

Southern Section v Oxford Section Ten Pin Bowling Competition

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The annual Ten Pin Bowling Competition saw both teams meet at Riverside Bowl in Andover, Hampshire as it was the Southern Section's turn to host this year.



After the initial trash talk and chest beating was out the way, both teams formed up at their 1st activity. Oxford Section went onto the Bowling Lanes first, whilst the Southern Section undertook what can only be described as Ultimate Glo Golf. Not due to the complexity of the course but due to the poor upkeep/maintenance of the obstacles and the near impossibility of gaining access to/through them. Fortunately, it was as challenging for both sections, which lead to some high scores and made the Lowest Score winners look like their next stop is the PGA at Wentworth.





When both sections had completed their initial activity, we swapped over and the challenge started again. It was only at this point that the Southern Section discovered that the rails were stuck up on the lanes, as they also were for Oxford, which resulted in some cheeky zig zag bowling going on. At least it meant that nobody went in the gutter, or did they? Let's just say that to get it in the gutter at the end without hitting a pin was a feat few achieved.

Once both activities were completed and I had

Southern Section		Ten Pin Score	Glo Golf Score	Oxford Section		Ten Pin Score	Glo Golf Score
Dean Carpenter	132	41	Bob Mack	90	52		
Lesley Carpenter	83	55	Ann Mack	97	55		
Noel Robertson	96	37	Dave Rodgers	82	36		
Ann Robertson	77	55	Carol Rodgers	108	50		
Chris Tite	89	47	Steve Moxey	83	44		
Sally Tite	75	54	Caroline Moxey	65	44		
Mike Smith	102	56	Zenon Krafft	92	45		
Lesley Smith	106	51	Dave Tomlinson				
James Sellar	83	43	Tim Bolderston	95	55		
Helen Sellar	86	38	Jill Boreham	105	54		
Dave Waldron	91	45	Ian Dobie				
Julie Waldron	66	47	RAY CANTE.	95	43		
Total	552+554 1086	569	Total	452+460 912	498		
÷ 12	90.5	47.42	÷ 10	91.2	49.8		
Highest Male Bowling Score	132	Name: DEAN CARPENTER	Section: SOUTHERN				
Highest Female Bowling Score	108	Name: CAROL RODGERS	Section: OXFORD				
Lowest Male Golf Score	36	Name: DAVE RODGERS	Section: OXFORD				
Lowest Female Golf Score	38	Name: HELEN SELLER	Section: SOUTHERN				
2025 Winning Section		OXFORD					

calculated all the scores (which took a little while due to my mathematical prowess, not!) we gathered in the kids' party room (they had left by the way) to present the trophies/medals.

The following were congratulated and presented with medals:



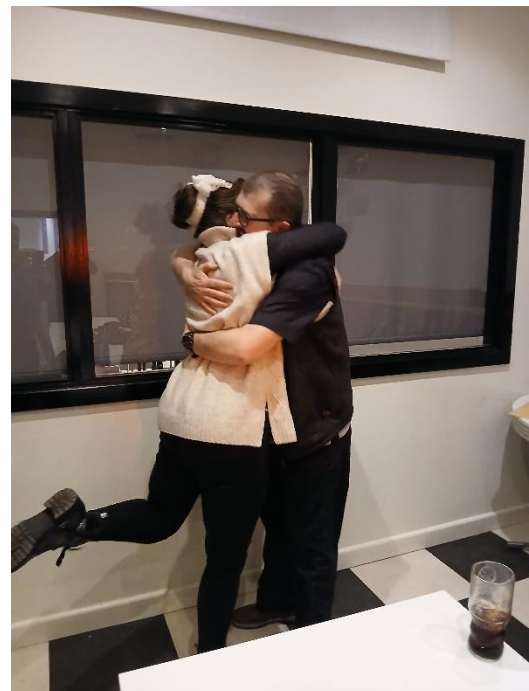
Highest Male Bowling Score
Dean Carpenter



Highest Female Bowling Score
Carol Rodgers



Lowest Male Glo Golf Score
Dave Rodgers



Lowest Female Glo Golf Score
Helen Seller



The overall Trophy, which is decided on by the section with the highest average overall score in the Ten Pin Bowling, as this is the title of the meet, was won by the Oxford Section. This was a very close result as Oxford won by less than 1 point overall. Steve Moxey collected the trophy on behalf of his section and looks forward to defending it with the return leg being in Oxford in 2026.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to everybody who turned up and competed today.

