

Harperbury Bowls Club

MAY 2017

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A big thank you to Johnny Webster for the pics from Warners in the last edition.

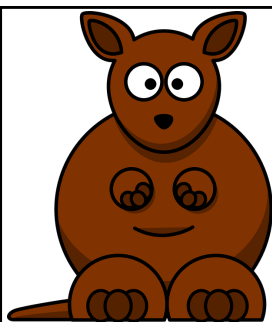


Captain V President was set to be an epic encounter on Sun 23rd April—St Georges Day with 7 rinks prepared to battle out the first trophy of the season.

Everyone came dressed for the occasion which had all the ingredients of another fiercely fought contest not dissimilar to St George against his dragon.

Mary and Sheila sat down on the Saturday to pick their best teams and on Sunday battle commenced. I am making no comment as to who was the dragons team - I will let you make your own minds up!

It was a lovely afternoon and the sun shone on us all. It was a close game as everyone got used to bowling outside again but the Captains team beat the President's team in the end. The tea was provided by the members and the whole afternoon was a lovely start to the season.



The next inter club competition is the Rose Bowl.

Drawn Australian Pairs on SUN 21st MAY at 2pm.

Pairs will be drawn out for the afternoon and the format will be as follows:

- ◆ There is a drawn Lead and a Skip.
- ◆ First End - The Leads deliver two bowls each.
- ◆ The Leads then go to the head to direct the skip's 4 bowls.
- ◆ The Skips then go to the head to direct the Leads final two bowls.
- ◆ Second End. Skips deliver two bowls each .
- ◆ The Skips then go to the head to direct the lead's 4 bowls this time.
- ◆ The leads then go to the head to direct the Skips final two bowls.
- ◆ Keep rotating the order of play for each end for the rest of the game

It sounds a bit complicated but it is a great game. Come and have some fun with us on the 21st.

Ladies top ten in the morning of the 21st at home as well. Quiz night on the Sat eve—busy weekend!

Committee News

Competition Night Draw

Tuesday 9th May is when the competition draw will take place at the club with Gillian and Aaron as our Competition secretary and comp assistant. A great chance to see who you have been partnered with and start the ball rolling as far as getting some free dates organised.



Following the draw there will be a chance to have a bowl as Tim and Barbara go through the format for the Harperbury Tuesday Evening League.



The league will then start on TUES 16th MAY at 5.15 followed by a BBQ to help launch the league.

The long range weather forecast says sunny/cloudy so fingers crossed!



The poster is up at the club for the BBQ so that Robbie has an idea of how many are coming.

There will be a £2 pp charge for the BBQ.

The Horse racing at Windsor has not created enough interest so will not be going ahead this season.

I will arrange another night at Henlow later on in the season.



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Tuesday League Night

Tuesday 16th May

5.15pm

- The game consists of 12 ends on 4 rinks for either triples or 4's depending on numbers.
- Max 32 players each League night and names entered on the night
- The game is scored with 3 points for the nearest wood, 2 for the second and 1 for the third nearest. So 6 points are available each end.
- The score cards are given in at the end of the game so that the league table can be updated for each member taking part.
- Members must play in a minimum of 8 Tues eve league sessions to qualify for the trophy.

Come along and support the League, get some practice and get the chance to bowl with different members.

There will be 2 rinks free on league/club fun nights for any county or district games.

These will still take priority.

The committee are encouraging members to have



a good look around the club following it's re-decoration. On the wall by the books there are clip boards that have membership forms, minutes of committee meetings and have information of other clubs gala's should you want to enter them.

There are also white folders on display that house the safe guarding policy, health and safety policy COSH and many others. These have all been completed along with risk assessments (no small task) by members of the committee for our safety so please have a look when you get a chance.



Captains Log.....

We got off to a winning start at Borehamwood in the first round of the Harry Alan Trophy on 29 April. Harperbury won on 2 rinks, drew on 1 and lost on 1, and won by 8 shots overall. *The top rink was Sue Swain, Aaron Langley, Dave Gauthier and Joyce Terry.* So this win has set us up well for the return match at home on 29 July. At Ladygate on 30th April we won on 2 rinks, lost on 1 and drew on 1; overall we lost by 23 shots. *Our top rink was Ivy Fennell and Keith Fennell (each playing 50/50), Aaron Langley, Jenny Gauthier and Sheila Roberts.* This was our first fixture with Ladygate, which is quite a big club, and was played in a competitive but friendly atmosphere throughout.

Unfortunately we did not retain the Nethercott trophy at Potters Bar on 2nd May. All 4 rinks lost, though there was some spirited catching up by our teams in the second half of the match. *The top rink was Danny Agras, Aaron Langley, Jenny Gauthier and Mary Barnard.*

North Mymms brought a strong team of five mixed triples to us on 3rd May. We lost on all rinks, *our top rink being Jim Terry, Allen Nicklin and Mary Barnard.* I must congratulate both teams on their survival abilities - it was very cold and everyone played good temperedly all the way through! We had a much closer game against Owls on 4th May, losing by only 8 shots overall, though we lost on 3 of the 4 rinks. Our winning and *top rink was Eileen Williams, Aaron Langley and Dave Leggatt.*

The Club played five matches in six days and I would like to thank everyone who turned out to play, helped by preparing the green and equipment, giving lifts, doing teas, the bar, clearing up etc. It has been quite a busy start to the season and everyone's cooperation and help is very much appreciated. The green has been playing really well too, thanks to Les's efforts. The visiting teams were very complimentary. I am going to try and give people a week's notice of their team selection as we go through the season. This will mean that the match list will need to be taken down a week before the fixture date. So if you want to put your name down for a match please do it in good time. If you can't get to the club to sign up for a match you can always email or telephone me to register your availability. I am sending notification of team selections out by email to all (and phoning those who are not on email) and it would be helpful if people selected could confirm their receipt of the email asap. Let's hope that the weather warms up a bit for the rest of the season (though not too much!) Mary B



Warners 2018

Our Pre—season break to Warners 2018 is booked for Gunton Hall - Suffolk, close to Great Yarmouth. The dates booked are Fri 13th April until Mon 16th April. Our usual dates - 31st March - is the Easter weekend so we have opted for the weekend before the season starts when the evenings are a bit lighter in search of the sunshine again.

The rooms reserved are:

Standard Single - £184

Standard Single - new room £194

Standard Double - £164 pp

Double New room - £179

New Twin room - £179 pp

Garden Lodge - £224 pp

These prices are yet to be confirmed as we get 1 free place with every 20 places booked so might be a little bit cheaper hopefully.

I spent a weekend there on a reekie mission and it is a bigger venue than hailing Island set in lovely surroundings. The spa treatments can be pre booked before arrival so we can have one on arrival on the Friday if we want. The pool is much bigger with a sauna and a steam room. The games complex has a 4 rink bowls hall with darts, table tennis tables and a pool table to the side with a separate room housing 2 snooker tables.

I have spoken to the manager of the bowls hall and he is happy to reserve all 4 rinks for us on the Saturday and Sunday mornings for our chocolate drive and Competition.

I have also spoken to the restaurant manager who will be happy to accommodate us all together in an area of the restaurant.

The entertainment areas are separate from the dining area and there is a big dance floor stage etc in one area where the band play and where the shows are. There is also seating in the bar area and another entertainment lounge that usually has a singer entertaining. The setting is lovely with a nice pitch and putt (tried that out) with the sea and beach behind it and a river running through the resort with some nice walks along it. I Saw a man fishing and was very tempted to join him! South Wold and Great Yarmouth are close by on bus routes. They also do coach trips I think.

From speaking to members don't think there will be enough interest for a coach but we do have some members who are willing to take some passengers there and back.

The deposit required is £30 pp by the 1st July and the balance by end of January 2018. You can also pay by instalments through out the year if that is easier. It really is a lovely way to get everyone back together before the season starts.

Let me know or put your name on the poster at the club if you would like to join us by **21st May** please as I need to confirm the rooms. Deposit of £30 by 1st July please.