

WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.



Winner, Gary Roberts with Immediate Past President, Brenda Jones

Welsh Vet's Merit 2019.

The Welsh Vet's Individual Championship was held at Brymbo BC on Wednesday 5th June.

Our host for the day was Brenda Jones WCGBA Immediate Past President, in one of her last Official engagements. Lending support to Brenda and the event were WCGBA President Dave Mathias and Deputy President Simon Walker.

The Referees, who did an excellent job all day were, Peter Hughes, Jim Clarke and Alan Davies.

The event was well represented with sixteen players, four from each of the Areas, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Glyndwr and Wrexham.

In the opening half of the draw, the games were close with only a point or two separating each pair of players. Brian Watkin (Gresford Village) had a very close tie with Barry Harris (Beaumaris). Barry took the lead from the 15-14 stage and despite a good run from Brian, Barry edged his way to 21-20. Dave Philip (St Asaph) played well to win 21-15. Gareth Hughes (Craig Y Don) had another of the close games and won 21-20 over John Cooper. Gary Roberts (Craig Y Don) also won through 21-17 against Peter Lacey (Coed Talon) to end the first half.

In the second half of the draw the games were no less close, except for Kevin Nicholas (Gresford Collier) who blazed away to a 21-7 win over Roger Griffiths (Bryn Newydd). Also, through to the Quarter final were Geraint Roberts, John Bonatti (Coed Talon) and John Jones (Broughton).

In the Quarter Finals Kevin, once again, got off well in his game with 2018 winner, Geraint Roberts to lead 11-3 up. Geraint pulled a few back, but it was not enough, and Kevin won 21-16. Dave Philip also triumphed in his second game to find his place in the Semi Final with a 21-16 win against Barry Harris. Also through were John Bonatti with a 21-16 win over John Jones and Gary Roberts on 21-13 over Gareth Hughes.

In the Semi Finals, Kevin and John Bonatti level-pegged at the start. John's corner bowling very much in evidence allowed him to stretch away to win 21-14. Dave could not find his form in his semi, whilst Gary Roberts steadily chalked up the points to win his place in the Final at 21-12.

With the Final now in play, John led the start well. Gary took some time to settle into his stride, but when he did, he played some superb bowls, often beating John in the corners and chalking up the points all over the green. An exceptionally good run in the mid part of the game brought him the lead at 16-13. He was to maintain that and won the title 21-14. So Gary Roberts is the WCGBA Vet's Champion for 2019. The other Semi Finalists, John Bonatti, Dave Philip and Kevin Nicholas all qualify for the Jack and Jean Isherwood Vets Championship at Prees on July 3rd starting at 10am. Come along if you can.



Immediate Past President, Brenda with the four qualifiers for the British Vets.