



# Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2023

## JUNE 2023

*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.*



## We did it !!!

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who played in the Ron Gray trophy home and away legs against Hatfield. In the end we didn't need the 12 shots that we had in the bank, won on the away leg, as we beat them on the home leg as well.

I know for a lot of you and for me, as captain, this was a really pleasing result and was made even more special as we had Ron there with us at both games watching and supporting us.



# Some of the Top Rink Peeps so far this season.

Top Rink Positions.

Jill (5) Dave L (4) Michael (5) Ken (3) John Web (3) Aaron (3) Keith W (3)

Ron (3) John G (3) Ivy (3) Jean E (3). Many others on 2.



## Club Competitions.

Saturday afternoon saw 16 players bowl in the internal club competition – drawn pairs.

The winner and semi – finalists are Dave T and Matt playing Gillian and Jill and Keith W and JP will play Jan and Derek. It was a lovely afternoon with some close games.

The next competition that Sheila needs entrants for is the 2 wood singles competition. This will be played on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. It is a singles game over 21 ends using just 2 woods. This will start at 10.30 and depending on entrants may have a session in the morning and a session in the afternoon. Sheila would appreciate some markers during the day. Look out for the sign up sheet on the competitions board.

## The Rosie Memorial day



A lovely day was had by all with some cracking bowls, great music and a lot of fun. Just as Rosie would have loved.

Chris and Brenda played really well throughout the day and then found themselves in the final.

It was a great final to watch and both pairs played well whilst having a bit of fun.

The day raised money for Mencap and a letter of thanks, together with the amount raised, is pinned onto the notice board at the club.

### Save the date!

Presentation Lunch

Sunday 3rd Dec

Rose Walk Masonic Lodge

Radlett

*A chance to help the winners celebrate, enjoy a nice Sunday lunch and good company.*

### Social Eve

Members enjoyed the music so much from Andy the DJ that a social evening with a supper has been organised at the club on SATURDAY 19th AUG 7 – 11pm A bit of dancing, good food and great company! Tickets are £10 pp and can be purchased from Deb or Ken from behind the bar.



### Malcolm West Memorial Triples Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. 2pm

Teams of Harperbury members and Malc's family will enter as a triple for this afternoon to remember Malcolm.

There will be a raffle with the proceeds going to Rennie Grove hospice care team. Judy asks that every player brings a decent raffle prize please instead of paying an entry fee.

The sign up sheet is on the board .



A massive thank you to Keith, Peter, Sheila, Dave T, Dave L, Geoff C and Judy who have all taken games for me so far this season.

It has made a massive difference to my season not having to take so many games.

The other trophy game we play as a club is against Townsend, the Stuart Mather Trophy. The first leg played at ours recently sees us 9 shots down going to the away leg at Townsend on 9<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm. It was such a competitive game on Thursday when they came to play us. You could see everyone concentrating hard on the game. At one point, half way I think, we were beating them overall. Sadly as the game went on the overall score gap closed but we obviously have them worried, and rightly so. We are a match for any team on the day and it is .... All on the day. The team sheet is up and I will again be picking our strongest team as this is a trophy game.

A few dates for your diaries if you can make it. Our finals day is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept and usually starts at 10 am. You can order a lunch – Vegetable Soup and a roll and Cheese and biscuits and a list will go up soon. It is lovely for those in the finals to have some support so please come along if you can.

All of the remaining team sheets are up on the board now including the next club night (bowls and a mild chili) and the Sylvia Read trophy on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. This starts with a cooked breakfast and a bucks fizz from 9 – 9.30 (£5). The bowls starts at 10.30 and is normally a fun morning of triples with a trophy for the winners.

Then on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept we have the Ladies V Gents. This is another great afternoon, open to all bowlers and finishes the season off. After the game we have a lovely buffet tea with contributions from members. Sheila will be putting up a list closer to the day asking for specific contributions so we get an even spread of sweet and savoury foods. And that as they say.... Is it for the outdoor season.

Just a reminder about bowls shoes. Please change into your bowls shoes on arrival to matches to stop the spread of any diseases from your garden or places that you may have walked through. They should be flat so as not to cause any damage to the green. Jan does go through this in her coaching course with the new bowlers.

It is nice to see so many of our new members getting their own gear now. The reduced subs enable you to see if the sport is for you and then once you have decided if it is you can then look for your own bowls, shoes, grey and white trousers, ¾ or shorts for the friendly games.

Not many people use the position column on the selection sheet. If you want to try a new position in a friendly just put it on the selection sheet and I will do my best to accommodate you. I personally feel all positions are tricky but none more so than the lead. Never under estimate the importance of a good lead. It is SUCH an important position. If your lead is playing well it puts enormous pressure on the other team and gives the team chance to build and protect shots. There is a lot of responsibility on the lead. They have to deliver the jack and then put a bowl or two on it! For me an all round bowls player can play anywhere and **should** bowl in other positions when possible. If you like singles you need to be able to play lead and deliver the jack. Give me a lead that's on it and I am a happy skip. Takes the pressure off the skip.

Thanks Debs

## Committee News.

### Massive electricity bill

The committee received a massive electricity bill recently for nearly £6,500 since April 2022. We have asked our provider to do a full investigation into whether this is correct and if so why it is so much.

At present the club is using an average of £25 worth of electricity every day !!!!!

This will reduce when the tariffs and daily charge are adjusted, but that will not happen until the outstanding bill is paid.

EON has suggested some areas to look at to save money.

- Our heating system is very old and is probably responsible for a lot of the power used.
- We will have to think about replacing the water heaters in the toilets and bar with “use only” heaters to save us storing permanent hot water. The ceiling in all parts of the club will need to be insulated to retain heat for the winter.
- We are in the process of replacing the water heater in the kitchen to a use only system.
- A more efficient tea urn may need to be considered.
- Ventilation and circulation around any fridges or freezers to allow heat to dissipate from the heat exchangers, especially if in a small area (like the bar).

There is now a sub committee waiting on the result of the investigation. They will be looking into how we can cut down on the amount of electricity we use at the club and if we can get grants to make the club more energy efficient.

In the meantime, please be conscious of the power being used in the club house. Are the lights off on leaving? Are the doors closed so the lights do not come on in the changing rooms? Are all the heaters turned off? Any little adjustment around the use of electricity will be helpful.

### Men’s St Albans and District Bowls association

Harperbury has been thanked for volunteering the green for District games and for putting bowlers forward to play.

### Shirts

We are just waiting for the sample shirt to arrive. If approved by the committee the new and old shirt will go on display for members to have one vote as to their preference.

### Suggestion Box

Over the last 3 months the committee have had at least one suggestion in the box each month to discuss at the committee meetings so thank you to the members who have used it. We always discuss the suggestions and feedback to the members if they give their names.

### Cleaning the club

The cleaning of the club house is at best erratic. When it has been cleaned several members, old and new are unsure as to what to do. The removal of cobwebs and emptying of all external bins appear to be two areas that are neglected the most.

There is now a detailed list on the back of the door where the brooms and mops etc are kept. There is also a sign off sheet on the door for members to sign once they have taken their turn to clean the club. The cleaning duty is once a season, it should ideally be completed between Thurs – Saturday morning. You don’t all have to be there at the same time. If there are 3 people doing it, it will probably take you an hour each with the jobs split between you. As someone said the other day, we could pay £300 subs, come up and play then sit on the patio in a deck chair and pay people to clean, do the green and surrounds and make the tea at the games. We don’t because our club is proudly looked after by us. Members are asked to please play your part. Next season 4 people will be allocated to each date to make it a bit easier as we all get older!

# MARTIN DALY GALA FORM

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## Martin Daly Triples Gala – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

We would like to invite you to enter our triples gala this year on **Saturday 12th August. 2023**

Entry is £15 per team and prize money is - 1<sup>st</sup> £120 2<sup>nd</sup> £90 and 3<sup>rd</sup> £60, regardless of how many teams enter. We will be able to play on all 6 rinks and by utilising the 2 group format we will be able to have a maximum of 24 teams to compete. The format is 3 sessions of 7 ends, (2 before lunch and 1 after) 21 ends in total.

Please return the entry form below to me at the above address or by email, by no later than Friday 30th July 2023, if you wish to enter for this year. First come, first served so please return forms below asap, with your cheque or confirmation of a bank transfer to Harperbury Bowls Club Sort code 20 – 74 – 09 Account Number 73987396

### **Payment reserves your place.**

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Peter Carvin

Martin Daly Triples Gala – Entry Form 2023 £15.00 per team (Bank Transfer preferred or cheques made payable to Harperbury Bowls Club). Prize money as detailed above.

Meals will be available at £7.00 per head as below. Please include meal money and meal choices with payment.

TEAM NAME.....

Name..... Club.....

Address

Phone: email:

(Please fill in the email address as it makes it easier for contact purposes)

Meals (two courses) £7.00 per person, please fill in your requirements.

Ham..... Gala Pie..... Cheese & Egg..... Bring your own.....

Entry £15.00 .....Meals Number ..... x @£7.00.....Total Cheque/Transfer Value £-----

**Bacon Rolls will be available from 9.00am to 10.00am.**

**If each team could provide a raffle prize we would be very grateful**

**Our bar will be open for refreshments, also tea, coffee and cakes can be purchased all day**