

What a Day in Paradise

One hundred and four competitors, from thirteen clubs, gathered at the Tranmere Bowling Club on May Day 2023 to contest the prestigious Paradise Mazda Tournament.

The weather gods were determined to mess about with the event, flooding the greens with a serious downpour half-way through the opening game. On any other day, that would have been the end of it. Not on Paradise Mazda Day.

Players were called in for an early break while the storm front passed. Once the rain had stopped, an army of volunteers swept the water off the greens and, remarkably, the tournament resumed after just 50 minutes. To keep on schedule for lunch, the first game was abandoned, with the tournament to be decided on the result of the remaining two games. Game two was extended to eleven ends, followed by lunch and then game three at the original nine ends.

Lunch, prepared by the kitchen crew led by Mary Feddersen, was sensational and worth the price of entry alone. "That was one of the best lunches I have ever had at a tournament event," a visiting player mentioned to the organisers – a generous and unsolicited compliment that was spot on.

Kevin Bew, Business Development Manager with Paradise Mazda, was on hand to present the prize winners with their reward for best bowling performances. The winners and runners-up were tied on 53 points, with third place just one point behind on 52 points. The tie break to decide the winner was a single shot difference. It could hardly have been any closer.



Congratulations to:

First: Ron Zanker, Richard Soutar, Trevor Chant, Colin Watkins

Second: Rita Slovenic, Tony Cassetta, Tony Innamorati, Guido Innamorati

Third: Darryl Stanton, Malcolm Gardiner, Dino De Corso, Jackie Gardiner

Best Last Game: Bob Taylor, Eddie Dolan, Pat McGirr, Geoff Thomas

Well done to Eddie Dolan and John Feddersen for coordinating another successful tournament.

Thank you to Claus Schonfeldt, Danny Giles and Chris Douglas for their support on the front desk.

And thank you to the bar staff, kitchen crew and green sweepers for their contribution to the event.

Photo Gallery

