



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

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Whilst we all hold our breath as the schools make their way back and everyone hopes that we can continue with the escape plan rest assured that the plans for a bowling season are well under way. Whatever happens we will do our best following the guidance around Covid safety and Bowls England to get some sort of program under way come April – Covid allowing of course.

The membership forms have gone out and everyone should have had one by now either on email or through the post if no email contact is available. We have had several returned already so thank you. If you can get yours back to us before the end of March with your competition entries it would be much appreciated. Don't forget the pairs comps are all on play on dates down to a semi-final is the plan with the dates on the membership form. We are hoping to have a BBQ on the 2 woods day. The singles competitions are all play by dates as these were felt to be easier to organise with just two people. Please show your support with the internal competitions and if we have to adapt due to covid again we will.

Committee news.

Committee positions

Keith Williams has agreed to be vice-captain this year supporting Deb as Club Captain when needed so a HUGE thank you to Keith.

The Health and Safety post is still vacant. If anyone feels they can support the club and its members in this role please contact a committee member for details.

With the season (hopefully) looking more promising and County and District competitions now on the calendar the men still need a 'manager'. This role involves liaising with the other clubs and our members re the games and dates etc putting up team fixture sheets for these competitions and picking the teams. This role could be shared and if you would like more info or feel it is something you could get involved with (whether a full member or not) please let a committee member know.

In the event of nobody being prepared to take on this role it may then mean that the men have to pull out of these competitions this year as these things do not run themselves.

Friendly Games

Once we know what is happening on 29th March and if the rule of 6 is coming in as planned along with outside sports starting up again we will then email the fixtures card to members or post it out if no email is available.

As to what format the games will take, that will be a discussion between both team club captains. We are anticipating triples as that will give 6 on the rink until June 21st. We are also anticipating a reduction in the number of rinks per game to allow the 2M distancing between the rinks.

As we will not be able to go inside except to the bathroom until May we are discussing plans for hospitality outside for friendly games and will advise in due course.

Get Together Pre- season

The committee would love to welcome members back up the club the week before the season is due to start which by the way is on SATURDAY 17TH APRIL with our chocolate spoon drive with registration at 1.45pm and the Captain V President on SUNDAY 18th APRIL with check in at 2pm.

This is again dependent on what the Government allows after the 29th March. If it is all systems go the committee will look at the weather forecast – we will not be allowed to gather inside the club so it needs to be dry at least – and invite members up for either the morning or afternoon on a weekday prior to the spoon drive. Members will be encouraged to sit in groups of up to 6 as per guidance and to wear their masks when going inside the club to use the bathroom and use the hand sanitisers regularly. Tea and coffee will be served outside with wrapped biscuits and cakes and a table service for the bar will also be available during the afternoon gathering.

Getting the club ready

We are keeping positive and anticipating some sort of season this year so on the next page is a list of the usual jobs that need doing before we get to April 17th. If you feel you can support the committee and undertake some of these jobs please let either Deb or Dave know and they can schedule you in so as not to have everyone up the club at the same time. Most inside cleaning jobs will need to be done the week of 12th April if possible.

2021 Spring Cleaning Jobs

Ladies cloakroom – recently decorated so a general wipe down and a clean and tidy up.

Ladies toilets – again recently decorated so a good wash down and clean and tidy.

Men's cloakroom – again very recently decorated with new flooring so a general sort out with equipment returned to owners, general wipe down, tidy up and general clean.

Men's toilets – same as above.

Kitchen :-

Crockery, cutlery, glasses, vinegar bottles, salt cellars, plastic cups etc all need to be either taken home and put through dishwasher or given a good clean up the club and stored until the cupboards have been cleaned - **Gillian, Sheila and Chris W**

Cupboards, drawers and doors – all cupboards need to be emptied and cleaned before the clean crockery etc goes back in – sprayed, cleaned and wiped through.

Surfaces, wall tiles and floor - **Not until the week of 12th APRIL please – sprayed Cleaned and mopped**

Fridge and freezer – cleaned and wiped through.

Kitchen blind – sprayed and cleaned.

Main Pavilion :-

Curtains and Nets- taken down and cleaned in main pavilion and ladies as well please – **Keith and Eileen**

Floor **has been deep cleaned courtesy of NHS so a hoovering up should be fine the week of 12th APRIL.**

Book shelves sorted and washed down with any books removed and taken to charity shop as feel necessary.

Pictures and honours boards sprayed and wiped down along with anything else on display.

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 when. 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.



I have everything crossed that our season will take place in some shape or form this year as I am sure you all do.

We are forging ahead with plans and positivity in the knowledge that it will be easier to cancel a few things last minute if things slow down with the government plans than to have to rush to organise them last minute if things move forward as they plan.

.So, our planned chocolate spoon drive will hopefully be on SATURDAY 17th April with registration at 1.45pm. This will be your first chance to get on the green this season and see how it is bowling following a closed season full of love and attention from the green team. This will give you a chance to warm up for the Captains V Presidents day the next day on SUNDAY 18th APRIL with sign in at 2pm.

Under normal circumstances a couple of lists would be going on the notice board at the club for these games and the first friendly games but things being what they are we need a plan B. So if you can contact me if you wish to play in any of the games below I would be very grateful.

Teams – Once we get going with the friendly games it will probably be reduced numbers and rinks to maintain social distancing for a while so with this in mind I will be making sure we all take it in turns to be subs and that if you are a sub for a game, weekday or weekend, you play in the next one you put your name down for. This seems to be the fairest way but do still please put your names down as the nature of the beast is that due to circumstances people drop out near to or on the day so it would be great to know I can call on folk to fill in. You can see I am anticipating a great many of you wanting to get back out there!

Standard Teas or tea and coffee – At the moment weekday games are down as tea/coffee and wrapped biscuits which is not too much of a problem to bring outside with a possible table bar service as well. However, weekend games are usually a standard tea. The standard teas are under review by the committee at the moment re working out guidance with menus and costings for members. Our concerns are around the practicalities of providing a standard tea outside. We will not be permitted in the club house until 17th May at the earliest which could be an issue with meals and it is something we will be working out and discussing with teams that visit us and the teams we are visiting.

Games :-

SATURDAY 17th APRIL Chocolate spoon Drive Triples - register 1.45 pm Tea and coffee wrapped cake/biscuit

SUNDAY 18th APRIL – President V Captain Triples - 2pm registration

TUESDAY 20th APRIL – Tuesday club roll up with 1st Tuesday League at 5.30pm

SATURDAY 24th APRIL – Bowls 4 Fun / Open day 10 – 12 2 – 4pm

MONDAY 26th APRIL – Bowls 4 fun / Coaching 2.30 – 4.30

TUESDAY 27th APRIL – Tuesday club roll up with Tuesday League at 5.30pm

WEDS 28th APRIL – North Mymms Triples – Home – Greys - 2.30pm Tea and wrapped biscuits.

Please let me know if you wish to put your names down for the Chocolate spoon Drive just to give us a rough idea of numbers with actual registration being at 1.45 on the day. We will need names for President V Captains game and the North Mymms game. Mobile to text is 07736305128 land line 01727 821287 and email debs.trollope@live.co.uk.

Thanks Debs