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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM

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FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE

(images may be available on request)

This service is provided on behalf of the EIBA by David Rhys Jones, who plans to email bulletins and updates to media outlets, once or twice a day during the above championships. Results will be presented in a print-friendly form, but are also available on the EIBA website <www.EIBA.co.uk>. Comments, queries or requests for pictures should be sent to David...

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DAY FIVE - Tuesday, 11 April

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 50 TRIPLES SEMI FINALS & FINALS

WOMEN'S OVER 50 TRIPLES

A first for Wey Valley



Wey Valley trio Maureen Hill, Barbara Crooke and Margaret Craig - with EIBA President Mike Andrew

A modest Wey Valley trio - Barbara Crooke, Margaret Craig and Maureen Hill - freely admitted that they didn't think they stood a chance of winning a national title when they looked at the field that had gathered for the AFH women's Over 50 Triples championship.

But they were good value for their victory, having beaten Lincoln, skipped by England international Penny Strong, 13-9, in the semi final, and twice former winners Barwell, Val Hobart, Gill Wonnacott and Barbara Lewis, 15-14, on an extra end in the an exciting final.

Barwell, a Leicestershire club, looked the likely winners early on, and were 9-7 ahead after nine ends, but, with skip Hill in particularly good form, the Guildford-based trio took control and built up what seemed to be a winning 14-9 advantage with only two ends left to play.

Determined to win the title for a third time, Hobart, Wonnacott and Lewis drew level with a double on the 15th end and a treble on the 16th, but it was Crooke, Craig and Hill who had the last laugh, picking up the decisive single (which might even have been two shots) on a rather loose and nervy extra end.

In the semi finals, Wey Valley trailed Lincoln, 3-7, after nine ends, but scored the next ten shots without reply to take control at 13-7 after 14 ends, and were happy to drop two singles for a 13-9 victory.

Barwell's journey to the final was rather similar: they trailed Acle's Jenny Kirby, Mel Haylett and Barbara Meeks, 5-10 after 11 ends, but finished strongly with a 2-2-2-4-2 sequence to win at a canter, 17-10.

RESULTS...

National Women's over 50 Triples championship...

1000hrs - Semi finals

Val Hobart, Gill Wonnacott, Barbara Lewis (Barwell) bt Jenny Kirby, Melanie Haylett, Barbara Meeks (Acle) 17-10; Barbara Crooke, Margaret Craig, Maureen Hill (Wey Valley) bt Jane Squires, Di Wilson, Penny Strong (Lincoln) 13-9.

1500hrs - Final

Wey Valley bt Barwell 15-14 (after extra end)

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MEN'S OVER 50 TRIPLES *Egham 'youngsters' win Over 50 title*



Egham trio Steve Tuohy, Andy Beaumont and Barry Jenkins - with EIBA President Mike Andrew

Andy Beaumont, Barry Jenkins and Steve Tuohy, from the famous - and historically highly successful - Egham club, looked as pleased as punch when they lifted the national men's Over 50 triples title in Nottingham today (TUE).

Not one of them has yet celebrated his fifty-first birthday - so it goes without saying that this was the trio's first foray into the world of the veterans. An exuberant team, they tended to dominate with their very presence, and they were good value for their 18-9 final win over a team from Dolphin.

Gary Fountain, Stuart Stephens and Jim Garner play at the Dolphin club in Poole, and, although all three of them profess to be leads, whose task it is to draw to the jack, they performed impressively to reach the final.

Apart from the 10th end, on which Egham scored a game-changing count of six shots, the final was a low-scoring affair, but Beaumont, Jenkins and Tuohy always looked in charge. They led 6-1 after six ends, but Dolphin had made it 6-4 by the 11th, when Egham struck with that scintillating six.

Egham were clearly the favourites, but Dolphin deserve the highest praise. After all, they did win their quarter final, 14-13, on an extra end on Monday evening - and they did exactly the same in the semi final against Acle's David Cole, Ian Borrett and Tony Dunton, when they scored three shots to tie on the 16th end, and scored the vital single on a tense extra end.

Acle, of course, were hoping to achieve a notable double by winning the men's and women's titles, but made a semi final exit in both events.

The Egham trio raced into the lead against Chris Easton, Nigel Price and Andy Moore from the Melksham-based Christie Miller club, and were 14-8 ahead after 11 ends, when a wonder bowl from skip Moore ditched the jack, and got rid of Egham's back bowl at a stroke.

Scoring five shots, the Wiltshire trio closed the gap to just one shot at 14-13, but the Surrey stars steadied the ship, and got home, 18-15.

RESULTS...

National Men's over 50 Triples championship...

1000hrs - Semi finals

Andy Beaumont, Barry Jenkins, Steve Tuohy (Egham) bt Chris Easton, Nigel Price, Andy Moore (Christie Miller) 18-15; Gary Fountain, Stuart Stephens, Jim Garner (Dolphin) bt David Cole, Ivan Borrett, Tony Dunton (Acle) 14-13 (after extra end).

1500hrs - Final

Egham bt Dolphin 18-9.

SCHEDULE - Wednesday, 12 April

0930hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs - Last sixteen

1330hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs - Last sixteen

1800hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs - Quarter finals

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