



Phil in form in final

On Wednesday 12th August Cordoba Village hosted the RGBB 10 pin bowling competition. Despite being in the middle of holiday season a good number of members and their families took part in this friendly, but competitive event.

Although the bowling standard was "very mixed" there were clearly some talented bowlers amongst the field (a sign of a mis-spent youth). After the early rounds were completed the quarter finals threw up some intriguing ties.

In the quarter finals Martin Dickinson scored an impressive 199 to knock out Adam Pannell and progress to a semi final with Steve Nettle. Martin had a run of 5 consecutive strikes in this game, which was not beaten all evening. Steve Nettle managed to overcome the gutsy fight back of Amanda Richardson before booking his place in the semi finals with an impressive 129. One of the children in the event (Gillian Armstrong) gave sports member Gary Richardson a real fright, before Gary just eased past her into the semi finals.

Phil Pannell fought off the challenge of Salem Bin Abdoon to book his place in the semis. Phil looked "home and hosed" after 7 frames were completed as he had a substantial lead of over 30 points. However Salem had other ideas and hit 2 strikes in a row to leave him needing 1 more strike with his last ball to knock Phil out...unfortunately he left 1 last pin standing and a relieved Phil progressed into the semi finals against Gary Richardson.

The semi finals were closely contested with Martin Dickinson scoring 145 beating Steve Nettle's 127. Phil Pannell then took on his close friend Gary Richardson in the other semi, with the crowd being well aware that the bragging rights of this contest were far more important than the guaranteed trophy the winner would receive. Despite being close early on Phil showed that he really did have a mis-spent youth and put in a turkey (3 strikes in a row) to open up a gap that Gary would never close. Phil eventually winning 164 – 139.

The Final between Martin and Phil was yet another

closely fought contest with both players getting very respectable scores. After the first frame the players were tied on 7 points, but then Martins earlier knack of finding a way to get all of the pins down deserted him and he left 2 consecutive frames open. Phil took real advantage of this dip in form from Martin to spare both frames and open up an advantage that Martin was unable to overcome. Both players swapped strikes towards the end of the game; however Phil ended with an impressive 169 to Martins 147 to take the title.

After the game both players received their trophies from sports organiser Gary Richardson.

Martin said "I started very well early on, but couldn't maintain that standard, Phil beat me comfortably and I congratulate him on his victory. My wife Barbara and I have had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we would like to thank everyone concerned with organising it."

A jubilant Phil Pannell thanked Martin for a very close game and then commented "winning the semi final over Gary gives me the bragging rights in our golf buggy for a few weeks, which is fantastic. But to win this overall is a really nice surprise and I am delighted to have just edged Martin out".

The RGBB would like to thank Mike Roberts and his Cordoba team for hosting this event in their superb state of the art Brunswick bowling alley. Not only was the welcome and facility superb, but the meal in the restaurant afterwards was very tasty, with food of a high quality.

The sports team has lots more events lined up over the coming months, so please watch your emails for details. If you have an idea for any events that we do not currently have planned please contact sports organiser Gary Richardson on richardsonksa@hotmail.co.uk

