

Club Friendly

Burford v Wanborough

at Wanborough 8th June 2025

Burford		shots	Wanborough		shots
R1	Jeff Bizzell	16	Geoff Saunders		9
R2	Roger Hopkins	23	Mike Mesdam		9
R4	John Hurren	22	Linda Beardon		11
R5	Jack Lafford	13	Colin Bignell		16
R6	Dougie Mustoe	17	John Fossett		24
Total		91	Total		69

With the threat of rain it was proposed that we came in if looking likely to get wet, fortunately this did not happen and we enjoyed 18 ends of uninterrupted bowls on a green well maintained by club members.

Rink1 saw Jeff Bizzell skip against Geoff Saunders, both of whom attended the same coaching course two years ago, equal scoring meant it was tied at 9 each at the 13th end but then the visitors took 7 unanswered shots on the remaining 5 ends to win 16-9. A late change to rinks put Roger Hopkins as skip on rink2 and from being 8-9 down at the 12th end then took 15 shots without reply on the final six ends to run out winners 23-9 and collect the pens. John Hurren on rink4 were tied at 9 each at the 10th end but then got hold of the game scoring 13 shots to 2 to be 22-11 victors. Jack Lafford's triple on rink5 were tied at 6 each on the 8th end but a 4 against on both the 10th and 13th ends put their opponents in front with a difference that they were not able to overcome and ended up 13-16 down. Dougie Mustoe were 11-7 up at the 9th but a 4 against on the 10th put the scores equal. 2 shots to Dougie on the 11th end were cancelled by 11 shots over the next 4 ends giving a 13-22 score at the 15th end. This proved to be too much to recover and the game finished 17-24.

Thanks must go to Jill Barrow, who regularly tours with us, who lives close to Wanborough and kindly stepped in when we were one short a few days before the match and also to Paul Barrow who kindly gave up an afternoon of television to come and play for Wanborough who found themselves a player short on the day.

Very pleasant afternoon of bowls and look forward to next year's return fixture.