



XII Talk

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Annual Bowling Challenge Match
between
Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
and
Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121



Bros Kenny and Jimmy – The Captains

The Annual Bowling Match started back in 1990 when Bro Iain White was RWM of No XII and Bro John Paton was in the Chair of Lodge Crawfurdsburn. A trophy was presented, the challenge was issued to 1121 by No XII and there the story started. In the early days it was usual for there to be 6 full rinks (24 bowlers) representing each Lodge and additional brethren waiting on the banks to join in as second half substitutes.

Numbers may not be as great these days but the enthusiasm of those who play is no less than that of the brethren in the early 1990s. Again the Lodges were grateful to the Ardgowan Club which provided courtesy of its greens. The brethren assembled on the morning of Saturday under the captaincy of Past Masters Kenny Morrison for No XII and Jimmy Miller for 1121. As in 2011, it was a beautiful morning with the sun shining, even if the temperature could have been higher!

A match of 12 ends was decided upon with the ancient bowling tradition of a break at the half way mark for refreshment being observed before the return to labour for the second half of the match. The competition was keen with much animated chat and banter filling the air above Ardgowan Square. When the result was totted up, it was a victory for Lodge Crawfurdsburn by 46 shots to 30.

With a little regret, RWM Bro Bob Bain of No XII presented the trophy to Past Master Bro Jimmy Miller. It was generally agreed (by the No XII team at least) that the result was of secondary importance. What is indisputable is that the friendship between the two Lodges was enhanced by this social gathering and the bond between them further strengthened by the cement of brotherly love that was spread.

We all look forward in anticipation to the match in 2013.



RWM Bro Bob presents the trophy to Bro Jimmy Miller PM



Ardgowan Club – a perfect setting



Skippy looking serious – Sandy Reddy (XII) and Sammy Hunter (1121)



George Gray PM (1121) – photographer extraordinaire



Nice delivery from Donnie Morrison (1121)



Jim Reid (1121) watches RWM Bob Bain (XII) throw



George Felgate (XII)



Donnie Noble (1121) on the mat



John McFadyen (XII) gives some advice – Donnie Noble (1121), Bertie Barr (626 – XII guest) and Bertie Barnett (1121) look on



Dougie Warnock and Neilly Forbes (1121)



No prize for guessing Big Neilly's bowl



The Captains Jimmy Miller (1121) and Kenny Morrison (XII)



Robert Pinkerton - Our host at Ardgowan