannall who gave up their time to pass on lots of useful tips and techniques. The day ended with a practical assessment and an excellent 100% pass rate. So congratulations to all the new Markers but especially to our very own Maureen Hanratty, Tony Harris, Neil Leeder and Shootsie. If you would like to attend a Markers course and give something back into the sport of bowls, then keep an eye on your club noticeboard as another course is in the planning.



During the course on the left and on the right after receiving their Marker's shirts and certificates from Club President Ian Mason

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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