

Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2022

FEB 2022

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.



Well, here we are!

The subs forms are out and it is that time of the year -
Springtime will soon be upon us.

It is all systems go at the club!

The green and it's surrounds are looking fab, we are waiting for a start date for the new patio area and quotes are being sought for new carpet tiles in the club. Your committee, green team and working party are raring to go and hope to make the 2022 season

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ARE YOU READY??



Can you help us get ready for the 2022 season?

We would be very grateful if members could help us get the club ready for our opening weekend of 9th April by using the week before 4 - 8th to get involved with the spring clean.

This is very much a case of many hands etc and involves

- removing all the cobwebs from those places cobwebs gather throughout the club
- cleaning the fridge and freezer
- giving the changing rooms and toilets a good going over
- cleaning the carpets in the club, ladies and gents
- washing the nets and curtains
- removing the floor covering protecting the kitchen floor lifting all the equipment off the floor and giving the kitchen floor a good scrub
- washing the crockery and cutlery and cleaning the draws and cupboards - inside and out.
- The windows also need a clean
- the new roof for the big gazebo needs putting on.

Some members have already volunteered for some of these jobs so thank you.

Curtains and Nets - Keith and Eileen

Windows - Peter C

Cutlery 1 draw - Mo Pugh

Crockery - All done except cups - Deb, Mo Plum, Hils, Margaret L.

Roof on the gazebo - Peter and Dave

There is a book in the kitchen where completed jobs can be recorded so that we are not doubling up.



Committee News

Cleaning Rota

To help keep the club looking it's best there is a cleaning rota attached to the email. If you cannot make your cleaning date please try and get someone to swap with you and update the master copy in the club. A few members missed their cleaning slots last year and other members stepped in on the day of a game to keep the toilets clean and to put the hoover round. It takes a couple of hours with 2 members so please take your turn. Cleaning is usually done on the Friday but a Thurs is ok and the Saturday morning if the Friday is not possible.

There is guidance on the wall in the kitchen as to what needs doing and we ask that members use the cleaning products under the sink or in the toilets as we have to keep a record of what we use for COSHH.

Likewise, there are buckets and mops allocated to certain areas of the club and a hoover in the cupboard by the bar. We call it the cupboard under the stairs lol.

Please ask one of the committee when you are up the club if you need anymore info.



We are delighted to let you know that the position for a **RAFFLE person EXTRAORDINAIRE** has been filled.

Three fabulous members have put themselves forward to sort out the home game raffles.

Jill Alsop

Gwen Richards

Barbara Anstey.

Thank you SO much for volunteering and I will catch up soon for a chat.

The position is still available for a **TEAM of Groovy Grass Cutters.**

This has been a trickier one to find volunteers for.

So far we have:

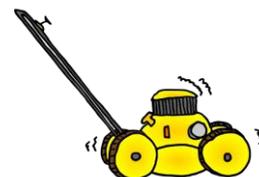
Tim

Aaron

Deb

Dave

We were hoping for a lot more able-bodied members to join us so that we would all have one session a month. To achieve that we need 4 more names please. PLEASE get in touch if you can help us. You will be pleased to know our 2 lawn mowers are not pusher ones!



Captains Report.



A MASSIVE thank you to all the members who have supported the indoor games over the winter. It was lovely to meet up and stay in touch with you.

The season starts on SATURDAY 9th April with a Chocolate Drive at 2pm. This is a great chance to have a bowl on the green, get a feel for outdoor bowls again and you will of course win a bar of choc! A bit of fun on a Saturday afternoon. So we can make sure we have enough prizes you will need to put your name down for this please with registration at 2pm prompt.

Captains V President Game Sunday 10th April.

This is the first official game of the season and usually a close fought contest! Again this year it is a mother V daughter affair and the Presidents team will be looking for a win this year having been beaten last year by the Captains team 3 rinks to 1.

The team selection sheets are up and to save you having to turn the alarm off and then re set it when you leave I have put them where the picked team sheets usually go. It would be lovely to try and get as many members as possible up the club for this first game. We will be having a cream tea after the game.

The alarm is easy to sort out. When you go into the club having put *usual code* into the door keypad, you will hear the alarm beeping. Go to the keypad next to the door and put that code in again. The alarm will stop beeping. If you need your specs to see the numbers make sure you have them on before you open the door.

When you leave, close all windows and the curtains, put that code into the keypad by the door, the alarm will beep, close the door, put the code in again on the keypad on the door and lift the handle to bring the lock mechanism down. The alarm will stop at some point once the door is shut. Please wait to make sure it does.

If when you go into the club the alarm is NOT beeping this means it has NOT been set so you DO NOT have to put the code in. Try and set it when you leave though. It has been installed to try and protect our club house and all it contains so needs to be set and active.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone again although I have seen quite a few members at the indoor games and at the games afternoons on Mondays.

See you all soon Debs

COMMITTEE NEWS CONTINUED.....

The subs form is attached with the competition entry form on the bottom bit. Please read it all through as the dates for the 'play on' pairs comps are on there. The singles comps are all 'play by' dates as usual. If you would like to enter please fill in the bottom part of the subs form and include the competition fee in your final payment,

You can either do a bank transfer for your payment and email your form to Peter, post it all to Peter with a cheque, drop the form and cheque/cash off to Deb or Peter or bring it to the Subs night at the club on THURS 17th March from 7pm. All by 1st APRIL please so that everyone is ready and registered for our opening weekend.

The tea rota is also attached and like the cleaning one if you cant make your allocated game please try and find a swap and change on the master copy up the club. If you can tick your box on both rota's it will save us chasing you up to make sure you have the date down in your diaries.

The weekday home games will be tea and biscuits with a raffle and the home weekend games either a Cream tea or tea and cake with a raffle. If you are down for a weekend game the choice of either a cream tea or tea and cake is yours. If there are 2 home weekend games please liaise with the other caterers to see who is providing what so that there is some variety.

The friendly game match fees are now included in the £100 subs unless there is a meal involved – Hatfield and the Ron Gray Trophy home and away, Stuart Mather trophy – home and away and the London Welsh game will all carry a match fee.

Social events for 2022.

Pre- season Quiz Night.

We will be running a quiz night on FRIDAY 18TH MARCH, 6 for a 6.30 start. 8 max in a team £10 pp. Bring your own nibbles and supper.

We have 4 teams so far with room for 2 more if anyone else wants to bring a team? Let us know.



With the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations this year and her green canopy project some of the money from the quiz night will be used to purchase a tree with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

The Queen's green canopy project is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and the idea is people, clubs, organisations get involved and plant trees – Simple!

The plan is that our HBC tree will be planted on the day of the Captain V President game, with, hopefully, most of our bowling members in attendance for a nice club picture. After a discussion the tree will be planted in the green grass area outside of the club where it is hoped over the next few decades it will flourish and remind future members of HBC of the amazing reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Norfolk.

This is all fully booked with accommodation so should be a lovely start to the Christmas season.

Fishermans Friend – Milton Keynes

We still have a few tickets for this great show with fab songs in it. If you fancy joining us on WEDS 5th OCT please let me know. Tickets are £38.50, great seats in the stalls row B and C. **Going so far:-** Deb, Dave, Sheila, Brenda, Graham, Robert, Mo & Tony P, Sue O + 1, Gwen and Steve. We need to have 20 people going to get the £38.50 price so if you have family and friends that might like to come please invite them. We will get a coach if there are enough of us and will enquire about a price once we know the final numbers. Ticket money to Peter by the end of May please. The film is very good if you want to know what the show is about.

RECRUITMENT TEAM

The posters, banners and flyers are ready to go! If you live in London Colney, Shenley, Bricketwood or Park Street and can pop some flyers through doors or sweet talk anyone to put up posters in shops etc please let Deb know. The week including the 17th March onwards we will be trying to blitz all these local areas ready for our open day on 25th April.

Even if you do not live in these areas and fancy covering a road or two let us know and we can allocate you one or two or three! If you fancy having a look round the housing estate that the bowls club is on that needs blitzing as well. Once again ... Many hands make light work!