



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2021

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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 2021



Committee Report.

National Comps.

Following feedback from the ladies and gents team managers and their struggles this season and looking at the results of this seasons national, county and district comps the committee have come to the conclusion that these struggles will remain for the 2022 season and as such have decided NOT to enter any Harperbury Men's or Ladies teams into these comps for 2022 - .

With the exception of the Tony Alcock, we will not enter any CLUB/TEAM National competitions that being the:-

- County Ladies & Men Top Club/Top Team
- W&D Ray Cup

The Bob Vise & Jones Cup, Griffin Cup, National Tony Alcock, triples leagues in W&D and SADBA and SADLB (Triples) and Herts county league will still need the support of club members as usual next season.

The committee would also like to thank Tim for taking on the role of men's manager this season. With Tim stepping down a replacement will hopefully be elected at the AGM.

We understand that this decision has caused a few members to question the competency and decision making of the committee but the committee feel they have acted in the best interest of ALL the club members. The 3 competitions that we are not entering will allow the team managers/captains to focus on the competitions that we may well have a chance in for 2022. It has been a difficult season for Judy and Tim to field teams for most of these games and it was felt that it would be in the clubs best interest, for 2022, until our membership has increased, to focus on the Tony Alcock, and the other County and district comps . Members can, of course, still enter individual national comps such as singles, pairs etc if they so wish and details can be found on the website. The committee ask that the members respect this decision and understand the reasons around it being made.

Recruitment and Coaching team.

The bottom line is, we are a bowls club and with bowls clubs folding all around us we need to build our membership up to be able to survive in the years to come. With that in mind the committee are supporting a proposal for a recruitment and coaching team. The coaching team will be led by Jan who has a lot of experience coaching many different sports over her years as a PE teacher. She will have a small team to start with on the coaching side who will be doing their stage 1 coaching course once the course is back face to face. Hopefully by the start of the 2022 season. This course will provide the team with the skills to develop four sessions of coaching for new bowlers as part of a new bowlers coaching package offered by Harperbury Bowls club. Should the team wish go on to do stage 2 this will arm them with the skills to coach bowlers of any standard who would like to improve certain aspects of their game..

For the recruitment side Jan need's a slightly bigger team who will be involved in publicity, leaflet drops, putting up posters locally and also inviting different clubs and groups etc to the club for a 'Give bowls a Go' session. The team will also be involved in meeting and greeting those clubs that accept an invite to join us for a 'Give bowls a Go' afternoon or evening. Paula D has kindly offered to help with any admin that might be needed to get the word out to the local area. The recruitment for 2022 will be focused on local areas – London Colney, Radlett and Shenley. If you are part of a group, or class or gathering that you think might like to pop down for a 'Give bowls a Go' session once the 2022 season gets under way let us know.

The committee encourage members to get behind and support this new team, who like other members of the club for example, in the green team, in the kitchen, in the bar etc, are offering their skills and time to help secure the future of the club.

Committee Report Cont....

AGM

The new date for the AGM is TUES 23rd Nov at 7.30pm and an agenda will be available prior to the meeting. According to our constitution:

- Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be made by members of the Club in writing and must be in the hands of the secretary of the Executive Committee at least 14 days before the annual general meeting. Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot. *The sheet is up in the club for those members wishing to stand for the 2022 season*
- Proposals (with a seconder) and other matters for discussion at the Annual General Meeting must be made by members of the Club in writing and must be in the hands of the secretary of the Executive Committee at least 14 days before the annual general meeting. Any other matters raised by members at the Annual General Meeting will only be discussed at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.
- The Trustees will be members appointed by the Executive Committee, and reconfirmed annually at the AGM.

Please write or email the club secretary, Gillian Carvin, if you have any proposals, with a seconder, or other matters that you want to be discussed at the AGM by 9th NOV please.

GAMES AFTERNOON

MONDAY 27th Sept saw the start of the winter games afternoon at the club with tea and cake. The idea being to bring members together over the closed season for a game of rumikub, sequence, domino's, cards etc.

It is not designed to replace the whist sessions but to accompany it. The session will start at 2pm and it is anticipated it will run for 2 to 3 hours. These might be games you have not played before but don't worry you will soon pick them up.

WHIST

The whist team are keen to get it going again but are moving it to an afternoon with some members preferring not to drive on the dark nights etc.

If you play whist or would like to learn please arrive by 1.45 on Friday 1st Oct with £3 in your mits for an afternoon of cards and chat.

WALKS

The next organised walk and pub lunch with Jan is Friday 22nd October at 10 am with a venue for the walk and where to have lunch still to be decided. If you would like to take part please give Jan a call or text on 07985923489.

Captains Report.



I would like to thank everyone who has given me support in the captain's role this season. I am not going to say it has been all plain sailing, there have been ups and downs but we muddled through.

A massive thank you to Keith as vice captain and Tim and Peter who have taken a few games for me allowing us to get away or attend family gatherings etc.

The highlight of the season for me has to be winning the Ron Gray Trophy. Ron is such a special fella and committed to the club so to win it back after several years of it sitting on Hatfields trophy shelves was brilliant. Our other trophy game against Townsend saw us with an amazing 22 point lead on the return match at Townsend but we were up against it with the team they put out and although we played well lost- by just 10 shots. So near yet so far. I think it is fair to say we had them worried! Oh well maybe 2022 will be our season to get that trophy back on our shelves. We hosted the Nethercote trophy this year and the cream tea provided after the game went down really well. Sadly we did not win the trophy this year as Potters Bar were the inform team on the day.

Throughout this season I have worked hard picking the teams, trying to put members on rinks that will allow them to have an enjoyable afternoon of bowls. It is lovely to win the friendlies but more important, to me as club captain, is that everyone enjoys their bowls.

I am not gonna lie, some games have been very hard to find teams for especially the away games and it has been a struggle. A massive thank you to all the 'regulars' in the friendly games I really appreciate your support. I would also like to thank the green team for all their hard work and to anyone else who has got kit out, put it away, provided tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes etc. The club, on the most part, has been cared for and cleaned on a regular basis so thank you to those members that turned up when it was their turn to clean and to those members that have taken the initiative to put the hoover round and empty the bins on the odd occasions when it has not been cleaned.

Over the season we have won 16 games and lost 16 games with 4 games being cancelled before the game and I called off during the game. So a fair result. We did take some impressive scalps though, Kings Langley, Townsend at home, Hatfield at home and away.

The ladies V Gents was on Sunday and saw most of our bowling members (and a few associates) out on the green. For me it was lovely to see so many members out there especially the ones who have been sorely missed this year especially Malc. The result was not reflective of the games on the rinks and the fun and laughter that I heard throughout the afternoon. The ladies did, sadly get splattered by the Gents this season and Lesley will be a Leslie until the re-match in 2022.



Thank you to those that have played in the friendlies and I really hope that next season we see even more of you come along to play.