

## Jim Holtom Trophy

The club had an excellent day on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 when 42 members competed for the Jim Holtom Trophy. This involved drawn teams playing multiple triples games and Jim would have loved to have competed as he liked triples more than any other format. Though our summer has been unreliable, we were lucky to have excellent weather conditions for our games.

This year, the competition had a dramatic finish. The best Red team of Jill Floyd, Jock Lasbrey and Derek Blackburn played the best Blue Team of Jack Young, Peter Ruffle and Chris Milsom in the final. They started the last end with a score of 5-1 to the Reds and it seemed that the Reds had won, but with the Reds holding, Jack's last bowl picked up the jack and moved it back to give the Blues four shots and a draw. The Blues then won the extra end by one shot to clinch victory.

Beverley had originally suggested we run a competition, and she provided the Trophy. She and her husband Eamon came down from Lancashire to play and commemorate Jim. Beverley brought prizes and presented them to the winners and runners-up. The attendance of the sponsor, especially one who travels such a distance, marks out this competition as special in the club calendar.

Afterwards, Jenny put on a great meal in the clubhouse. Everyone seemed to enjoy a memorable day.

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