

Malaga Federation Provincial 3 Bowl Triples

The Malaga FAB Provincial Triples were held from the 10th thru 13th October with the Ladies Competition held at La Posada with the Mens teams at Saydo.

The Competition at both venues was keenly contested to get down to the semi final stages with the majority of the Province clubs entering teams and most of those getting at least one of their entries through to a semi final game. The Competition was well organised and the host clubs members should be proud of their hospitality and condition of their facilities. All games were played in the correct spirit.

The Ladies Semi finals had Mijas trio of Ward, Ball and Corbett against Dethridge, Warne and Land with the former taking four shots in the final end to scrape through by a single shot. The opposing semi final seen the home La Posada team of Rowe, Greenwood and Banfield overcoming their local Saydo rivals of McKenzie, Evitts and Davis with a more comfortable victory.

The Ladies Final was a match fit for the occasion with Mijas getting off to an early 9-1 lead before La Posada made it level at the 15th end.

The final three ends were undoubtedly the best of the match with all six ladies playing their best bowls of the game. In end 16 every player held the shot at least once during the end before La Posada took a single shot to get in front for only the second time in the match. In the 17th end Julie played her 3 bowls on or around the jack, before Mijas managed to knock it off and then replace it with a winner of their own to bring the scores even again.

The final end, (or so we thought) seen Julie encircle the jack again with another resting toucher. Pauline Ward was a foot short with a couple of her bowls and having another a yard through. The respective seconds played a series of cover bowls and shots that shuffled the head, but left La Posada still holding game. The Mijas skip managed to spring the jack into the open but left La Posada still holding before Janis then drew a resting front toucher, forcing a perfect and successful drive from Joan to kill the end.

The replayed end seen five of the leads bowls within a yard of the jack yet again and Mijas had another bowl sitting less than 2 yards behind, but were 2 down to a resting toucher. With Shelley playing cover bowls Pauline Ball managed to trail the jack less than a foot to lie game with her 3rd bowl.

This time it was Mijas skips turn to play blockers and cover bowls while the La Posada skip tried to change the lie back in the home clubs favour, just failing with her gallant efforts that all reached the head. Mijas were the eventual and relieved winners by 17-16 in what was a good natured game between two very evenly matched teams.

Ron Jones (Chairman of the Malaga FAB) made the awards to the Ladies Finalists and speech of thanks to both host clubs and their members as well as all the competitors.



Janis Rowe, Julie Banfield, Shelley Greenwood



Mal Evitts, Nina McKenzie, Maisey Davis



Pauline Ward, Joan Corbett, Pauline Ball



Mary Dethridge, Dene Warne, Barbara Land

The Mens Competition semi final saw the La Posada team of Fenwick, Brickley and Ansted leading by six shots going into the final end after what had been a thrilling battle with a single shot separating the teams for the majority of the match. The Mijas triple of Suarez, Gray and Abeal had a slim chance of getting the match to an extra end, but their efforts were all but thwarted by a brilliant last bowl from Mike Ansted for second shot. The final score being 17-12 in favour of La Posada.

Saydo made the most of their home advantage in the other semi final with Lawley, McLean and the skip Gateshill managing a series of draws to keep Lauro triple of Wright, Turner and Gumbley at bay for the most of the game. Saydo had been one of the most consistent teams and managed to win successive games without being made to play the final end.



Ray Fenwick, Stuart Brickley, Mike Ansted



Robert Wright, Jeff Turner, Ray Gumbly,



Tom McLean, Gary Lawley, Alan "Wicker" Gateshill



Manolo Suarez, Juan Abeal, Ian Gray

The Mens final seen La Posada take top spot with a comprehensive victory over Saydo who were unable to keep up their high standards. La Posada took an early advantage and stretched it to an eleven shot lead at the half way stage before the teams exchanged five shot ends. La Posada then successfully protected their lead through to the seventeenth and final end. Capping a wonderful run of games and were crowned the deserved Mens Provincial Triples Champions.