



MAY 2015

Harperbury Bowls Club Celebrating 60 years 1955—2015

NEWSLETTER



2015 Season is Under way....

The first weekend of the season was a busy one with the spoon drive on the Saturday run by Captain Dave and then the traditional



Ladies V Gents with Club Captain Dave and Ladies Captain Judy on the Sunday.

The spoon drive on the Saturday saw Les winning, with Keith in second and Aaron in 3rd.



Ladies V Gents

Dave and Judy got the season officially up and running with the ladies V Gents. It was a brilliant turn out. The ladies had to 'adopt' a few men as they were a few short but they looked great in skirts! . There were still 6 rinks in use though. A lovely game was had by all followed by a great spread .

Leslie/Lesley will be a lady for our celebration 60th year!

Well Done Ladies winning by 11 shots.

Top rinks:

Men: Lou, Peter N, Tony and Jim

Ladies: Judy, Jenny Margaret and John G!



Results so Far and Top Rinks.

Borehamwood (Harry Allen Trophy) 1st Leg.

Lost by 16 shots.

Top rink— Bob, Peter F, Lou, Joyce.

Potters Bar (Nethercott)

Lost by 2 shots.

Top rink—Jim, Andy, John A Sheila R

North Mymms

Won by 28

Top rink - Danny, Alan B, Joyce

OWLS - Lost by 13

Top rink—Dave T, Jenny, John A.

Abbots Langley Won by 3 *Top rink—Eileen, Danny, Keith.*

Barnett Blind—won by 11

Top rink—Jenny, Dave L, Danny.

Hemel Won by 9 shots

Top rink—George, Betty, Dave G, John A

Pavillion - Lost by 3 shots

Top rink—Peter F, Jenny, Ken.

Radlett—won by 35 shots.

Top rink— Lou, Aaron and Tony P

Hatfield - (Ron Gray Trophy) 1st leg— lost by 24 shots.

Top rink—Les, Keith, Eileen and Mike L.



Club Outing.

28 of us ventured out to Milton Keynes theatre by coach to watch Bar-num with Brian Connelly and it was BRILLIANT!

Where shall we go/ what shall we do next?

Suggestions: Greyhounds, Horses, another show? Let me know what you fancy.

Quiz Night

The quiz night was another success with 6 teams battling it out. It was won by Ken, Jan, Mo and Tony Plummer. The night raised £153 in total split between the club and Captains charity so a lovely start for the Diabetes UK charity bottle and the club.

60th Anniversary Celebrations.

Members Invites for the 60th celebration event on SAT 4th JULY are on their way to you. Sheila R is on a mission to personally place these in your hands or send them through the post for that personal touch as a big celebration for the club.



There is a box to collect replies at the club so please return the slips with monies as soon as you can as we need to order the food etc. It will be a great afternoon/ evening with your support. Vera and George's daughter made this lovely cake for the celebration game with Watford. Unfortunately the game was called off due to bad weather. This meant that the members playing in the Aussie pairs enjoyed the cake instead! Thank you!



Another Harperbury youngster becomes a County player in the under 31's....



For a small club we do well with our youngsters! Aaron joined Emma as a Harperbury County player in the under 31's when he was picked to play for Herts against Suffolk recently. Herts won overall with Aaron playing lead on his rink. The County team hold weekly training sessions that the under 31's attend for coaching with some real youngsters from about 7—8 years old! I know Emma feels she benefited from her experience and coaching with the County under 31 team and enjoyed her games at Leamington and we hope Aaron enjoys his time in the under 31's as well.

NEW MEMBERS..... The best way to get experience is to put your names down for the friendly games. Just ask Jenny and Dave Gauthier how it can gain you that valuable experience. If you indicate on the team sheet that you are a new bowler Dave will make sure you get support on your rink by your 'buddy' if possible if not he will make the other team members aware.

Australian Pairs.

It was a beautiful afternoon for the Aussie pairs and it saw 10 teams on the green battling it out for the Rose Bowl.



The afternoon was organised by Peter N with a bit of help from Judy and Keith on the day. Everyone was treated to a slice of cake and a cup of tea to finish. It was a very close competition with 2 teams tying for the top spot. Jenny and Eileen and Peter F and Lou. On a count back of shots Lou and Peter took the Rose Bowl.



E mail buddies—Thank you to those of you that have put your names forward.

George & Vera Hoare—**Sheila/ Bob T**

Mo & Jean Wildman—**Sheila / Bob T**

Yvonne Stone - ?

John Hill—**sorting an address**

Betty Hardesty—**Jan T**

John Lewis— **Darren via Mick A**

Ivy and Peter Fennel - **Keith F**

Mick Andrews—**Darren**

Warners 2016

The deposit is paid for Warners next year with 39 people joining us.

Sue & John Deb & Dave

Sheila & Les Mo & Tony

Anita & Bob Eileen & Keith

Judy & Malc Hilary & John

Pat & Alan Alan & Mary

Sheila & Betty Jean & Mo

George & Vera Pat & Geoff

Mick & Pam Darren & Carol

Michael & Rose, Aaron, Ken, Joan T, Diana T, Danny A.

Balance by 12th JAN 2016 please.



Captains Log.

Welcome to our 60th Anniversary season. It is now well and truly under way and we have had some great results already. I am obviously disappointed that the Ladies –v– Gents resulted in a win for the ladies but am pleased that a good day's bowling was had by all.

The matches that followed have come thick and fast and it's good to see the support that's been given to them by all club members. (I would just like to mention here how much I appreciate the Vice Captain [Mary B] and the Ladies Captain [Judy W] standing in for me when I've not been available to take the games.)

We've had some good results in these matches and, even in some of the losses, it has only been by a few shots. Well done to all and thank you for your support.

Dave

Keep an eye on your emails for team selections, club news and updates.

Other Games News....

Judy, Emma, John A and Les were picked to play for the South Division Team against Herts Bowls President team at Harperbury on SUN 17th May.

The game was won by South Division.

During the speeches thanks on the day went to Sheila, Joyce, Sue and Deb in the Kitchen and Dave in the Bar.

Malcom and Gary West also did a great job with their marigolds and the washing up! These are big games for the club and the proceeds from the bar and from the food boost our funds so support is always greatly appreciated. ***There is a list up on the board with the dates of the men's league games asking for help in providing a light supper for the players. Please add your name if you can help.***

Martin Daly Triples Gala — Date for your diaries

Our club Gala is on SAT 15th AUGUST the posters are going up and letters will be going out to clubs soon. As always your support on the day is VERY important to its success and the club survives on the takings from these events.

For now put the date in your diary and in June/July we will be asking who is about to help on the Friday before to set up and on the actual day.

You may want to enter a team? It normally depends on how many outside teams enter as to how many of our own teams we can have in the gala. Pick up a registration form from a committee member if you are interested.

GALA FOLDER.... There is a gala folder in the club that has the posters from other clubs and their gala details. Have a look - galas are a great way to gain experience and bowl with friends.