

# Club Friendly

## Burford v Swindon North End

at Burford 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

|    | <b>Burford</b>      | shots     | <b>Swindon North End</b> | shots     |
|----|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| R1 | Ken Gough           | 26        | Gary                     | 9         |
| R2 | Steve Gould         | 18        | Bob                      | 15        |
| R3 | Paul Randall        | 15        | Rich                     | 17        |
| R4 | Michael Papamichael | 10        | Ken                      | 19        |
| R5 |                     |           |                          |           |
|    | <b>Total</b>        | <b>69</b> | <b>Total</b>             | <b>60</b> |

On a very hot afternoon we entertained Swindon North End to four triples and it was agreed to stop for ten minutes at the half-way stage for a drink break.

Ken Gough on Rink1 took five on the 4<sup>th</sup> end but then dropped three on the next end for the score to be 6-5. The next seven ends saw Ken's triple take fifteen unopposed shots and at the 12<sup>th</sup> end the score stood at 21-5. Five shots to four shots on the final six ends gave a convincing 26-9 victory. Liz Viviani took part in her first game of bowls as part of Steve Gould's triple on Rink2. Allowing the opposition only three shots, whilst accumulating thirteen on the first nine ends, they then exchanged shots and went to the 17<sup>th</sup> end 18-10 up. Five shots dropped on the last two ends gave a final score of 18-15. Paul Randall, being introduced to the joys of playing skip on Rink3, did not start too well and gave their opposition five ends before scoring themselves at the 6<sup>th</sup> end when the score was 2-8. Scoring eight shots without reply on the next four ends put Paul's triple 10-8 up at the 10<sup>th</sup> end. The next three ends went to the opposition adding five shots to their tally; a three at the 14<sup>th</sup> was lost to a three at the 15<sup>th</sup> and the game went to the sixteenth end with the score at 13-16. Two shots gained on the next two ends put the score at 15-16 going to the last end where a single shot against resulted in a loss by 15-17. Michael Papamichael's triple on Rink4 did not score until the 10<sup>th</sup> end by which time they were 0-12 down and although they did pick up a few shots on the next five ends these shots were cancelled and the game went to the 15<sup>th</sup> end at 3-18. Enjoying picking up seven shots to one shot on the final ends the game finished 10-19; given the overall match score was only nine shots difference the seven shots gained on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> ends made a difference.

Two triples each made for a very even contest and with a nine-shot difference Burford enjoyed the spoils for the day. Much appreciation was expressed for the way the green played and for the "Burford Tea" once again provided by Brenda and Sue.