

## **MIRAFLORES OPEN IS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!**

The Miraflores Open, the largest of its kind on the coast took place last week, for the first time since Covid restrictions stopped and Brexit came into effect. It provided a golden opportunity for bowlers across the Province to play competitively. We were lucky to have both Ibox Insurance and Spectrum IFA as sponsors supporting the event. The event took place in glorious weather and there was a large crowd of spectators in attendance throughout.

The 2 disciplines, Mixed Triples and Mixed Pairs attracted a large entry 20% higher than 2020. A multitude of matches were needed.

The Mixed Triples final was contested between Nick Cummings, Simone Morgan & Pat Fisher against John & Sheila Wilson with Juan Abeal. John's team got off to a flying start leading 11-2 after 6 ends, Nick's team won the next 6 ends to get to 11-10. The match swung backwards and forwards resulting in the scores tied at 15 each after the last end. An extra end play-off was needed which was won by Nick's team. A fascinating and closely fought contest enjoyed by all watching.



Triples 2021: Triples Finalists (From L to R): Jeremy (Spectrum IFA – sponsor), Sheila, Pat, Juan, Nick, Simone, John & Elaine (Ibox – sponsor).

The Mixed Pairs competition which is played in sets led to a large majority of matches requiring play-offs. The final was between John & Sheila Wilson and John & Eleanor Morgan. This match, saw some fantastic bowling with the first set won comfortably by the Morgans winning 6 ends, and the second won by the Wilsons after picking up 5 shots on the second end. Extra ends were needed again; John & Sheila won the first and were holding shot for the match when John Morgan hit the jack with his last bowl to force a final end which the Morgan's managed to win along with the title for a second time.

Grant spoke thanking players, spectators, umpires, helpers, Terry (who ran the Pairs) and Heather's team which was greeted with warm applause. He highlighted that they had either witnessed or participated in 2 fantastic finals. Trophies and prizes were presented to the finalists by Elaine (Ibex Insurance) and Jeremy (Spectrum IFA). The sponsors held prize draws throughout the event which were won by Carol Frost & John Cooke.

Pairs 2021: Pairs Finalists (From L to R): Jeremy (Spectrum IFA – sponsor), John & Sheila (Runners-Up), Eleanor & John (Winners) and Elaine (Ibex – sponsor).

