

## **WROCKWARDINE WOOD RETAIN LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Shropshire's **WROCKWARDINE WOOD** kept a firm grip on the Ladies Club Championship trophy following a thrilling four chalk victory in the final over former winners, Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire).

Mid Cheshire hosted this year's competition and used the two greens at Owley Wood and Winnington Park for the qualifying round-robin group matches which saw the four group winners qualify for the semi-finals at Hazel Pear. Both finalists qualified at Winnington Park and came through their three group matches undefeated.

In the semi-finals, both finalists won by 14 - Wharton Cons defeating Alicia Dawn Photography (Yorkshire) with Wrockwardine Wood overcoming King George V (Warwick & Worcester).

In the final, Nicola Boulton got Wharton Cons off to the perfect start with a resounding 15-3 opening card but Sian Skelton responded for the defending champions with a 15-9 success. With the other two cards of the opening four jacks shared, Wharton Cons held an eight-chalk advantage at the half-way stage.

Team captain, Jodie Rutter, reduced the deficit to three with a 15-10 victory and when Sarah Weaver handed in a timely 15-9 winning card, Wrockwardine Wood had taken the lead for the first time in the match to lead by three with two games left on the green. Rose Walker's 15-13 card for the Mid Cheshire side left Hazel Williams and Jackie Rutter to decide the destination of the trophy with the sides now separated by a solitary chalk. It was though Wrockwardine Wood who were celebrating as Jackie Rutter's 15-12 win meant that the Shropshire side would retain the trophy they won last year and made it their fourth success in the competition's history.

Ladies President, Lynsey Gorman, was on hand to present the trophy to Wrockwardine Wood.

All results can be viewed via the [BCGBA website](#) and further details can be found in the BCGBA Newsletters.

