

O.W.I.B.A. - LADIES COUNTY PAIRS FINAL

The second 2024-2025 O.W.I.B.A. ladies final was played on Sunday 16th March at Chipping Norton. The O.W.I.B.A. County Indoor Pairs final was contested by Sue Mayo (lead) and Jeanette Berry (skip) of Oxford City & County and Kerrie Morland-King (lead) and Claire Walker (skip) of Carterton.

This is the second time in a week that Jeanette and Claire have played each other in a final. As in the singles final Claire and Kerrie got off to a good start by being 6 – 0 after four ends. Jeanette and Sue picked up a single shot on end five then a massive five shots on end six making the score 6 – 6 at six ends. The next three ends were shared however on the tenth end Jeanette and Sue did it again and picked up another five shots and on the eleventh end another four shots, now they were in front 17 – 9 at eleven ends. Claire and Kerrie were having none of it. Sue on the 14th end drew four woods within 15 inches of the jack however holding four shots Jeanette's last wood drew to the jack and moved it towards Kerrie's wood. From ends 12 to 15 Claire & Kerrie picked up 8 shots and were on a roll, the score on the fifteen end was now equal at 17 – 17. End 16 saw Sue again draw four woods within 12 inches of the jack and holding four despite Kerrie, who was drawing well, only losing out by a matter of inches. Claire was also drawing well but kept finding the gaps and on her third wood managed to get second wood with Jeanette replacing it to win two shots. Going into the last end Jeanette and Sue were 20 – 17 up. The eighteenth end saw Sue draw shot with Kerrie having second wood. Claire moved the jack with her first wood but still was one down. Jeanette managed to draw another shot winning the game 22-17.

This was another excellent final with all four players bowling well. Well done Jeanette and Sue and commiserations to Claire and Kerrie. They meet again in two weeks' time, Saturday 29th March at 10:00, for the County Triples final. This should be another good match.

Thanks to O.W.I.B.A. President Dulcie Smith for presenting the trophy. Also thanks to Tony Wright who umpired the final.

