

**BOWLING CLUB**



**DE ZURGENA**



**CLUB NEWSLETTER**

# 'THE BIAS'

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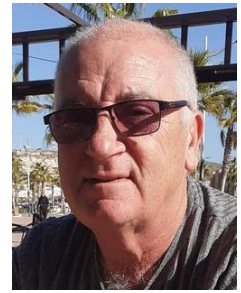
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, Adrian Leitch

It's been an exciting few months for Zurgena BC as we continue to raise standards on the playing front while also trying to improve facilities for our members.

More of you are wanting to play competitive bowls which is great, but I am aware that competition bowling is not for everyone. Many of us enjoy roll ups and the social side of bowls and a successful club will cater for players of all sorts and the trick is getting the balance right.



Our aim to secure the future of the club took a massive step forward when you voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Greenguage quote and financial measures to ensure our viability. Thank you! If all goes to plan the work will take place in December and we will have a new carpet guaranteed for the next 10 years. We will keep you updated on the progress.

We are also trying to improve the communication between the committee and the membership and so far, we have

- Introduced this newsletter.
- Created a Welcome Pack for new members.
- Provided a suggestion box at the club, and
- Started publishing "draft" meeting minutes within a short time of meetings taking place.

There is so much more that we want to do but please be patient, things take time, and some issues can only be addressed at the AGM.

Finally, I would like to wish Tony Mason the best of luck in the European Open taking place in Ayr, Scotland.



Congratulations to Steve Way who won the competition to come up with a name for the Newsletter. Steve's suggestion, 'The Bias' was a hit with the judges and here he is receiving his prize from Club President Adrian Leitch.

# NORTH V SOUTH CHARITY CHALLENGE MATCH



'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS' - The victorious south team revelling in their victory



What a great day at the club for the inaugural North V South Charity Challenge match which was keenly contested between two fearsome sides. 15 ends, with each player acting as skip, 2 and lead for 5 ends each, plus 3 powerplays available, where teams could double their points made up for an exciting contest.

Many players were in 1970s fancy dress costumes and with 1970s music playing throughout the game, the atmosphere was electric. The South team proved too strong on the day winning 4 rinks to 2 with an overall shot difference of 97 to the north and 114 to the South. Congratulations to the South team but look out next year as the North will be back for vengeance.

Much merriment was had by all, and we raised 300 euros for the local food bank. Thank you to the players for supporting the event, everyone who was involved in organising it, the cake makers, with a special mention for Bev Auger and Malcom Darby on the plancha, Steve Way in the tea hut Carol Way and Jan Dando for the fun games and raffle. Well done all!

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## CLUB RULES

- All visitors and guests are invited to play providing they observe the rules of the Club and pay the appropriate fees before commencing play.
- All visitors and guests must be signed in by a member who will always be available during opening times.
- Members will be responsible for visitors they sign in and must adhere to the rules and etiquette of the Bowls Club.
- Whites are preferred on Club Roll-Up Days, but this is optional. Gentlemen, please don't wear vests, singlets or sleeveless tops. Ladies may wear sleeveless blouses.
- For health and safety reasons flip flops or sliders are not permitted. Footwear must be flat soled, and we strongly encourage the use of recognised bowling shoes.
- Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas.
- Verbal or physical abuse towards committee members, volunteers or other members of the club will not be tolerated.
- Members wishing to bowl outside of roll up sessions must contact one of the keyholders below to arrange collection of keys for the gate padlock and gents' toilets. Upon leaving, the keys must be left in the white mailbox behind the shed and the keyholder informed. The last person to leave must ensure the toilet is locked and the padlock is secured on the entrance gate. Non-member guests are not allowed on site.
- Key Holders: Maureen Hanratty, +34 678 40 38 99, Shootsie, +44 7845 99 09 22, Tony Mason +34 711 06 50 42, Donald Garden, +44 7715 45 10 94, Carole Thomas +34 677 74 87 39 and John Pooley +34 626 66 65 83
- Mobile phones are not allowed on the green, the only exception being if the member is awaiting an emergency phone call. In this instance they must inform a committee member and their opposition before play commences.
- Eating and smoking are not allowed on the green. Liquid containers must be left on the periphery of the green, behind the ditch and bank.
- At the end of your game please remove all possessions from the green and put all equipment away including mats, jacks and trolleys.

## CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE NEWS: Roy Keningale and Maureen Hanratty have been co-opted onto the General Committee. As Green Keeper, Roy's input will be invaluable and with Maureen being fluent in Spanish, her new position as Community Liaison Officer will enable the club to communicate effectively with the town hall and other agencies. Welcome both.

GOOD LUCK to Tony Mason, who heads off to the European Bowls Championships in Ayr Scotland, 2nd to 8th September 2024, as one of the Spanish National Bowls team. GO TONY AND GO SPAIN!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 September:	The Price Brown Fun Day
Wednesday 11 & 18 September	Team Challenge, Spitfires v Hurricanes v Mosquitos
Sunday 29 September	Friendly, hosting Vistabella Bowls Club
Wednesday 2 October	FAB Winter League starts
Sat/Sun 5 and 6 October	FAB Open Trips at Zurgena
Fri 11 to Mon 14 October	FAB Open Rinks, Indalo