

O.I.B.A. – OVER 60's MENS SINGLES FINAL

The first 2024-2025 O.I.B.A. men's final was played on Wednesday 26th March at Carterton. No surprise that the O.I.B.A. County Over 60's Men's Singles was contested by two excellent players Tim Jupp and Paul Sharman.

Tim took the first end and Sharman responded by taking two shots on end 2. Tim drew 2 shots to win end 3, Tim in front 3 -2. Sharman won end 4 by drawing the jack to the ditch for 1. He also took two shots on end 5, Sharman now in front 5 - 3.

Although Tim was drawing exceptional well he stepped up a gear and took the next 4 ends now in front 12 - 5. Sharman had drawn two shots on end 10 only to knock one of his short woods into the count thereby picking up three. Tim was still out in front 12 - 8.

End 11 Tim picked up one shot. End 12 Tim put Sharman under a great deal of pressure by drawing 3 shots within 16 inches of the jack and his fourth wood inside his other 3 woods picking up 4 shots. Tim also picked up 1 shot on the next end. Tim 18 - 8 up. As per usual if you give Sharman a chance he will take it and he did scoring 3 shots on end 14. Score now 18 - 11 to Tim. Was this going to another Sharman come back?

End 15 Tim picked up one shot. End 16 Tim drew two woods, the second trailing the jack for two shots. Tim covered the back of the rink anticipating that Sharman would fire and he did missing with his last two woods. Tim took the 2024-2025 O.I.B.A. Over 60's Singles title winning 21 - 11.

The game was well supported and it was all agreed that Tim was excellent on the day; anyone playing him would have found him difficult to beat. Sharman was gracious in defeat, as always, and acknowledged that Tim was excellent on the night. An excellent opening Oxfordshire Indoor Bowling Association final.

Thanks to Carterton for hosting the final, Chris King for marking and O.I.B.A. Committee member Roger Oliver for presenting the trophies. Also thanks to Tony Wright who umpired the final.

