

## O.W.I.B.A. – 2025/2026 COUNTY LADIES TRIPLES FINAL

The 2025-2026 O.I.B.A. Ladies Triples final was played on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Chipping Norton Indoor Bowls Club. The final was contested by Margaret Morris (lead), Sue Brown (two) and Dawn Hewitt (skip) of Banbury Cross and Bev Cross (lead), Diana Wright (two) and Claire Walker (skip) of Carterton Indoor Bowls Club.

The first two ends were shared, one point each. End three with Margaret holding three shots Bev drew 2<sup>nd</sup> wood. Dawn drew the second wood for two shots and that's the way the end stayed. End three Banbury Cross 3 – 1 up. End four Banbury Cross took this end for 1 shot now 4 – 1 up. End five Claire was down so she killed the end. End five again, with the mat up and the jack three yards from the T, Bev trailed the jack nine inches for shot. Dawn drew shot however Claire hit a short wood in for shot for 1 to Carterton. End five Banbury Cross 4 – 2 up. The next two ends were shared, 1 shot each. End seven Banbury Cross 5 – 3 up. End eight Carterton picked up a four shots to go in front for the first time in the game, end eight Carterton 7 – 5 up. Carterton took 7 shots on ends nine, ten & eleven now 14 – 5 up. Banbury Cross was not giving up as they won ends twelve, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen. Banbury Cross took seven shots and was right back in the game. End fifteen Carterton 14 – 12 up. End sixteen Carterton was holding and Dawn drew shot and moved the jack only to be 1 down. End sixteen Carterton 15 – 12 up. End seventeen with Carterton holding three, Dawn played a controlled weighted wood but unfortunately missed the target, 3 shots to Carterton. End seventeen Carterton 18 – 12 up. End eighteen with a long jack Bev drew three excellent woods for three shots. Dawn draws the jack off for shot but not enough to win the game. Banbury Cross shook hands with their opposing team.

**Final Result:** Bev Cross, Diana Wright and Claire Walker of Carterton. I.B.C. 18  
Margaret Morris, Sue Brown and Dawn Hewitt of Banbury Cross I.B.C 13

This was an excellent game; you had to see it to appreciate the high standard of bowling from all six players. Well done to Bev Cross, Diana Wright and Claire Walker who are O.W.I.B.A. County Ladies Triples Champions for 2025/2026, commiserations to Margaret Morris, Sue Brown and Dawn Hewitt you all played well.

Thanks to Chipping Norton Indoor Bowls Club for hosting the final, Tony Wright for umpiring and the O.W.I.B.A. Vice President, Dulcie Smith for presenting the trophy and prizes.

