



Harperbury Bowls Club

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**Thanks Ron for
the great Pics!**



Drawn Australian Pairs was on SUN 21st MAY and members were playing for the lovely Rose bowl donated by Iris Noden.

The afternoon saw 24 members turn up for a lovely afternoon with sunny skies and good company. Dave drew everyone out using his playing cards to try and make it as fair as possible.

The winners were Les and Mo Pugh with Robbie and Sue S second and John H and Keith W a close third. A big thanks to Dave T for running the afternoon.

The afternoon saw our youngest member, Chloe, take to the green. She played very well and managed a shot wood on one of her final ends of the day—against her nan!



Hot off the press for the ladies - We beat WGC on Sunday in the Top 10 and await a challenge from either Potters Bar or Baldock for our next game on weekend of 17/18th June away.

County pairs ladies - Deb and Emma are still in as are Shirley B and Sue S and Sheila R and Joyce T. Sadly they are playing each other on Thurs afternoon! Deb and Emma play a pair from St Albans on Thurs eve as well at home.

I am sure there are lots of others still in the comps that I have not heard about - good luck to all in the next rounds.

The County 2 woods day on Saturday was an education! It was a good day out with Joyce, Deb, Judy, Jan, Emma and Sue A going to Rosedale in Cheshunt and Jenny, Sue S and Shirley playing at our club. Sue S was the only one to get through the first round. Well done Sue! Having said that we all had close (ish) games and had a nice day out. It is always of benefit to play against players of a higher standard as you can learn so much. We all played county players and then marked a game. I would encourage all the lady players to enter next year for the experience. Thanks to Sheila R, Maureen Plummer, Mary H and Maggie L for sorting the catering at Harperbury for that day.

Committee News

Competition Night League Table.....

The Tuesday night league was launched in style with a BBQ courtesy of Robbie in May.

The opening evening saw 4 rinks of triples playing 3 points for the closest wood, 2 for the second and 1 point for the 3rd wood.

The league night is a great evening and a fun way to play in all the different positions.

Members are encouraged to carry out the roles of the numbers they are playing. So if you are pulled as 2 in triples use the chance to practice your measuring and answering the questions should the skip ask what is going on at the head. If pulled as skip don't be afraid at having a go at reading the head and giving your team some guidance as to which hand to bowl. It is all experience and should be in a supported environment of your co members.

To be in with a chance of winning the league you have to bowl in 8 Tues night leagues. The league table is displayed in the club house.

WHEELCHAIR.....

Just a reminder that the wheelchair is in the ladies changing room should anyone like to try it out for a roll up.

The wheelchair will only be available for home games as the ramp is not transportable to allow access to other greens.



The committee will support any member to have a roll up on our home green and indeed play in any of the games at our club. However it needs to be understood that there needs to be an allocated person, not bowling, who will be responsible for pushing the wheelchair up and down the rink.

Jenny has done a great job on the clubs hanging baskets again this year and asks if members can make sure they are well watered each day to save her coming up specifically to water them.



Imagine the scene.....

Sarah Smith was down to do the suppers for a bowls club fun event. She came up the club the day before and carefully counted up the numbers. She planned her shopping list working out how much money she could spend. On the day of the supper she goes off to the supermarket and buys the food. As everyone does she brought a few portions more—just in case.

As she arrives at the club for the event members are also arriving. Several approach her for a supper and the organiser to put their names down to play having forgotten to put their names down before. Having counted out the numbers and carried out the food shopping very carefully she now needs more supplies. The two extras she had brought are not enough. Sarah Smith could have said no to the members when they arrived and the organiser could have said 'sorry you can't play' -- what would you have done?

It is very difficult when faced with this scenario to know what to do for the best. The easiest answer to this is to make sure it does not happen.

With this in mind each internal event will have a 'closing date' displayed on it. Once that date has passed there will be no more food orders taken or entries for that event to give the person organising the event and the food a chance to sort out numbers.

Please have consideration for the people running these events and doing the food. Both the event and the food are worked out on the members who have put their names down.

If you want to enter the event but are not able to get to the club to put your name down please just contact a committee member and we will add you.

If you have your name down for an event and then can't make it please contact the organiser as soon as possible so that numbers can be altered. That would also be appreciated.

Like wise on a home game, if you would like a guest meal please look at the tea rota and see who is doing the food and contact them for a guest meal as soon as possible please.

Your consideration is much appreciated.



Captains Log.....

We had a very relaxed and enjoyable match against the Barnet Blind team. It is remarkable how effective a blind or partially sighted bowler can be in achieving the desired result and they gave us a good run for our money! We did win but not by very much (14 shots). **Our top rink was Sue Swain, Pat Wilsher and Dave Leggatt.**

Hemel Hempstead won the match on 14 May by a margin of 23 shots. Our one winning, and therefore **top**



rink was Jan Taylor, Pat Wilsher, John Gilson and Dave Gauthier. This was the first occasion on which we had a draw for players to help with clearing up at the end of the meal. As suggested, I drew the disc at half-time tea, which gave people nominated time to arrange a substitute if they



couldn't stay or to get cracking fairly quickly at the end of tea if they wanted to get away promptly. So far the drawing of discs for helpers seems to have gone quite well, with a few reluctant participants and some juggling of obligations! We will monitor progress, take account of people's views and alter the process as necessary.

The midweek game on 17 May against Pavilion had to be cancelled because of the weather. This turned out to be the correct decision as it poured with rain all afternoon.

The following Saturday, 20 May, we had a very close match against St Albans. 2 rinks won and 2 lost, and we lost overall by just 2 shots. **Top rink went to Eileen Williams, Tony Roberts, Niel Roake and Les Roberts.**



We had a good win on 24 May in the match against Radlett. Four rinks won and one lost and overall Harperbury won by 46 shots. **Top rink was Eileen Williams, Niel Roake and John Allen.**

Regretfully I have to report that we did not win the opening match of the Ron



Gray Trophy contest against Hatfield on 27 May. We lost on all five rinks and have a deficit of 23 shots to make up - which is definitely doable. At half time we were in close contention but could not quite maintain the momentum. Still - we shall do our very best on the return leg at home on 25 June. **Our top rink was Danny Agras, Keith Williams. Niel Roake and John Allen.**

The next day, 28 May, we had a good match against Datchworth - two rinks won and two lost. The overall scores meant that we lost by 15 shots. **Top rink was Jan Taylor, Rose Langley, Bob Young and Judy West.**

I would like to thank all those who turned out to play in our match against Oakhill on 3 June. We had a lovely afternoon weather-wise, though we found the game quite a challenge. Everyone gave it their best shot, we lost on all four rinks. One rink came very close to gaining the upper hand and were our **top rink - Pat Roberts, Pat Wilsher, Keith Williams and Ken**

Polite notice from the Bar Manager.....

To assist bar staff it is always helpful if members can purchase their orders with relatively small cash amounts please. £20 notes quickly reduce the change available in the till.

Mary Burnett Memorial Trophy

SAT 17th JUNE 2pm.

Drawn Bowls Competition and a BBQ

List up in the club.

Sue & John A running the day with Robbie on the BBQ.

Closing date 10th June.

This competition is in memory of Mary Burnett who sadly passed away last year. The afternoon will consist of a celebration match and a BBQ after the game. Alan Burnett is kindly supplying the food so there will be no charge for the food.

A trophy will be presented at the end of the afternoon by Alan to the winner(s) and there will also be a display of Mary's embroidery. If you have your name down to play please be at the club for 1.30 for registration and the draw. The aim is to start play at 2pm with food afterwards at about 5pm.

As Alan is funding this event we ask that if your name is down and you can no longer make it please contact Sue or John so that bowling numbers and food numbers can be adjusted.

Club Night

Tues 27th June

'Irish Bowls'

The team put the woods up first under the guidance of the skip then the jack gets delivered by the skip.

Supper - Mild Chilli & rice

Raising money for the British Heart Foundation to thank them for the de-fib and all training bits.

Raffle prizes appreciated.

£3.50

Poster up at the club.

Please support our fund raiser.

Closing date for names 20th June

Hog Roast for members and families.

Sunday 23rd July from 2pm

Bowling, tea & biscuits,

Hog Roast with salad and

Desserts - £10 pp

Followed by a chance to have a bet on our

'Dicey Horse Racing' event.

The poster and list are up at the club.

Closing date 17th July.