



Australia v Rest-of-the-World 2020

Now in its tenth year, the annual Australia v-Rest-of-the-World Challenge this year attracted 72 participants. In near perfect playing conditions, the Australian squad opened a handy lead of 144 to 128 shots after the opening game. The Rest-of-the-World rallied to draw the second game on 126 shots apiece; not enough to overcome the first game deficit, but enough to salvage some pride.

The Australia squad retained the perpetual trophy made and donated by Tom Lycett back in 2015. As Tom explained, it was constructed from an offcut of the old bar, covered with a sample of the new synthetic bowling green, featuring a replica bowl and the flags of the countries of birth of our members.

The prestigious trophy was hoisted aloft by team captain, Bob Cecchi, who together with Mike Porter did another outstanding job in organising the event.

For the record, Australia has now won the last two challenges after the Rest-of-the-World won the first seven and a draw was played out in 2018.



From left: Bob Cecchi and Mike Porter



From left: Rod Fraser, Malcolm Gardiner, Ian Hall, Peter Richards and John Feddersen attired in their respective countries of origin.

Only four teams won both games; two for the Australians and two for the Rest-of-the-World. The best of those was Rod Fraser, Denise Abraham and Graham Young (+24 shots) for the Rest-of-the-World, with Bob Osborne, Trevor Freeman and Adrian Beare (+10 shots) best of the Australians.



From left: Rod Fraser, Denise Abraham and Graham Young



From left: Bob Osborne, Adrian Beare and Trevor Freeman