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Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2022

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Martin Daly Club Gala

A HUGE thank you to all those members that helped make this successful day happen from the admin team sorting out the invite letters, posters and getting teams to sign up and then sending out details to the teams and the team doing their stuff on the day. There is a lot of work involved and with so many club galas cancelled this year we were really pleased to get 18 teams entered. Only 16 played on the day as 2 cancelled, one the day before due to the hot weather (which we had a replacement for in Den and Janice Hill and Dave T) and then one last minute due to illness. It meant that Dave and his admin team had to sort the draw last minute but it all worked out ok in the end as both teams were in the same session thank goodness. Nothing like a shot of adrenaline at 8am to start the day off!

It was hot everywhere but especially for the gang in the kitchen who once again made the magic of the Martin Daly buffet happen, once more led by Sheila. Many lovely comments about the food and the crumble! I dread to think of what the average age of the ladies in the kitchen was but it was amazing that they all kept going in that heat! Chloe, at 14 obviously brought the average age down but thank goodness for the youngsters getting involved! The bar was busy and thanks to Ken, anticipating the popular tipples, it managed with the demands of the day.

The raffle raised £ 181 so thanks to everyone who contributed and to our raffle team, Hilary and Mo, who also helped out in the kitchen. The green was bowling really well and thanks to the hard work of Sue and her green team it has survived this onslaught of continuous sunshine and no rain.

We tried bacon rolls this year for the first time and thanks to Chrissy's culinary expertise with cooking the bacon and her selling technique all were successfully sold adding much needed pounds to the takings. The tea stall this year was really slow due to the heat I think, no one was really interested in drinking tea/coffee or eating as it was too hot, but it still managed to take £90.

We had many cakes left over, including a few of Alan D's scrummy sausage rolls and cheese and bacon scones (I think Alan has now taken over the crown from Joyce with the Martin Daly sausage rolls, hope you are free to do some more next year Alan?) Eileen's lemon drizzle, chocolate cake and coffee and walnut slices and Sheila's strawberry and cream cake. But do not fear, most were either sold off to take home or are now in someone's freezer and will reappear at either the Macmillan coffee morning at the club that Maureen Plum is organising in September or the Ladies V Gents game in September.

So, if you were involved in making this day the success that it was – Thank you!

Up and coming internal competitions and games:-

The mixed pairs first round will be played at 10am on Saturday 20th August with the quarter finals on TUES 23rd at 5.30 and the semi finals on WEDS 31st Aug at 5.30pm. As there were 12 men and 9 women the rules state that losing players can play again in the next round if not enough players so:

John M & Deb will play Nigel D and Ivy, Mitch & Mags Long will play Alan L & Jean M, Aaron and Kathy M will play Dave L and Sheila R, Les R and Jill A will play Ron F and Pat W. John Whippy and Val M have a bye into the next round. Alan W, John G and Michael L also have a bye into the next round and they will be joined by a losing lady from the first round.

The Butler trophy will be contested between – Aaron, Les, Ron and Robert. The draw will be on the competition board at the club.

Games still to be played are the Holgate semi final on TUES 6th Sept at 5.30pm.

Committee Fun Bowls night and Supper – TUES 30th AUG

As always some 'fun bowls' and a supper. We are trying again with a mild Chili (tabasco sauce available for those who like their tongues set on fire).

There is a list up on the board at the club so please put your name down if you want to join us stating if you want both bowls and food or just food etc. Starts at 4.45 and game on at 5pm with supper at 7.30 ish once bowls has finished.

St Albans and District Semi Finals/Finals

Michael and Aaron have made it through to the men's district semifinals at Harperbury on Monday 22nd Aug at 5.30pm.

Judy, Sue and Pat have made it through to the Ladies triples semi final and Judy is in the semifinal of the officers singles. These will be on either Weds 31st at Townsend or Thurs 1st Sept at Welwyn Garden City. Times and dates to be advised.

The ladies are playing in the semifinal of the District double rink competition on MON 22nd Aug with one team at Batchwood and one at Harperbury at 2pm.

Kevin S is in the FINAL of the St Albans and District Men's "Stan Winters" Champion Of Champions singles comp on SAT 3rd Sept at North Mymms, time to be advised.

If you are free, I am sure your support would be appreciated. Good Luck everyone!

Harperbury Finals – SATURDAY 17th SEPT

This is one of the highlights in our season when all those members that have been successful in our internal competitions play their finals. It is lovely to get as much support as we can for them all and you can order a lunch. The finals start at 10am and a full list of who's playing what and when will be on the competitions notice board once all the semis have been played. The lunch order form will be up there as well.

Sylvia Read – Breakfast and spoon drive – 24th Sept.

This really is a sign that the season is almost over! This is a cooked breakfast at 9.15 and then a game of bowls at 10 ish. Usually a chocolate drive when everybody wins a prize and the winner lifts the Sylvia Read trophy. It would be lovely to see as many of our new members playing in this as we can.

Committee News

The St Albans & District ladies bowling association Benevolent Triples Gala is at Harperbury this year and it would be great to have some Harperbury teams in it as we are on our home ground.

Wednesday 14th September 2022 - Harperbury Bowls Club

This year Harperbury Bowls Club has kindly offered to host this event on Wednesday 14th September starting at 9.30am. (Dress: Whites - Club Colours). The entry fee for a Triple is £15.00.

There will be hot bacon rolls, hot dogs (sausage in a roll) and filled rolls with a choice of cold fillings for purchase, to be ordered on arrival. Light refreshments will be available during the day and the bar will be open. There will be a Spider played for our host's President's Charity, and also a Raffle – each team to donate one or more raffle prizes please.

Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish and we expect to achieve the full complement of 24 teams. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Come on ladies, if you are interested in playing let me know.

Gardens and grass surrounds

The committee have received many compliments throughout the season about our gardens and the grass surrounding the green and outside the club. Aaron has put together a rota so that the 'grass cutting team' Deb, Dave, Peter, Brenda, Graham, Tony, John G and Aaron know who is cutting it when and members look after the flower beds. So, a massive thank you to everyone involved in the upkeep of these areas. If you would like to get involved in cutting the grass next season please let us know as many hands make light work. At the moment team members take a turn in cutting the grass once a month on a Thursday normally, when it is growing that is!

Batchwood drawn triples gala and hog roast

George Tutt is running this gala at Batchwood on SATURDAY 10th SEPT (men's St Albans district finals day)

The gala and hog roast is £12.50, just the hog roast is £10 adults £5 children. The gala is 3 sessions of 6 ends with 1st session report by 9.30 2nd session report by 10.30. The hog roast will be 3 – 4pm.

This is a fun event encouraging new and young bowlers to take part with 1st prize of £90, 2nd prize £60 and 3rd prize £30.

If you would like to enter please contact George on 07906058823 or email georgetutt@hotmail.co.uk

Constitution update

The committee have been working hard on updating the clubs' constitution and rules throughout the season to bring them in line with Bowls England. It is so important to have a workable and easy to understand constitution. In the past few seasons, we have, on a few occasions, needed to refer to it and found it difficult to get the support we needed from it and ended up referring to Bowls England for guidance. Gillian has emailed all members a copy of the proposed updated version for your thoughts and comments.

If we can get it right before the AGM it can be proposed and seconded on the night with all 'tweaks' and discussions taking place before the actual AGM. Do please read it and let the committee know, through Gillian, if you want to comment on it or feel it needs tweaking.

Captains Report.



My goodness what a season so far! Those that know me well know I don't do sun unless I am by a pool in the shade, I would rather bowl in the rain lol. I know I am not on my own with the heat so a MASSIVE thank you to those that have turned out to bowl in this scorching weather. Both Keith and I do appreciate it and rest assured we do discuss with opposing captains about cutting ends at each game if it is hot or wet. Our aim is to keep everyone bowling but safe from the elements as well.

With only a few games left this season the Top Rink table top 10 looks like this at the moment:

Ken	7	Top rinks from the last few games have been:
Robert	4	Northaw & Cuffley - Mags Long, John Whippy and Deb Trollope
Tony	4	Ron Gray Hatfield – Mary, Alan W, Dave L, Keith F
Keith W	4	Potters Bar – Mary B, Mark S, Andy T
Aaron	4	Oakhill – Robert, Alan W and Michael
Dave L	4	Townsend – Robert, Sheila and Aaron
Alan W	3	Shire Park – Tony , Jan and Aaron
Michael L	3	Kings Langley – John M, Ken and Dave L
Ron F	3	Redbourn – Ron F, Ken and Les
Sue A	3	Harpenden – Mat, Keith W and Judy
		Potten End – Nigel, Alan W and Alan D.
		Townsend – Dennis, Dave T and Les R.

The final friendly selection sheets are up in the club if you want to put your names down. I am still trying to find 9 players, yes only 9, for our away game at the Met club Watford on THURS 25th Aug – just down the road from Costco so not far. Please let me know if you can play.

The last game of the season and my last outdoor game as club captain, is our Ladies V Gents on Sunday 25th Sept at 2pm. This is when my team of ladies take on Aarons team of men! It is always a nice afternoon with a tea made up of contributions from the members to finish the season. The list will be going up soon so put the date in your diary and I need all the ladies we have on the books please, if you can make it ladies, as we are very out numbered by the Gents!

Thanks for your ongoing support

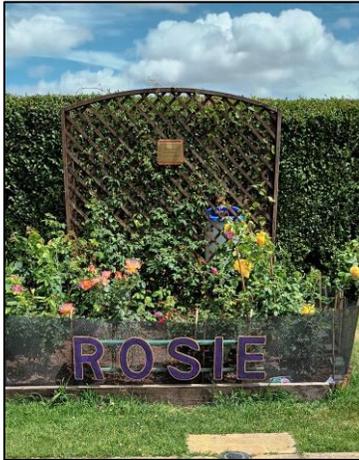
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Rosie Langley Memorial Day.

This was a lovely day with some great music going on as well – even if it was a bit loud sometimes 😊. Rosie would have loved it!

Money was raised for Mencap, fish and chip lunch and some fun bowls with a raffle thrown in and the weather was nice too. It all made for a fab day.

The winners were Dave N and Stuart P with runners up John G and Aaron.



The Bill Thorne Charity Triples day

It is always a pleasure to welcome the Thorne family back to Harperbury, they are all such good fun to have around. Sheila was on good form and remembered quite a few of us even though she is struggling with Vascular dementia now. Carole, her daughter, says she has good days and not so good days but is still managing in her own home with help from the family. For those of you that remember Betty, Sheila's sister in law from when Sheila and Betty came to Warners with us, she is doing well at 98!. Betty has been advised to have some help from carers but when they knocked on her door she told them to basically 'sod off' I can look after myself.'

We did wonder if the Thorne family would still want to come as it has been going on for a while – first one was 2007 - but when they arrived with a brand new trophy to be presented to the Thorne Family winners each year we were delighted. Sheila's son in law Charlie won it with his team, Barny and Sean. They are getting serious now and even came up for a roll up the week before! We will keep trying with our membership forms as it would be lovely to have the next generation of Bill and Sheila's family/friends as members. Carole says they all look forward to the charity day and we had 7 teams entered this year from their family and friends. We have sent £486 to the Rennie Grove charity which was money raised from the raffle and spider.

The overall winners were Mitch – new bowler, Ken and John W. Well done.



Martin Daly winners and runners up teams.



1st – Dave and Jenny G with Sue S – 43 points

2nd – Kevin, Aaron and Duncan. – 42 points

3rd – George T and his team. – 41 points

Well done to Alan and Pat W with Robert who came 4th.

A few of the Top rink pictures from the season so far.



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye, until we meet again, to

Tim Anstey on 24th August.

Tim passed away peacefully at home with his family around him on 29th July following a short battle with cancer. Tim played outside for Rowley Lane, Borehamwood, Harperbury and London Welsh and loved his bowls.



Tim introduced and ran our Tuesday evening league at Harperbury and we are pleased to say that this will continue for the rest of the season with Chris and John W taking over the reins.

Tim was a valued member of the committee and will be missed by us all. I am pleased to say that Barbara has assured us she will be back bowling with us all when the time is right for her.

Tim's funeral is at 1.20 at Garston Crem and after at Old Owens sports club, Coopers Lane Potters Bar. If you can make it please let Chris W know.