

## **The Tonie Moxham Mem'l Trophy – 2023**

Zach Walker proved to be a popular and deserving winner of the Tonie Moxham Mem'l Trophy in defeating the ever consistent Tony Whitehouse 21-13 in the final at Hawcoat Park on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

A strong and maximum field of 64 entries took to the greens, with round 1 seeing casualties in home man Roy Moxham and last years winner Ian Nicholson going out in close encounters to Danny Rogers and James Duffin respectively on no.2 green. In round 2 Danny fell to Martin Ryder and James continued his progress with a win over Gareth Jones, before going out to Zach 10-21 in the qtrs. Askam man, John Harris had an excellent tournament in defeating the Glaxo pairing of Derek Bell and Norrie MacLeod, home man Colin Knipe and in a Houdini act came back from the dead in defeating Lee Barnard 21-20 in the qtrs, before he also fell to Zach 9-21. In the semi's.

Over on no. 1 green, the Lake District duo of Martin Gilpin and Paul Kissock were progressing through to the qtr finals, where they met each other over on no. 2 green with Paul advancing through with a 21-14 win, before falling to Tony in the semi's 9-21. Home man Bob Parkinson saw his competition come to an end in the qtrs going down to Tony 15-21; following victories over Marian Woods, Steve Peters and Moz Edmonds.

Tony started the final well in leading 6-0 after 4 ends, however Zach bounced back to take 8 of the next 9 ends to lead 11-8 at the half way stage, only to see Tony rally in levelling the game at 13 across at the 20<sup>th</sup> end. Zach however, was not to be denied his first tournament win at Hawcoat Park, where he produced some excellent bowling over the crown to win the game and clinch the title.

A Holdens were thanked for their sponsorship of the event, Janet Moxham presented the prizes (and received many kisses), and the bowlers were thanked for marking and measuring during the day, along with the ladies for their magnificent efforts in the kitchen.