

Mijas Lawn Bowls Club Ball and Chain competition was held from 7th to 10th December 2019, in glorious sunshine. This event was restricted to couples living as a partnership and this years entry included a large number of couples playing in their first ever Costa del Sol competition and many playing in this event for the first time. All the matches were played in a competitive yet friendly spirit.



The first phase of the competition was played in a round robin format with each couple playing three games, each consisting of three sets of six ends. The top four couples then progressed to the Ball and Chain semi finals and the next four highest scoring teams qualified for a consolation event.

The Ball and Chain semis involved the only four unbeaten teams in the competition going head to head with a Mijas pair in each of the semis.



In the mornings matches John and Sheila Wilson (Mijas) beat Tony and Ester Gatter (Miraflores) by a single shot in a high quality game with the holding shot changing several times in most ends.

Les Hainsworth and Liz Ward (Lauro) beat John and Joan Corbett (Mijas) in a match that could have been won by either couple, but Les and Liz very impressive through out and deserved the win. Les and Liz then went on to win the Final with another very solid performance and although the match went to the final end they never looked likely to surrender their healthy lead.



The Consolation semi finals involved the only four teams that had two wins/one loss record, with two Mijas teams playing against La Posada opposition.



Wayne and Nancy Myrden (Mijas) played well to beat the highly experienced Jeff and Janice Rowe (La Posada) and get through to the Consolation Final in their first ever competition. Mike and Julie Banfield (La Posada) beat Stephen Stroud and Barbara Jackson (Mijas) in a very competitive semi.

The Consolation Final was won by the more experienced La Posada team, but they were pushed all the way to the final end and had to keep their concentration right to the final bowl.

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Finally thanks to the Competition Secretary, Club House Manager and bar stewards and all the Mijas members who assisted in running and supporting the event.