

O.I.B.A. – COUNTY PAIRS FINAL

The 2024-2025 O.I.B.A. County Men's Pairs final was played on Monday 7th April at Carterton. The O.I.B.A. County Pairs final was contested by Will Parker (lead) and Andy "Macca" McIntyre (skip) of Carterton and Tim Jupp (lead) and Paul "Sharmy" Shaman also of Carterton.

The first five ends Tim & Paul only picked up two shots where Will and Macca picked up 6 shots. On end 7 it all changed Tim & Paul picked up five despite all four players drawing close to the jack. The score now was 7 – 7 at seven ends. The next three ends Will & Macca picked four shots with some exceptionally fine bowling. However Tim & Paul were not having it and picked up two threes on ends 11 & 12, Tim and Paul were now in front by two shots 13 – 11. Ends 13 to 15 the shots were shared and at end 15 the game was tied at 14 all. Tim & Paul stepped up a gear and took 8 shots on the next three ends to win the game 22 – 14.

This final could have gone either way because the standard of bowling by all four players was exceptional.

Tim & Paul won the game 22 – 14 and took the County Pairs title. Commiserations to Will & Macca however they still walked away with the runners up trophies. Carterton Bowls Club was the winner all round.

Carterton members turned up to support their players which is always good to see.

Thanks to Carterton for hosting the final. Dave Lattimore presented the trophies. As always massive thanks to Tony Wright who umpired the final and was called a number of times to measure. Tony has been at all the finals which the OIBA owe him a big thank you, thanks Tony.

