



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2020

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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.

FINALS DAY SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER.

After weeks of knockouts and semifinals the 'Lockdown' finals are here. Sheila has been doing a sterling job of sorting these out and keeping players safe.

The finals are – 10 am – Lockdown Pairs – Les R & John G **V** Kevin S & Shirley I (Sub for Jean E)

Lockdown Holgate – Jan T & Debbie T **V** Keith W & Ron F

2 /2.30 Lockdown singles – Kevin S **V** Debbie T

Lockdown 2 woods – Les R **V** Dave L

As we are only allowed 30 members up the club at any one time I sent an e mail out last week asking who would be interested in coming to watch. The response has been lovely.

Players – Deb, **Les**, Kevin, Keith W, Ron F, John G, Jan, Shirley (**am only**), Dave L (**pm only**)
(Sheila, Ken and Robbie are not in the 30 as helping to run the event)

Spectators – **Mo & Ron**, **Ron G**, Gillian & Peter, Mo & Tony P, Hilary, **Chris & John W**, **Michael & Aaron**, Eileen, John H, **Jean & Mo W** Robert C (**am only**) Mary B (**am only**) Ivy & Peter (**pm only**) Anita & Margaret (**pm only**) Alan and Margaret L (**pm only**) **Those in red have ordered a lunch.**

Morning 10 – 2pm to include lunch **total = 26** Afternoon 2 – 4.30pm **total = 30 FULL** Please DO NOT come early if you are the PM session as we need the morning members to have left.



I am sorry but 30 will be the maximum for the morning and afternoon sessions and places need to be booked.

We need to abide by the guidance so please do not just turn up.

Committee News.

The committee are delighted to be able to run the Lockdown Finals day on 12th September and thanks goes to Sheila as Competitions secretary for sorting these games out in what has been a very bizarre bowls season.

If you have booked a place as a spectator in the 30 maximum people allowed then you are advised to bring your own chair, use the hand sanitizer regularly and remain 2 meters from each other. The club house will still only be used for the bathrooms but the bar will be open with Ken doing 'table service'. Robbie will be doing a Sausage and chips lunch outside for £3.50 and you will be given a shout to come and collect your food when it is ready. Lunch needs to be ordered please. No plans for tea and coffee or using the kitchen so flasks will be required if you desire those.

The last roll up day will be 17th Sept and NOT finals day as previously mentioned. My mistake so a few more days before the season ends.

It has been lovely to see some bowls up the club this season but we also appreciate that this enforced 'year off bowls' has been a chance to reflect and to think about next season and if bowls will be featured for you either at all or at a much lesser pace.

During the closed season we will send out a survey to see members thoughts for next year to help us plan the 2021 season.

Watford and District news....

Entries for the current (dormant) season will be put forward for next season without change. Please advise Tim Anstey by 30th October next if you have an amendment to your original entry or if there are any additional entries to be made.



POTTERS is (fingers crossed) Friday 9th April for our 3 night pre-season break. I have been asked if I can get anymore rooms.

Before I enquire is there anyone else hoping to come? Please let me know ASAP.

Peter & Gillian Carvin

Alan Dickenson

Robin Dickenson

John & Hilary Gilson

Ken Kauder

Aaron Langley

Michael Langley

Alan Long

Maggie Long

Mo & Tony Plummer

Mo & Ron Pugh

Sheila & Les Roberts

Dave and Debbie Trollope

Chris and John Webster

Judy & Malcolm West

Eileen & Keith Williams

25 Members booked and paid. I can't wait!!

Pics from 2019.





We heard recently that Rob M was taken ill at home. Rob has been suffering from back pain for a while and it was gradually getting worse. On waking one morning a few weeks ago he could not stand as had no feeling below his waist. Joan called an ambulance and they went to Barnet. Very quickly Rob found himself in Stanmore with a diagnosis of prostate cancer that had spread to his spine. He underwent surgery that night and they removed the tumor and rebuilt his spine with plates etc. Having spoken to Rob today he still has no feelings below the waist and the prognosis is unclear at this point. The cancer is NOT in his major organs so that is very positive and he is being transferred to Barnet for cancer treatment soon. He will then return to Stanmore for spinal rehabilitation.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to Rob, Joan and their family in these difficult times with no visitors. Rob did say that Joan has managed to sneak in a couple of times only. Rob has given permission for this piece and sends his love to all at the club. He is determined to be back up the club next season and we believe him! Stay strong Rob!



This key was found on the grass next to the patio area at the club a few weeks back.

Has anyone lost a key?



The Harperbury 9 hole crew were out in force the other week. We played Aldenham 9 hole course in August and it was fair to say some good and some not so good golf shots especially for us gals! But that is why it is such a good afternoon out, you don't have to be a low handicap golfer to have a go at 9 holes.

Last week we played Arkley, another nice afternoon out. Redbourn is next on the cards for 15th Sept hopefully. Hoping to be out every 2 weeks, weather permitting.

If you are a golfer and fancy joining us just let us know.