

The Ball and Chain Competition was held at Mijas LBC from the 28th November thru to the Finals day on the 1st December. Running along side the Ball and Chain for the first time was an Open Alternative Round Robin Tournament. Entries were reduced as a result of a recent increase in Covid 19 infections with a number of bowls clubs being directly affected. However, we were able to continue and hold qualifying rounds in both events with teams from Mijas, Benavista, Saydo and La Posada. The sponsors IBEX were in attendance for Finals day to present the prizes.

The Ball and Chain Final was contested by four Mijas teams and game three seen a head to head between Maureen and Ewan Fraser and Pauline and Steve Ward, with the Frasers requiring to win by 2 sets to nil to claim the Trophy. After the Frasers won set one the title was still in the balance until Steve and Pauline took the second set by the narrowest of margins. Maureen and Ewan won the tie break giving themselves the chance to take second spot, but needed the Holts to win the opposite match.

John and Sheila Wilson came out on top in their final game against Angela and Barry Holt. In the tie break end to take second place by virtue of their head to head win against Frasers in game 1.



Ibex Sponsor Shona Roger with Ball & Chain Winners Pauline and Steve Ward



Ball & Chain runners up John and Sheila Wilson



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The Alternative Round Robin Competition also went down to the final game in the series with three teams still in with a chance of lifting the title, but Bill Neal/Ian Patterson combination were in prime position with 2 wins. Alan Gateshill and Gary Lawley of Saydo required their 2 set to nil victory to leap frog into first place and relegating the Mijas Pair into 2nd.

Nick Cummins/Clive Price/Nigel South. Saydo needed to win their final game to be in the mix, but lost out in a tie break end to Eric Storrs/Ian Gray/Billy Mulcahy (Mijas).

Mijas LBC provided the finalists the sandwich lunch and post prize giving mince pies by way of thanks for their support of the event.



ARRT Winners Gary Lawley/Alan Gateshill (Saydo)



Ibex representative Shona Rogers with Artt runners up Ian Patterson/Bill Neal



SAYDO FINALISTS GATESHILL/LAWLEY & SOUTH/CUMMINS/PRICE



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