

**BOWLING CLUB**



**DE ZURGENA**



# ‘THE BIAS’

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## SPITFIRES CROWNED AS CHAMPIONS 2025



Many congratulations to the Zurgena Spitfires who have been crowned FAB Winter League Champions 2025. This is a great achievement for our club and is the first time a team from Zurgena BC has won the league so we can all feel very proud. Our club has come a long way in recent years, and we will no longer be referred to as 'just a roll up club.' The Spitfires excellent run in taking 63 points out of the last 7 games, proved too hot for the opposition and was the key to their title success. Winter league round up on page 4.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to congratulate the Spitfires for taking the Winter League title. This is a first for Zurgena and raises the club's profile once again. You should all be very proud of yourselves and the rest of us should be proud of our club. With an increase in members to 82 including some seasoned league players we can only get stronger for 2026.



Rich Brimble with a small team of helpers has done a fantastic job laying the surplus carpet and moving the tool shed. This has given us more room to accommodate visiting teams and created a dedicated smoking and vaping area. It's not quite finished yet but is a work in progress.

Thanks to Paul and Judy Abel's donation of an oven we are now able to look at increasing our selection of food options which will further help with club funds. Best wishes, Ade Leitch

## ZURGENA HANDICAP SINGLES FINALISTS



*The finalists. Runner Up Stewart McGinnie, Club President Ade Leitch and Winner Mark Naylor*

What a great Handicap Singles final it was between Mark Naylor and Stewart McGinnie who battled it out in a scintillating final. Stewart, with a 2-shot advantage in the handicap went into an early lead and stayed ahead for 21 ends with some excellent draw bowling. At one point he was 11 shots ahead. Mark never gave up and his dogged perseverance was rewarded when he finally went into a 20 -18 lead. Stewart remained resolute and with three thirds, his drive to remove Mark's second bowl, which would have given Stewart the victory, missed by millimetres. Mark took the next end to win the match 22 - 18 and lifted the coveted Memorial Cup, presented by Club President Ade Leitch. Thank you to all the players, the markers, the spectators and everyone who helped in the tea hut and on the plancha.

## ZURGENA LADIES PAIRS FINALISTS



*Runners up Linda Lester & Mandy Harris, Umpire Ian Mason, Vice President Donald Garden and the winners, Lorraine Malt & Christina Marshall*

It was good to see a large crowd of spectators supporting the Ladies Pairs finalists and they were treated to a great game. Lorraine Malt and Christina Marshall were taking on Mandy Harris and Linda Lester and it was nip and tuck in the first six ends. From then on though Lorraine and Christina proved too strong for Mandy and Linda and took the game and Ladies Pairs title by a score of 19-11. Thank you to the organisers, the spectators, Ade in the tea hut, Malcolm on the plancha, Ian Mason for officiating as Umpire and to Vice President Donald Garden for presenting the medals and trophy.

# PHOTO GALLERY



# FAB WINTER LEAGUE REPORT

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## League Table

	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Diff	Rink Pts	Pts
Zurgena Spitfires	20	16	0	4	1517	1168	349	110	142
Almeria Gunners	20	16	0	4	1508	1210	298	97	129
Almeria Wanderers	20	11	0	9	1425	1250	175	96	118
Cabrera Turre	20	14	0	6	1452	1277	175	88	116
Indalo Musketeers	20	10	1	9	1381	1285	96	94	115
Indalo Vikings	20	12	0	8	1405	1278	127	87	111
Indalo Eagles	19	8	0	11	1312	1275	37	68	84
Mojacar Sirocco	19	7	0	12	1235	1352	-117	66	80
Zurgena Mosquitoes	20	7	1	12	1135	1399	-264	64	79
Zurgena Hurricanes	20	4	0	16	1244	1546	-302	55	63
Mojacar Levante	20	3	0	17	1067	1641	-574	47	53

There are three teams competing in the league for Zurgena and they can feel equally as proud of their achievements this year. as both took valuable points from the clubs chasing the Spitfires and this proved vital in the run in.

The Hurricanes had a poor start to the season but should be encouraged with a much-improved performance in the second half with some noticeable scalps and they took 4 points off the Gunners in the final game.

New team, the Mosquitoes went from strength to strength culminating in an 8-2 victory against league runners up, the Gunners, in the penultimate game of the season, a victory which helped secure the top spot for the Spitfires.

So, congratulations are due to all the players and team captains for an excellent campaign, and we look forward to recommencing battle and defending the title in 2026

## COMMITTEE NEWS

A big thank you to Malcolm Darby who has agreed to take on the role of, 'Functions Catering Manager'. He will be using his expertise as a chef to increase the variety of food we can offer at future events and will be working closely with Carol Way.

A vacancy still exists for the role of Club Captain and as we grow as a club, we could also do with a few extra members volunteering for the General Committee. For more information, please speak to any committee member.

## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to new members, Wal and Laurann Walton

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April  
26 – 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May

Team Almeria V Country Bowls Friendly at Zurgena  
Zurgena Round Robin Rinks Competition  
Friendly v Sidcup BC