

## The 2009 Club Finals

Princes Risborough B.C. held their club competition finals over the weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. The weather was kind with hot sunshine on the Saturday followed on the Sunday by temperatures more typical of a mid September day.

The star performance came from 16 year old Vicky Room who in the previous month had won the English National Under 25 Pairs championship with her partner Charlene Turpie from Marlow Bowls Club. Vicky won all three of her club finals - and in doing so demonstrated a maturity on the bowling green far in excess of her years. In the Ladies Handicap, despite being 5 shots down going into the 14th end, she dug in deep to win all but one of the remaining 8 ends for what turned out to be a comfortable win over Joan Beach. Her next victory came in the Jubilee cup against Jan Burrows who, although relatively new to the sport put up a very dogged and able performance. Their scores remained close throughout until Vicky managed to surge over the line on the last two ends of a mammoth 29 end match. The third of her trophy wins was in the mixed competition for the Risborough Plate. On her way to these finals she had already taken some notable scalps, but the size of her win over the highly experienced Dennis Robertson was something again! It goes without saying that Dennis as ever was the perfect gentleman and took it all with good grace.

Showing some fine form, Wayne Richardson beat the reigning singles champion, Ray Gaskins - whilst in the ladies singles featuring Beryl Walford and Pam Armstrong, it was as intensely competitive as you are ever likely to get - with Beryl holding on to retain the title she won last year.

In the ladies Two Woods Singles, Judy Plater managed to overcome a determined effort from Jan Roberts; and Dave Harding had did well to hold off a Tom Walford in the Men's Handicap.

There was disappointment for Richard Ferguson and Derek Plater who having pulled back to level the score after 21 ends in the pairs, lost out to Joe Cook and Dave Harding on the extra end. Derek Plater was unfortunately obliged to repeat the experience of an extra end defeat - this time with partner Jean Fish, having to defer to Lance Adlam and Judy Plater in the mixed pairs!

Jean Fish and Carole Robertson picked up a remarkable "hot - shot" eight on the second end of the ladies pairs. Their opponents Joyce Goodman & Lesley Throup fought back to level the game before securing a brilliant win with a 4 on the last end.

Having been drafted in as a late substitute for this men's pairs final, John Peart played his part alongside Mick Leggett in winning all but one of the last 8 ends to give them a narrow win over Don Wilson and Dave Harding.

After a shaky start Mick Leggett staged another late surge to beat Dennis Robertson for the Two Woods title; and in the Samuel's, Ray Rouse held off a mid match recovery from Del Behenna to win by a comfortable margin.

On Saturday, after the trophy presentations made by club captain Reg Lawrence, members enjoyed a sumptuous barbeque produced by the Room and Plater families. The last match ended on schedule at 4.30p.m. on Sunday, after which the winners were presented with their trophies by President Bob Davis and all agreed that the weekend had been a great social success - topped off with some excellent bowling.

Full list of results, winners names first:

**Men**

Singles Championship - Wayne Richardson 21, Ray Gaskins 17

Singles Handicap - Dave Harding 21, Tom Walford 16

Samuel's Cup Singles - Raymond Rouse 21, Del Behenna 14

Two Wood Singles - Mick Leggett 21, Dennis Robertson 16

Drawn Pairs - John Peart & Mick Leggett 17, Don Wilson & Dave Harding 15

Two Wood Pairs - Joe Cook & Dave Harding 17, Richard Ferguson & Derek Plater 16

Drawn Triples - Richard Ferguson, Roger Kane & Del Behenna 21, Bob Davis, Tom Walford & Dave Harding 14

**Ladies**

Singles Championship - Beryl Walford 21, Pamela Armstrong 17

Singles Handicap - Vicky Room 21, Joan Beach 16

Jubilee Cup Singles - Vickie Room 21, Jan Burrows 16

Two Woods Singles - Judy Plater 15, Jan Roberts 12

Drawn Pairs - Joyce Goodman & Lesley Throup 28, Jean Fish & Carole Robertson 24

**Mixed**

The 'Risborough Plate - Vicky Room 21, Dennis Robertson 4

Drawn Pairs - Lance Adlam & Judy Plater 22, Jean Fish & Derek Plater 21

Drawn Triples - June Redding, Jamie Richardson & Dave Harding 16, Hazel Davis, Mick Pilgrim & Alan Atkinson 1

"Vicky Room relaxes on the edge of the green, after winning her three club titles at the Princes Risborough Bowls Club finals".