



Members are reminded of the club ethos of respecting the right of all club members to participate in club activities free from harassment, abuse and intimidation.

Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2019

MAY 2019



Meals at the club, let me tell you a story!

So a few seasons back when Sue and I first joined the club we were given a meal to do for a weekend game.

We did a nice ham salad, coleslaw and trimmings with hot new potatoes and a nice pudding.

We could hear the members chatting at the table asking each other if it was a 'special' game? An anniversary game maybe but thought nothing of it really.

Everyone thanked us for the meal saying how nice it was... happy days we thought.

THEN..... the captain of the day asked how much the club owed for the meal so I gave him the bill. His face was a picture as it was double the price that was normally spent. I then tried to explain that it only worked out at £3 per head which was what the bowlers had paid.

NO! came the reply – it is £3 per Harperbury member! So we had 5 rinks – that was 40 bowlers at £3 per head – I thought making £120 . For meals where we have a reciprocal agreement – we have a meal there then they have a meal with us – we only use the money our members pay as we don't get any money from the visiting teams so for this game it was 20 x £3 = £60 I had massively over spent! Lesson learnt !

If you are in any doubt about your budget when you doing a tea or meal PLEASE ask so that you are not put of pocket.

Ron Gray Trophy – First Leg. Harperbury V Hatfield



Saturday 25th May saw the first leg of the Ron Gray Trophy.

A lovely afternoon of bowls and a close game.

See the Captains report inside for more info.

Thanks Emma T for the pictures.



Potters Pre-season break 2019.

What a lovely way to start the season. Good food, great company and lots of fun!

Shirley l'Anson won our Saturday morning chocolate drive on the international rink and Judy, Dave L and Barbara won our triples competition on the Sunday morning.



This was our first trip as a club to Potters and we were very impressed. We had been to Warners for previous pre season breaks and whilst speaking to members some things were comparable. Potters were hands down better on the entertainment front with great shows every night and the food.

We have booked a post season break this year for 4 nights on 18th Nov for **Deb & Dave, Sheila & Les, Eve R,**

Adrian B, Ken K, Geoff & Nessa, Robin & Alan, Tim & Barbara A, Jan T, Peter & Gill C, Keith & Eileen W

Mo & Ron P, Eileen and Keith, with two friends, making 22 of us. I have 2 double bungalows that I need to give back soon if anyone else interested.

The poster is also up in the club on the social board for the 2020 pre season break and if you would like to join us please add your name with your requested room type to the list. I need to give the numbers in soon with the room requirements. The weekend will be Fri 27th March to Monday 30th March.



Not what you expect in May when you go for a game of bowls!

This was the scene at the Bushy Met police club..... No wonder the game was abandoned before it got started!

Thanks Peter C for the picture!



Quiz Night.- £433!

Thanks to everyone that supported the last quiz night we have enough money for 16 new patio chairs and the club have provided the funds for a 4th glass top table.

The quiz nights are a fun way of raising funds for either a club project or the Captain's charity. The £10 pp (including a raffle ticket) used to include a fish and chip supper but there was so much food waste we ask people to bring their own food now or eat before they come. This works well and the feedback has been very positive. It means we double what we make for the causes and we don't have to get rid of a lot of food waste.

WORKING PARTY SHOUT OUT!

The committee would like to tidy up the patio area by de cluttering and sorting out the weeds!

A working party will be getting busy from 10 – 1pm on TUESDAY 4th JUNE if anyone can join us?

Bacon rolls will be provided to keep us going!

We need to clear the area as the new chairs and table will have been delivered, weed in between the slabs, sweep up and de-clutter finding homes for the BBQ, old chairs and benches.

Bring your own de weeding kit, kneeling pads etc and join us if you can



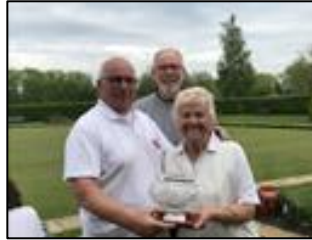
Internal Rose Bowl Competition- Aussie Pairs.

Sunday 19th MAY



This was a lovely afternoon and the results are below:

Winners – Robbie and Mo P on +18 points



2nd – Ken and Maggie L +10



3rd – John G & Nessa +8



4th Les and Alan D +5

5th Michael and Robin D +3

6th Keith W and Brenda +2

7th Aaron and Jan -1 Joint with Jenny G and Graham -1

9th Mick A & Ivy -3 Joint with Sue S and Eileen W -3

11th Deb T and Adrian W -4 12th Geoff C and Rob M -5

13th Peter C and Ron F - 7 14th Jim Townsend and Barry D - 9

15th Mary B and Peter F -13



Captains Report

Sue Allen

I feel that this season has started very positively with a lovely cross section of club members putting their names down for games. The job as Captain is much easier when you have plenty of names down, even though you are going to disappoint some people.

The season kicked off with The Captain v President day which was very well supported and enjoyed by all. i



The Captain winning for the second season running.



Our first friendly game against Ladygate was well attended, however we lost the game by 23 shots, not bad for our first outing.

The Nethercott Trophy was played between 3 clubs this year, North Mymms, ourselves and the hosts Potters Bar. Each team had four rinks. Overall there were 6 rinks being played. The winners were the team with most winning rinks. This year that went to North Mymms, winning on three rinks and Potters Bar winning on 2, therefore coming second. However, Harperbury only lost out on drawing with Potters Bar by 1 shot.

Chas Nethercott presented each team Captain with a gift voucher worth £100 to be spent at Riverain Bowls Shop on items for their clubs.

Our next weekend game was against Hemel Hempstead at home and it was very pleasing to come away with a resounding win of 91 shots to 57.

This game was followed by a home match against St Albans, we lost by a very close margin of 9 shots. Very unlucky

The Ron Gray Trophy first round against Hatfield was played on Saturday 25th and we were able to field 6 rinks as did Hatfield. Always a game played in the best of spirits and enjoyed by all. We won on three rinks and lost on three rinks, some people might call that a draw, would be nice, however we lost this game by 17 shots. 109 to Harperbury and 126 to Hatfield. We go into the second round on Sunday 23rd June, just the 17 shots adrift and this could be turned around and see Harperbury come home with the trophy. The Team selection sheet will be on the board soon. Keep your eyes peeled.



The midweek games are going well. Our first game was away to Pinner and everyone enjoyed it and we are now looking forward to a return match. This game ended as a draw with 42 shots each

Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of our control, we have had three games cancelled so far this season. Firstly Barnet Blind who could not field a team, secondly Met Police due to adverse weather of hail and heavy rain, and Datchworth who could not field a team on the 26th due to their men playing in the Top Club Competition at Potten End.

Sheets are up in the clubhouse for up and coming games and the inter club - Mary Burnett Trophy. Robbie Ransted will be providing a sausage and chip meal with salad.

The Martin Daly Invitations have been sent out, I shall open up the entries to Harperbury in the near future, watch this space.



Happy Bowling