

FINAL OF TVBC MEN'S MAJOR MINOR PAIRS 2021-22

The final of the Men's Major Minor Pairs was played on Saturday 25 June 2022.

The participants enjoyed good conditions for the semi-finals and final, although by the time the final finished under lights, temperatures had dropped considerably.

The final saw Greg Beaumont and Glenn Morton face off against Paul Gerbich and Dale Budnick. Both teams had played extremely well throughout the championship and a tight final was expected and delivered.

Greg and Glenn's path to the final was challenging, including an extra end win in the semi-final against Steve Cottle and Alan Taylor and a last end, come from behind, one-shot win in the first round against, Chris Smith and John Beaumont. Paul and Dale's path was a little easier but challenging none the less.

The Final

Greg and Glenn picked up the first end with one shot but Paul and Dale bounced back and picked up three shots on the next end and another shot on the third end. Greg and Glenn then picked up four shots and one shot to take the lead 6-4, after five ends. Paul and Dale won the next two ends, one and two, to retake the lead, 7-6 after seven ends.

Greg and Glenn won the next three ends with two shots, one shot and two shots respectively, to lead 11-7, after ten ends. Dale and Paul picked up one shot on the next end but Greg and Glenn won the next two ends with a four and a one to extend their lead to what appeared to be a comfortable eight shot lead, 16-8, after thirteen ends.

However, Paul and Dale were not done with and in fact went on a great run, winning five of the next six ends and picking up twelve shots to one in the process to take the lead 20-17, on the 19th end. Both Paul and Dale had hit a purple patch, with Paul regularly on or near the Jack and Dale not far away. Along the way, Dale also turned a four-shot deficit into a one-shot win with his last bowl.

However, Greg and Glenn had been in this situation before and their never say die spirit was to go on show once again. They won the 20th end with one shot to move to within two shots of Paul and Dale.

On the last end the head changed regularly as both teams battled it out. Greg and Glenn were holding two shots, when Glenn delivered the perfect bowl on his penultimate delivery, which gave them three shots. Dale missed narrowly with his first attempt to change the head up. Glenn's last bowl finished in a good, strategically placed position leaving Dale had an almost impossible shot to try to save the match. Although Dale went mighty close, he couldn't quite do it, and Greg and Glenn won the final, 21-20.

Congratulations to Greg Beaumont and Glenn Morton this year's Major Minor Pairs Champions.

Commiserations to Paul Gerbich and Dale Budnick who played an excellent game and were very worthy runners-up.

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Greg Beaumont and Glenn Morton – Major Minor Pairs Champions 2021-22

Last end action



