

West Centre Nominations, Bowling and Country & Western Rally

Tarbrax is a slightly remote location and due to road closures some of those attending had a free sightseeing tour on the journey there. On arrival at the "The Wee Bing Facilitated Equine Therapy Centre" we were greeted by our Marshalls for the weekend, Bryan and Janette Raine and Audrey and Morris Whitehead, who sited in a coral fashion, in keeping with the Country and Western Theme.

The venue itself was excellent and the site owners Garry and Adelle were most accommodating allowing the rally use of the Stable block for both opening and closing ceremonies and indeed use of the fishing pond, rods provided.

At the opening ceremony the Centre Chairlady (Linda Williamson) welcomed those attending and introduced the opener Tarbrax Bowling Club President Mr Eric Williamson who welcomed us all and gave a very interesting potted history of the Village of Tarbrax. Tea and Coffee were provided along with a selection of delicious tray bake cakes made by Janette and Audrey.

Saturday saw the arrival of the main event The West Centre against the Tarbrax Bowling Club for the Annual Bowling Trophy. Following tea coffee and Bacon /Sausage Rolls the roles of the competition were laid out. It would be: The best of three Triple matches.

After the first two hard fought matches the score was one all. So into the fray stepped up the final match. Tarbrax skipped by their President and West Centre represented by Billy Eames, Ian Bowman and skip John Murray. Hard fought games of nip and tuck and with one end to play Tarbrax were leading by one shot. With only the skips left to play West Centre had gained a shot and it was now even with Tarbrax to lead. Tension was building, after Tarbrax had bowled all three woods John Murray lifted his final wood and walked to the mat looking up the green at his number two, as only a bowler understands, what do you want me to do the look says, from the far end of the green the call goes up "We are four" John then with humility casually rolls his wood off the green and offers his hand to the opposition. WEST HAVE WON THE DAY.

Then to the evening. Live music provided by "Little" James and Wood a very good duo who played all styles of country music with much participation of the audience. Supper was served with a choice of Country fare: Scotch Pie and BEANS, Bridie and BEANS or Sausage Roll and BEANS.

Sunday we woke to a rather damp day (it was chucking it down) however the closing ceremony took place inside the stable block and the Chairlady reported the Van count of 2 SW, 2 D&G, 2 unattached and 10 West She then thanked all those who had made the weekend a success and announced the sufficient nominations had been received to allow the centre to go forward for another year.

The rest of the day was taken up by the Tarbrax Boling Club Open Triples in which we entered a few teams unfortunately we could not repeat the success of Saturday and all teams failed to make the final.

Those ralliers remaining for the Sunday night gathered in the Village Hall (excellent venue) for a few drinks, natter and games a really good night.

Monday morning Good bye time. An Excellent rally well run with a variety of things do.

