



Harperbury Bowls Club

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It is not until I look at all the photos that Ron has taken trying to choose some for this newsletter that I appreciate how many games we have played.

The men have been busy with club games, national and county comps for the club as well as their own competitions.

The ladies have also been busy involved in the Tony Alcock competition for over 60's (I am not old enough for that one yet! I am just sayng.... :)) Plus the friendlies and their own county comps so busy busy.

I know Dave, as captain, and Judy as ladies captain and the committee really appreciate your support for these games and it is lovely to see some of our new members putting their names on the sheets for selection. The best way to get involved is to jump into the friendlies. There will always be support for you on the rink.

Emma, Sheila and Joyce will be representing Harperbury in the quarter finals of the Ladies County Triples at Kings Langley on THURS 9th June at 6pm if anyone is free to support them. I am sure they would appreciate it. I have not heard of anyone else getting through so far but if you have please let me know.....

The Australian Pairs Rose Bowl competition was well attended again this year.

The runners up were Robbie R and Barbara A - both new members to the club this year. The winners were Keith F and Eileen P soon to be Mrs W!



Well
done.....



We welcomed Pavilion to our club this month.



We played Harpenden in the Tony Alcock. Sadly we lost but revenge was sweet for Joyce, Sheila and Emma as they beat the Harpenden ladies in the county triples the next day.



Club News

The first quiz night of the season was a great success with 7 teams of 8 supporting the evening.

Thank you for your support as we managed to raise £300 for the club that evening.

It was really close coming down to the marathon to sort out the final placings. Ken's team won but not by many.

The next one is planed for FRI 9th SEPT so look out for the poster to enter your team.



John Hill has had his replacement knee and after a dodgy start to his recovery is hopefully now on the mend. Sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery to you John and don't worry the flower bed is fine.

Family Fun Day and Hog Roast

SAT 9th July from 3pm

Cream Tea at 3.00 £2

Fun bowls 4.00

Hog Roast 5.30pm £8

Evening Fun starts after Hog Roast

Last year it was Mr and Mrs what will it be this year?

This day was a great success last year as so many people supported it. It was obviously helped by the great weather we had. We hope it will be the same this year.

It is important we know what size 'hog' to get so again it will be ticket only for the Hog roast and cream tea and we need to know numbers so please put your names on the sheet up at the club or let Mike B or Sheila R know.

Tickets will be available soon.



As mentioned before it has been lovely to see some of our newer bowlers with their names down for our games and playing.

Les R came up to me and asked me to mention Sue S (pictured above) in her 2nd season with us. Sue was the lead on his rink in the game against Radlett. Les asked me to mention that Sue had a great game and on one end all 3 of her woods were 'on' the jack. Something he has never seen a lead do on his rink during all his years of bowls.

It is very true what they say- the game can be won or lost on the strength of your lead or front two bowlers. Well bowled Sue.



Did you know.....

Did you know that there is a folder on the wall next to the books with the minutes of the committee meetings in it? If you would like to know what the committee are discussing and what plans are a foot then have a read.

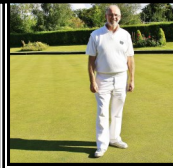
Did you know that all the clubs send Sue, as our secretary, info about their gala's and that Sue files them on a clip board for your information. This is also on the wall by the book cases and has a picture of a large lady with woods up her knicker legs on the front. :)

Did you know that we are hosting the Men's district presidents gala at Harperbury on THURS 21st July? It is a triples gala and can be a mixed team or a men's team. The cost is £15 per team. The poster is up on the 'social news' notice board if you would like to enter a team. - be quick though it is filling up. Robbie has a team in and so does Les. It would be nice to have another Harperbury team if possible.

Did you know that the feedback from the Irish Bowls evening has been very positive, despite the dreadful weather. We had one 'leprechaun' turn up but sadly no one took any pictures of her! We loved that you came in green Shirley B.

Did you know the entrance gate was left open the other night and a fox wondered in. There was evidence of it's visit on the grass but thankfully not on the green. Please make sure if you are last out that the sheds are locked the club doors are locked and the gate is shut.

Did you know that we have had permission to put all of the rubbish round the back of the club into a skip on the site? It will look much better with it all gone. Les needs some help with shifting it though as it is heavy. **Can you help him on FRIDAY 17th JUNE at 11?** Many hands make light work. Please let Les know 01727 823405 Thanks.



Captains Log.....

After a busy period for the men and a busy period coming up for the ladies I would like to thank you again on behalf of Judy and myself for your support by putting your names down for games. I have had a few competition games without subs but so far have managed to field teams for all games, including the friendlies without to much of a problem. It makes our jobs so much easier when there are lots of names down.

Please, ladies, give Judy the same support if you can as I know you have a busy July.

For those of you that have missed the naming of the top rinks for our games it will be back in the July newsletter.—Dave



Hatfield game. First leg of the Ron Gray Trophy. We lost the 1st leg but not by many so all to play for in the 2nd leg.

CLUB FUN NIGHT.....

Please keep an eye on the board for posters regarding these organised evenings.

Tues 28th June - 4321 Sue and John with supper

Tues 26th July - Deb and Dave TBC with supper

Tues 30th August - Les and Sheila Chocolate Drive & supper

Tues 20th Sept - Sue and John TBC & supper.

A small plea - After a meal please do not be shy to offer your services helping to wash up etc in the kitchen or bar. It is always much appreciated.

Club Night Fun.....

The committee are very keen to get Tuesday club afternoon/evenings going again at Harperbury and are looking for your support.

How can we make Tuesday's a success?
What would you like to do? Are you prepared to get involved?

Please email and let me know.

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This season we are holding 4 committee organised events—one a month—to test the water for club nights. I think it is fair to say that it has been a while since Tuesday club nights have flourished. We have had a few suggestions so far:

- 1) Alternate between Tuesday afternoon and evening. Say 3pm one week and 6pm starts the next so that those who work can get involved.
- 2) At the allotted times those present pull a card which determines what rink they are on. The number of rinks and whether triples or 4's will be dependant on the numbers as will be the ends. One person will have to step up to sort it out on the night as an organised roll up.
- 3) During the season whatever game is played on the club night, be it a committee organised eve or an organised roll up the members keep their own cards taking shots lost from shots won. The card is signed by someone on their rink. They then submit their best 6 cards from the season by an agreed date and there will be a prize at the end of the season.

Let us know your thoughts on these suggestions please.



Club nights

If any club member is prepared to organise food for a Tuesday club game (afternoon/eve) once we are sorted that would be great. We could send out for fish and chips, Pizza or have a BBQ maybe?

As mentioned above the committee are keen to get something going but we need to know your thoughts and we need your support.

Are you interested in supporting the Tuesday club gatherings either by coming along or stepping up to get the game going? Let us know. If we get the support we can put times up and get the club gatherings going as soon as possible.

Calling all bakers!



As mentioned in 'did you know' we are hosting the men's district presidents gala this year and the profits from the tea and coffee stall are all ours. SO the more we sell the more we make. If you can provide cakes—home made or brought— to sell on the day we would be very grateful. We have some great bakers in the club— Dave L included with his rock buns - so if you can bring any contributions the eve before or by 10 on the morning of 21st July that would be great thank you. You can use it as a practice bake for our gala in August when we will put another shout out for cakes etc. - I know I am cheeky but hey if you don't ask you don't get..... Let me know if you can supply any cakes etc. Ta

