

## O.W.I.B.A. - LADIES COUNTY TRIPLES FINAL

The third 2024-2025 O.W.I.B.A. ladies final was played on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Chipping Norton. The O.W.I.B.A. County Indoor Triples final was contested by Sue Mayo (lead), Rosemary Phelps (two) and Jeanette Berry (skip) of Oxford City & County and Bev Cross (lead), Kerrie Morland-King (two) and Claire Walker (skip) of Carterton.

This is the third time in a couple of weeks that Jeanette and Claire have played each other in a County final. City & County got off to a good start picking up three shots on the first end. Carterton scored 1 shot on the next end only to let City & County have one shot on the next two ends. City & County were in front 5 – 1 up after 4 ends.

Ends 5 to 10 were shared between the two teams with some excellent bowling played by both teams. At end 10 City & County were in front 10 – 5.

End 11 saw the wheel fall off for City & County because as they dropped six shots giving Carterton the lead 11- 10. Carterton had now got the bit between their teeth and took five shots on the next three ends. Carterton now in front 16 – 10. Sue, Rosemary and Jeanette were not going to give in that easy. The next two ends were shared with 1 shot each. Score at end 16 was 17 – 11 to Carterton.

With only two ends to go it was far from over, with some excellent drawing wood from both teams and take outs. City County picked up 4 shots on end 17 and two shots on end 18 to finish up 17 – 17 on end 18.

An extra end was played; Carterton won the toss and gave the jack away. City & County, Sue & Rosemary, drew shot and were holding game. Jeanette played her woods and with her third and final wood she clipped a Carterton wood which moved it closer to the jack. Claire, Kerrie and Bev had a long discussion whether it was shot or not. Carterton took the decision that Claire would not bowl her last wood and called on the Umpire to measure it with his callipers. Claire judgement was right and Carterton won the game 18-17 at 19 ends.

This was another excellent final with all six players bowling well; it was a close game that could have gone either way.

Well done Bev, Kerrie and Claire and commiserations to Sue, Rosemary and Jeanette. Both teams had supporters turn up a Chipping Norton which was good to see.

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

