



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 - 2021

April 2021



The club is ready to welcome you back!

All members are invited to pop up for a cuppa or for a beverage from the bar on **SUNDAY 11th APRIL** either at 11 – 1pm or 2 to 4pm. To help maintain social distancing we need to have the two sessions. Please let us know if you can make it and which time suits you best. Please bring a chair and if you don't fancy a plastic cup from the bar or a cardboard cup for your tea feel free to bring your own.

Drop in and see how all the hard work in lock down by the green team and working party has enhanced our club and made it ready for the 2021 season.

The green will be open from 17th April for bowls with rinks ready to book now via Deb or Dave for any competitions. The booking diary and team sheets will hopefully return to the club from 17th May when we are allowed inside the club but for now rinks are booked via Deb or Dave with roll ups available to book 3 days in advance with a maximum of 3 rinks being used at any one time to allow for social distancing of 2M. Apart from Mondays the rinks will be available from 10 am. On Monday's they are bookable from 2pm.



Committee news.

Committee positions

The position of 'manager' for the men's County and District competitions has been filled. A massive thank you to Tim Anstey for taking this role on. I am sure Tim will be in touch with our men folk when the County and District games eventually get under way.

Michael Langley is standing down from the committee and as St Albans and District rep and the committee would like to thank him for all his hard work. Les Roberts has volunteered to take up the role of St Albans and District Rep and again the committee thank him for his support.

Our Roadmap back to Bowls.

Having had a committee meeting this week and looking at and discussing the government rules and Bowls England's guidance the committee have a plan for our games up to 17th May when guidance may well change again.

No more than 24 players on the green using 3 or 4 rinks at any one time. Players are advised to spread out whilst on the green to accommodate the 2M distancing and although masks are not required outside it is an individual choice.

Spectators will be expected to follow the rule of 6 with at least 2 M between each group

Every member to sign in please whenever you are up the club, there will be a signing in book where you normally tick your names off for games in the outside notice board. This is for track and trace– **Please bring a pen**

The club house will only be open to members for the use of the bathrooms and a mask must be worn when inside the club.

The bar will be table service until 17th May at least.

As a club we will not be providing standard teas on weekend matches at present and a conversation will take place between captains as to whether players are happy to stay for a drink after the games. Providing all goes according to the roadmap out of lockdown this will be reviewed at each committee meeting.

Wrapped biscuits with tea and coffee will be provided for weekday matches and wrapped cake with tea etc for weekend games. We will be sitting outside in 6's throughout April and up to 17th May. It is then hoped that we can sit in the club house in 6's 2 M apart.

The cleaning rota and food rota are attached and as always we really appreciate your support with the cleaning and the food. It was felt that even though it is not being used, that the club is kept clean especially the kitchen, the floor and the toilets and emptying the bins as these will be used.

As far as playing bowls the guidance set out by the committee last year will still be relevant.

- The mats, jacks and sanitizing trays will be set up outside as before and after the game the equipment needs to be dipped in the cleaning trays please by the leads and mats left to dry
- The pushers and score boards can be used for friendlies and competition games and will be stored in the club house to avoid members using the sheds.
- For friendlies and competition games each lead is to have their own jack and mat – the skip is to line the jack up with their foot.
- Pushers can be used and 2 allocated players from each team needs to collect one for each end. They will be expected to take charge of it for the game and they need to be the only ones using it. After the game they need to spray it and wipe it down before it is returned to the club house.

We are hoping that we can return to pre covid times after June 21st all being well but in the meantime these precautions are in place to protect us all so please work with us and abide by them to keep yourself and others as safe as possible.

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL - Spoon Drive

Thank you to all the members that have their names down to play in the spoon drive:

Jenny & Dave G, Deb, Robert, Jan, Chris & John W, Pat & Alan W, Keith & Eileen W, Dave L, John G, Tony P, Jean E, Brenda & Graham D, Mark S, Judy ? and Robin. 20 names

With a max of 24 on the green everyone needs to be registered with Les by 2.15 when the remaining places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

So, if you are not on the above list and fancy a game come down and give Les your name as soon as you arrive. We would be very grateful if you could text me if you now can't make it – Debs 0773630512

Dress code is **greys** and you are asked to bring **3 woods** and a **PEN**. Please put your shoes on before you come into the club. If you are bringing a bag please keep it out of the way of walk ways etc as the changing rooms will be closed. Everyone will get a prize from 1st to last and we will be playing 3 games of 5 ends with tea and a wrapped biscuit during the afternoon. The bar will also be open with table service.

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL PRESIDENT -V- CAPTAIN

The teams will be picked after the welcome back get together on SUNDAY 11th APRIL. If there are more than 24 players the game will be in 2 halves so that everyone can play. During the afternoon tea and wrapped cake will be available and the bar will be open with table service during the afternoon.

Greys please with match fees being 2.50 on arrival to either the President or Captain depending on whose team you are on. Correct monies would be really appreciated please.

We will be using disposable plastic glasses in the bar and cardboard cups for the tea and coffee. If you would prefer to bring your own glass or mug for your beverages please feel free. You will be required to take it home to wash it.

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A plea from Ken - Please bring correct change for the bar if you can .

2021 Spring Cleaning Jobs

Thank you to those who have helped so far.

Ladies cloakroom and toilets – **Being sorted** by Jan T

Men's cloakroom and toilets – **Sorted** by Jean E

Kitchen :-

Crockery, cutlery, glasses etc **sorted** by Gillian, Sheila and Chris W

Cupboards, drawers and doors – **Sorted** by Judy and Hilary

Surfaces, wall tiles and floor - **sorted** by Sheila

Fridge and freezer – **sorted** by Judy and Hilary

Kitchen blind – to be replaced

Main Pavilion :-

Curtains and Nets- **sorted** by Keith and Eileen

Windows – Peter C

Patio area tidy and tables and chairs back out – **to be sorted** by Deb and Dave.

Just a couple of jobs remain if you can help please let me know?

- Book shelves sorted and washed down with any books removed and taken to charity shop as feel necessary.
- Pictures and honors boards sprayed and wiped down along with anything else on display.
- Benches and outside tables wiped down.

Because of the current Covid regulations please let either Deb or Dave know if you can do any of the above jobs and when so that we can coordinate who is up the club. Afternoons or weekends are better as the green team and working parties tend to be on site in the mornings.

Please **ONLY USE** the cleaning products up the club as these have all been entered into the COSH folder. There will be stickers up the club that you can fill in and put on jobs that have been completed. Thanks

Captains Report.



Hello playmates!

Well we finally have a plan for some friendly games which is great.

I will be liaising with the team captains to discuss the format whilst we are limited to the 24 people max bowlers for each game.

I'm really looking forward to seeing a few of you up the club on SUNDAY 11th APRIL and plan to be at both sessions.

I will have the lists for the first few games with me so you can put your names down if you are available.

Obviously, the number of players required for our friendly games, at the moment, is down to 12 but be reassured we will be as fair as we can be to make sure members get to bowl.

Games :-

Please let me know if you wish to put your names down for these games:

- Ladygate game at home on SUNDAY 2nd MAY report 2pm
- Met Police at home on WEDS 12th MAY report 2pm
- Internal Comp – Rose bowl Drawn Aussie Pairs report 2pm SATURDAY 15TH MAY
- Hemel Away – Sunday 16th May report 2pm

Mobile to text is 07736305128 land line 01727 821287 and email debs.trollope@live.co.uk.

Thanks Debs

Tuesday Evening league is set to start again on 27th April.

The plan is that the format remains as triples either on 3 or 4 rinks in accordance with the government and Bowls England Guidance. Registration will be from 5.15pm with play to start with a spider at 5.30. In view of the numbers allowed on the Green it will be a first come first served basis so numbers do not exceed either 18 players on 3 rinks or 24 players if we can have 4 rinks. The draw will be done by Barbara and Tim allocating players to specific positions and teams. The scorecards will be handed to the skips. Further details will be discussed on the day regarding which team is responsible for what. It will be the usual 12 ends as per usual scoring 3,2,1 no trial ends and a £1 to play. Please bring the correct money. ALL are welcome.