

Over 35s CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Steve Howie (grey shorts) v Craig Duff (black shorts)

Game 1. This is the first time that Club Championships has been played under point a rally (PAR) scoring. Defending champion Steve Howie played this final against Craig Duff. Craig won the spin and the first point, Steve responded by taking the next 3 to go to 3-1. Both players trading points as Craig whittled down the deficit to level the match at 6 all. This continued with both players making and breaking points to 8 all. Steve then took the next 3 points to go to game ball at 10-8. Craig took the next to save a game point, before Steve closed out the game at 11-9.

Game 2. Craig took the initiative in the second game, coming back strongly and pushing through to a 7-2 lead. Steve rallied to close the gap to 6-7. Craig wrestled back the initiative and won the next two to go 9-6, Steve won the next point, but Craig was too strong and was able to close out the game at 11-7.

Game 3. The match balanced at one game all and both players traded points to go to 4 all. Craig now strung together three point to take a 7-4 lead. With the 2nd game in his sights Craig found himself on the end of revitalised Steve taking 5 points in a row to grab back the initiative at 9-7. A nervous couple of points from Steve as Craig levelled the game at 9 all. Steve dug deep and held his nerve to close out the game at 11-9.

Game 4. At 2 games to one down Craig traded points to hold the lead at 5-3. Just like the previous game Steve found a winning run of 5 points to go to 8-5. With pressure from Craig winning two of the next three points to close the gap to 8-9. Steve then, again braced himself and held his nerve to win the next two points closing out the game 11-9 and the match 3-1.

Steve Howie Won 3-1: 11-9, 7-11, 11-9, 11-9

