



Scotsraig Bowling club hosted a new format of bowls named 'Extreme Bowls'. The new 'fun' bowls format was assisted by Lawn Bowls UK (LBUK). After the success of these trial games at Rosslyn, Scotsraig volunteered to support the new exciting game.

Extreme bowls offers a new path to the traditional way bowls is played. In summary, it is a 3 bowl pairs with a unique scoring system.

VIDEOS

You can view a video of the day at <https://youtu.be/RUSOMYX0hQU> and all our videos on our ExtremeBowls channel at www.youtube.com.

SCORING SYSTEM

After the two opposing leads have played 3 points is given to the team with the closest bowl to the jack. After the skips have played 4 points are awarded to the team with the closest bowl, and 2 to the second closest. There is an additional bonus point for every time someone hits the jack with their bowl.

- 1 point - toucher
- 3 points - holding the shot when the leads have finished
- 4 points for the closest bowl
- 2 points for the second closest

Total of 9 points available at each end (plus points for any touchers).

This format of scoring ensures that everyone in the team can contribute to the scoring system, as well as offering a more competitive way of scoring points than the traditional closest bowl. Games are played for around 25 minutes, music is played during 'game time' as entertainment and adds an additional element of fun. You finish the end you are on when the last song on the 25 minute play list ends.

WINNERS

The tournament ran with four groups of four pairs and the four group winners were decided as semi-finalists.

All games were eagerly fought, but the fun element was the key factor.

HIGH PRAISE

Scotsraig Bowling Club posted after the event on Facebook, with high praise and many positive comments:

“I would like to thank Mike Goldsmith for bringing his new bowls format to Scotsraig Bowling Club. Only the 3rd tournament of its kind and was an overwhelming success. Thank you also to Mike's daughters; Lorna and Katrina for coming along and taking pics and making some videos, we really appreciate your time and help to make it happen”.

Lawn Bowls UK commented:

“We enjoyed the day and great to see so many people trying something different and enjoying the day. Would love to come back again next year and assist with the next Extreme Bowls day.”

Bowlers who played in the event also positively commented:

“Thoroughly enjoyed the format and hope it's played again”

“Very enjoyable afternoon, sun, laughter and good banter”

“Most enjoyable and weather was good as well”

FUTURE EVENTS

In the future Lawn Bowls UK will be looking for more Bowling Clubs to host Extreme Bowls.

