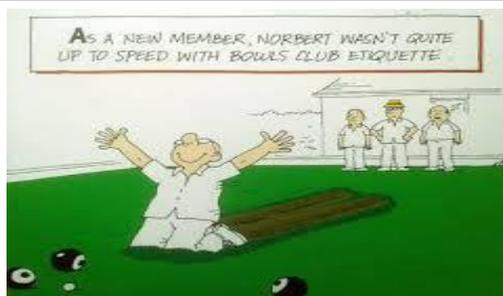


Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2022

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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.



With coaching well under way for our new members and the inclusion of Etiquette we felt a little reminder was in order. I do not agree with the saying 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks'. Sometimes we can all do with a refresh and let's face it, we are never too old to learn or have a recap! This newsletter is looking at number 5 & 8 in more detail later— **Observe the rules of possession and entering and leaving the mat.**

1. **Be on Time** – *Self explanatory*
2. **Dress Appropriately** – *See the handbook for dress code*
3. **Stand Still When Someone is About to Bowl** – *That applies to both ends of the rink and be quiet*
4. **Be Alert as You Walk Around Adjacent Rinks** – *If someone is bowling and you will be crossing their line of vision please stop and wait*
5. **Observe the Rules of Possession** – *See page 5*
6. **Acknowledgments are in Order** – *Be kind, if it is a good shot from a bowler acknowledge it as such, if a bit of luck has helped acknowledge that as well.*
7. **Do Not Drop That Bowl** - *You should not kick bowls or drop them they may damage the green. Pick them up gently and place them on the ground if you do not need them.*
8. **Enter and Leave the Mat on the Right Side** – *see page 5*
9. **Send Signals from the Head End** – *The skip is the only one that should communicate with the team. The lead puts up the jack and their bowl and shuts up, number 2 does the score board number 3 talks the skip in and does the shots and measuring once all the bowls have been delivered.*
10. **Shake Hands** - *It is good sportsmanship to shake hands before and after a game, and introduce yourself when necessary. After a game ensure that you shake hands and it is also customary to offer to buy your opposite number a drink after you win a game if in a competition or if you are playing at home in a friendly.*

Up and coming games:-

There are sheets up for :-

Weds 25th May – Away to Radlett 5 mixed triples so 15 players required.

Fri 27th May – Home to Welwyn & District 3 triples so 12 players required

The Ron Grey Trophy at home on **SAT 28th May**. A meal is provided after the game so it is £3 match fees. This trophy game is played on a home and away fixture carrying the score over. We won this trophy last season for the first time since 2015 so we would love to retain it.

Sunday 29th May we welcome Watford & District to Harperbury as we host their 2 woods day. It was also an away game at Datchworth but this has been cancelled as they have a village event going on.

Weds 8th June we welcome North Mymms to Harperbury with 5 triples.

We are then hosting two London Welsh games at the club on **Thurs 9th June and Saturday 11th June**. I will be catering on the 9th with a team and Sheila on the 11th with a team.

The Committee run fun night is **TUES 31st MAY** starting at 5pm followed by pie and chips (£5) or large sausage in batter (£4) and chips at 7.30pm and music on the patio. The sheet is up if you wish to come along. It will be 12 ends of fun bowls in teams. Perfect for new bowlers to come and join in.

The singles interclub competition draw is up in the club and the play by dates are on the sheets. If your name is on the top you are the challenger and ideally offer your opponent at least 3 dates to play the match.

All of the pairs and the 2 woods competitions are on **PLAY ON DATES** .

Holgate Fixed Jack Friday 10th June Semi Finals Friday 17th June

Club Pairs Saturday 9th July Semi Finals Weds 3rd Aug

2 woods day Saturday 30th July Semi Finals Weds 3rd Aug

Mixed Pairs Saturday 20th August Quarter Finals Weds 24th Aug Semi Finals Weds 31st Aug



As I am sure you all know by now that Malcolm passed peacefully away at home recently with his family around him.

We will all miss him being around the club and his cheeky sense of humor.

Malcolm's funeral will be on **MONDAY 23rd May** at 2pm at Watford Crem and after at the Caledon Club in London Colney.

Looking at this picture it is hard to believe he is no longer with us. Our love and thoughts are with Judy and her family.

RIP Malcom West we will miss your company both at the club, on the golf course and at our card nights.

If tears could build a stairway

And heartache make a lane

We'd walk the path to heaven

To bring you back again.

Committee News

Weekend games refreshments.

There has been a bit of confusion on my part re the refreshments at our home weekend games. On checking back as to what the committee agreed and the costings for the year it was proposed that it be tea and cake and biscuits not a cream tea. The cream teas are for our internal games like the one we had at Captain V President this year. Weekday games remain the same, that being tea and biscuits. Sorry for any confusion caused.

The tea and coffee, milk and sugar will be provided by the club but we ask that members doing the teas provide the biscuits and or cakes depending on which game you are catering for. If you give your receipt to the captain of the day they will reimburse you.

There is a list up at the club asking for help with catering on the men's league eve games. If anyone feels they can do an extra catering date then please put your name down on the sheet. It will either be a ploughmans, crisps and cake or rolls, crisps and cake.

Club wellbeing

Please take 5 minutes to check the club before you leave if you are the last one out. It is every member's responsibility. Recently the hot tap in the ladies bathroom was left running and the steps have been left on the green. The steps need to be lifted off to protect the grass.



Before you leave the club can you make sure:-

- The sheds are locked
- The windows are closed
- The curtains are shut
- The steps are off the green
- The alarm is set
- The door closed
- The gate lock set

Martin Daly Gala

The Martin Daly Triples Gala is on the 13th August this year. This is our gala day welcoming teams from other clubs and hopefully making some funds for the club.

The information has gone out to the clubs and we plan to open the entry up to any Harperbury teams that might like to enter from 7th July. The idea is that we get as many outside teams as we can on a first come first served basis. We have space for 24 teams – 6 rinks in the first session 6 rinks in the second.

ICE forms

Information In case of Emergency (ICE) form is attached. We advise that every member has one of these filled in forms either on them or in their bowls bag when they are up the club. We do not keep information about health issues, next of kin or medication on members so if there is ever an emergency and medical treatment is required the health professionals will need this information to give appropriate treatment. If the form is put into an envelope with ICE on it where it can be easily found in case of an emergency that would be ideal. Can you also put a name on your bowls bag so we know which bag is yours should we need to get your form out in an emergency.

Captains Report.



Thank you to everyone whose has put their name down so far for the friendly games.

We had a team of 4 triples trundle over to North Mymms for our first friendly. **The top rink was Sheila, Tony and Skip John G.** We lost 87 – 50 but a lovely afternoon was had by all.

We then took a jolly over to Ruislip to play Ladygate with 12 players. They are a vibrant club with many experienced bowlers of County standard. It was a great afternoon as they are very friendly, chatty and most welcoming. We lost 61 -70 which was a great result with lots of banter on the rinks and encouragement. Our **top rink was Jean E, Robert C and Skip Sue A.**

We now have a top rink league with a lovely prize at the end of the season. We would love to put a picture of our top rink peeps on our Harperbury Bowls club FB page and website after each game so will be taking a picture at each game. If you are the top rink and **DO NOT** want your picture on the website or FB page please say and we will leave you out of the picture. Have you found our website yet? Keith W does a marvellous job sorting it out and updating it. Have a look www.harperburybowls.org



The Nethercott trophy saw us at North Mymms with 4 rinks.

We played 2 rinks against Potters Bar and 2 against North Mymms and although we were holding our own for a while we actually lost on all 4 rinks. Despite the rain it was a good afternoon with a lovely fish and chip supper.

Our Top Rink, only losing by 7 shots, was Shirley I, Robert C, Gillian C and Dave L. Well done

We are hoping some of our new bowlers will be joining us soon on the green.

Remember back when you first started and your first game! I can remember not knowing where to stand, who did what or what was expected of me. I just remember standing behind the other bowlers watching them put their bowls up trying to get which was the swinging hand and which was the straight hand before I bowled my bowls. Then someone took me under their wing for the game and explained what was what.

I will be putting our new bowlers with 'buddies' when they are ready so if that is you please **DO NOT** coach on the green just encourage and guide please as to where they stand, who does what etc. As we are playing mostly triples the new bowlers will be number 2 but will not be guiding the skip in, answering questions about where bowls are or measuring at this point so the lead will take that role please.

We look forward to seeing our new bowlers up the club at some of the home games, joining us for a cuppa and watching the game to see what goes on before they join us on the green.

Top Rink Table After 3 Games

Robert Connor	2
Sue Allen	1
Gillian Carvin	1
Shirley l'Anson	1
Dave Leggat	1
John Gilson	1
Jean Eaton	1
Tony Plummer	1
Sheila Roberts	1

Etiquette on the Bowls Green

Whilst I appreciate that to encourage new, dare I say younger, members into the sport of bowls some things need to be a bit more relaxed, clothing etc being an example. I do however feel we still need Etiquette on and off the green so we all know where we are and what is expected of us especially on the green.

The whole list from Jack High Bowls .com on the opening page are important points and we will be taking a few at a time in the Newsletters this season. I have chosen these two as we have SO many members that DO NOT understand them. To be honest I had forgotten them.

5. Observe the Rules of Possession (Jackhighbowls.com)

According to the rules, after you have delivered a bowl, you have two choices. If you want to track your bowl, you must be at the head when it stops. So you can follow your bowl up the green but you must arrive at the head before the bowl comes to stop. We do not have members that do this but we play against a few that do.

If you choose to stay at the mat that is also fine. It is good practice to actually stay on the mat until your bowl stops, do not walk away even if it is a bad shot, watch the bowl.

The rules also state that the rink shall belong to the team whose bowl is being played. This means that once you stand on the mat the skip can move closer to the head and take charge of the head and communicate with you as to where they would like your bowl to end up. After you bowl If you have stepped off the mat, technically the skip loses control of the head and will have to wait until you stand on the mat again to communicate with you. While playing, players in possession of the rink shall not be disturbed or interfered with. This means all other players should be silent. If you have business to conduct at the clubhouse, wait till after the game and start a conversation over drinks.

8. Enter and Leave the Mat on the Right Side

The rules are simple. Once it is your time to bowl, come into the mat from the left side and once you are done bowling, step off from the right side of the mat. It is customary to observe this rule to avoid bumping into other players as you exit the mat.



Harperbury Bowls Club Jubilee Celebrations

SUNDAY 5th June will see us celebrating the Queen's Jubilee weekend at the club. The dress code is of course - 'Red, White and Blue'

The afternoon starts with a game of bowls – Windsor V Sandringham for all those that would like to take part.

The aim is to have a lovely buffet after the bowls and as such everyone coming is being asked to bring a contribution. There is a list up on the board in the club of required goodies so that we can make sure we have plenty of sandwiches and crisps etc as well as fabulous cakes and puddings!

Following the buffet there will be a chance to have a few bets on the gee gee's with our dicey horse racing making a popular return for an hour or so before the band.



This is where we have 'jockeys' on their horses on our carpet race course and the punters place bets on who they think might win. They can only move when the dice says so though. It's all good fun and you might win a couple of quid! The races will of course be linked to the celebrations with the Sandringham Saunter for example where the runners could be – Alienated Andrew, Cheeky Charlie, Adorable Anne, Clever Camilla or Eggie Edward! Who would you bet on?

To finish the evening we have a bit of rock 'n' roll with our very own Kevin Speck and the Ariel's. Last time they played we were bopping to Buddy Holly songs, little Richard tunes and many more.

This event is free and there will be a raffle. Prizes, as always, are welcome.

Please add your name to the list on the board up the club if you fancy joining us for any of the events and let us know what you are bringing for tea.

You can come all afternoon, just for the bowls, just for the band etc we really don't mind as we appreciate there are street parties etc also taking place. Family members are also welcome to join us.