

## *Wednesday 13 March El Cid Lancers v Greenlands Gladiators*

Our Captain, Yvonne Briden, welcomed the WL Champions Greenlands Gladiators to El Cid and battle commenced!

On rink 2 our team of Ian Brown, Pat Wardrop, Stewart Beattie and Jack Wardrop were 0-6 down after just 2 ends, disaster! Things got much better on the 3rd end as we picked up a 6 to even the scores and then continued to hold the lead and led 14-6 after just 7 ends. After 14 ends Greenlands had levelled the scores to 16 all in the topsy turvy game. We then picked up a couple of 4's and won the match 25-18 and 2 points were in the bag. Well done team.

If you are a supporter of El Cid and of a nervous disposition, you might want to switch off now and do something much more relaxing. If you have stayed with me, then brace yourselves for bad news. Chris Salter's team were 4-7 down after 6 ends but then only won one of the next 7 ends to trail 5-16 and unfortunately there was no way back from there and they ended up losing 10-19.

Yvonne Briden's team won the first end to race into a 1 shot lead, enjoy the moment, as the next 4 ends went to Greenlands and they trailed 1-11. A brief fight back saw us get back to 7-13 but a 5 soon stopped the good mood and the match meandered on until someone told them they had finished and the scoreboard showed that they had lost 16-23.

My team had the pleasure of playing against, in my opinion, the best bowler in Spain Pete Bonser and we started by winning the first 4 ends to lead 5-0 and we still led after 13 ends 12-10. We started to dream of winning the match but unfortunately we dropped a 3 and then 5 more shots over the last 3 ends to lose 13-18.

So the morning ended with just one win on the board and a shot score of 64-78 in favour of Greenlands, we got 2 points to their 8.

Our last match of the season sees us travel to El Rancho.

Both teams staying on to enjoy soup, sandwiches and chips afterwards. All reports also indicate that our guests from Greenlands that stayed overnight at El Cid were also well looked after.

Alan Phillips, Press Officer.