

Mijas sent a very strong entry to the Miraflores Pairs & Triples Competitions with a large number of untested combinations and new members entering their very first Open event. Day one of the competition was cancelled due to heavy rain which made the green unplayable. The conditions dried up, but the conditions were made tricky with gusting and swirling winds and heavy showers.

Pairs

Maria and Tom Muckley put up a good performance in their first ever competition, but lost in two sets to an experienced home club team in two last end deciders. Despite losing over half of the Mijas teams in the first round, Denis Hanley and Joan Corbett made it into the last 16 before narrowly losing. We had two teams make it into the Quarter Finals stage with Jeff Turner and Ex member Pat Baker being eliminated in an extra end decider.



Juan Abeal and Lorraine Penning Hamami won three successive extra end deciders, including a flawless second set in the semi final to overcome a fancied home team who had made their home advantage pay in set one.

In the Final Lorraine and Juan played another Miraflores pairing of Tony and Ester Gatter.

Mijas managed to take two shots in the final end of the first set and win it by a single shot. Ester played the steadiest in set two and was to instrumental in levelling the match. The first two ends of the decider were shared with tight heads. The advantage changed in the final end a few times before Tony played probably his best shot of the day to chap and lie. Lorraine's final bowl managed to promote their own bowl ,but it just passed between the shot lie and the jack leaving Miraflores to claim the title.

Triples

The majority of our Triples were eliminated by other Mijas teams through out the various rounds, with Dave Wilson, Lorraine and Nabil and then Denis Hanley, Joan and John Corbett losing out to Sheila and John Wilson and Terry Forrester in the last 16 and quarter final rounds respectively.

Jeff Turner, Christine Naughton and Juan Abeal lost in the quarter final in the 18th end to the Santa Maria finalists when Barry Holt drew in his last bowl to take away the game winning lie of the Mijas team.

Sheila, John and Terry beat a Lauro triple including Phil and Hazel Gutteridge 23-6 within 16 ends in the semi finals. Barry and Angie Holt and Humphrey Hughes from Santa Maria defeated Ester and Tony Gatter and Nancy Shaw in the 18th end in a much closer affair.

In the Final the Mijas team established an 8-0 lead in the first 6 ends with Terry drawing to within a metre of the jack more often than not and when the Santa Maria team were able to get a shot lie it was always dislodged by either Sheila or John. The Mijas team continued to play the more consistent bowls through 12 ends and were 16-5 up before the Santa Maria team were able to mount a sustained fightback. The Mijas team managed to defend a 5 shot advantage going into the last end and the Santa Maria trio were limited to a double, with Mijas having all the options covered preventing any potential for a last end upset, eventually winning the title by 18-15.

