

**SECRETARY/COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ZURGENA BOWLS CLUB A.G.M. **

It's been a very busy year for Zurgena Bowls Club and since I took on the secretary's role in May, your committee has met on 10 occasions. We also held 4 EGMs and some of us have represented the club at several FAB meetings.

Most of our time was taken up with the new green project and it is pleasing to see that completed. I would like to thank Roy Keningale and Richard Brimble for the extra work they put in to ensure the green was completed and to Maureen Hanratty and Shootsie for their contribution to the overall planning and negotiations with Greenguage. Maureen and Shootsie are standing down from the committee today so thank you both again for your valued contribution to the running of the club.

Our membership continues to grow and if we are to keep everyone feeling happy, and fed and watered we will need more members to come forward to help. I would like to thank Carol Way for all she does organizing the tea hut and plancha rota and for maintaining the stock of food and drink that we all enjoy.

Thank you also to our members who work on the plancha and to those who make the wonderful cakes for our social events and fun days.

On the competition side, it has been a very busy end to 2024 and there seems hardly a free week at all in the 2025 calendar.

I suppose it's my fault for introducing a few new club competitions this year which I hope you will enjoy. These include a pairs league commencing in June, ladies' pairs, mixed singles, 2 wood singles and a non-winner's competition.

We are also holding two Open competitions in 2025, triples and pairs and will be hosting two FAB Opens as well as hosting a friendly match between Team Almeria and Country Bowls. This is one of the rewards of the new green and will generate income for the club as well as raise our prestige.

To give you an example of the financial rewards. The recent FAB Mixed Pairs competition at Zurgena BC attracted 36 teams resulting in green fees of over 500 euros, plus the takings from the bar and plancha over the 4 days.

It is very pleasing to see Zurgena BC success continue in FAB and Andalucian competitions and with more members entering tournaments it bodes well for the future.

We are a club run by unpaid volunteers so thank you to everyone who helps during roll ups, competitions and social events. Going forward, as we hopefully host more major competitions and social events, we will need a team of helpers so if you can help in any way, please do so.

Tony Harris, 20/1/2025