

French Day 2018



What a coincidence! On the day that we hold our annual French Day, France go on to lift the football World Cup!!

Organised once again by Tony and Margaret Osmont, with help from the SLAGS (St Lawrence Ladies Action Group!), French Day has been a popular and successful annual event at the Sun Bowls Club for a good number of years. And so it was that 42 bowlers (all appropriately attired in the compulsory red, white and blue dress code) gathered on a glorious July Sunday morning for a French breakfast of croissants and coffee, before taking to the green for 18 ends of triples – with a twist or two! To spice it up, teams rotated every 6 ends so that all 3 players in each team played in all 3 positions. Not only that, each team had a specified 'joker' end in each of the 6 end sessions, meaning that whatever they scored in shots was doubled. Some teams took advantage of this but others didn't!!

Once the game was over, a typically French lunch consisting of cheeses, pate, salad, French bread and all the trimmings, followed by French tart and cream - all washed down with a glass (or 2!) of wine - was enjoyed by all. The ambiance of a French café was also enhanced with the accordian playing of Sheila Birch.

It was a close finish in the end, the result being decided on a shot difference of 1! Finishing in 2nd place with a shot difference of +11, was the team of Monica De Gruchy, Denise Pallot and Melvyn Birch. But with a shot difference of +12, was the team (pictured above) skipped by Tim Knight, together with Daphne Romeril and John Bewhay. Congratulations to them and to France! Congratulations also to Dave De Gruchy, for winning the bottle of bubbly in the 'star burst' before the start of the game.

Many thanks must go to Tony and Margaret, together with Kath and Ann, for all their hard work in making the day another great success. Thanks also to those who helped out in any way on the day.

In spite of what Tony said, we are all looking forward to next year's French Day already!!