

BOWLATHON 2024

Bowl24athon - Friday 25th to Saturday 26th October 2024

Well that was an event and a half wasn't it! A.M.A.Z.I.N.G effort from everyone, thank you all, so much, for all the support you gave in time, encouragement and donations. Our club is a very special place.

All bowlers who took part, 57 of you to be precise, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience. There are too many "thank yous" to mention but the team of core bowlers deserve a mention, 24-hour Howard, brilliant effort, Ian Corke and Luke Suckling, who all played a major part in keeping the event on track. Special mention to the Allcorn's who filled the 6am slot which was proving a little tricky to convince anyone to do and to Russell who stepped in a couple of times when needed.

The overnight team of me, Jude, H, Luke, Ian, James Wharton and John Josebury kept the game going through the wee small hours and were treated to various tunes and many dance moves, mainly from Luke! I thought time passed quite quickly, during the hour of 4am to 5am there was a definite dip in pace but the very strong coffee that Ed had left us definitely provided restorative qualities!

Thank you to Tyson at The Foresters pub who donated 9 freshly cooked, delicious pizzas that definitely helped quell the nighttime munchies.

One of the best things that came out of the event was the mix of people who bowled. Many of the members met new members who they hadn't met before. It was all very friendly.

The Bowls Shop kindly donated some bowls goodies, which we raffled. There are still three unclaimed prizes and the ticket numbers are 562, 594 and 631. Your prizes are being held at the bar. Paul Gent also raffled himself and has offered a game of bowls with him and a meal in the restaurant, winning ticket is 641. Please make yourself known.

Stats for those of you who took part in the game predictions are as follows;

Total ends - 155. Lewis Goldup closest with 152

Total score - 257. Paul Gent closest with 262

Wrong bias - 2. Lewis Goldup (again)

Bottles of wine were awarded to the winners. The winning team was Team H with 138 versus 119 to Luke's team. Well done to all.

We took lots of photos and a selection follows. Thank you again, what a totally amazing bunch of people you all are. The total raised so far is over £2,700, to be split between Hospice in the Weald and Dementia UK. If you still have sponsorship money or if you would like to donate, the Just Giving page is still open, please drop your donations into the bar asap.

Until the next time...maybe!

Jude Knowles

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