



## Harperbury Bowls Club

NOV 2016

1955—2016

The annual AGM was held on MON 14th NOVEMBER and was very well attended and ran very smoothly.

The comprehensive version of the minutes from the AGM will be available to read for those members that could not make it and will be up the club but I thought I would share the highlights.



Throughout the AGM in various officers reports thanks were given to Dave Trollope for his role as Captain, Sue A for all she has done as club secretary, John A for all his hard work as competition secretary and George and Vera Hoare for all their support as committee members over many years as they all stand down from the committee and or their officers position. Thanks were also given to Jenny G and John H who are also standing down this year.

Two life membership awards were presented by Sue on behalf of the committee to Sheila and Les Roberts for all they have done for the club over their many years of membership.

The ladies had a very good season led by Judy, ladies captain. Judy won the un badged county ladies singles to start it all off. Judy thanked all the lady members for their support and informed the members that Sue A won the district officers singles and that the ladies won the District triples league.

In the captains report Dave thanked everyone for their support over the season adding that the club won the Harry Allen trophy, the Nethercott trophy and probably our biggest win was taking the Ron Gray trophy back from Hatfield. The result of the friendly games over the season are that we won 16 and lost 17 with two games cancelled by the opposition. The top rink pens were fiercely fought over during the season. The top rink league result was in joint second place, Ken Kauder and Keith Williams and in first place was Danny Agras.

In my report as membership secretary I informed the members that we have 95 bowling members at the end of the 2016 season - 56 men 39 women plus 12 associate members. The committee will start a waiting list once the bowling members reach 100. When new members apply their names will go on the notice board informing members of their application. If any members have any objections they should inform the committee in writing, the committee will then discuss. The organised themed club nights one Tuesday a month received very positive feedback and will continue in 2017.

Four members proposals were discussed at the AGM. A proposal to change our club shirts did not receive a seconder. A proposal that if club members know that they are away for the internal club competition finals that they should not enter or that they withdraw at the earliest opportunity did not receive a seconder. The third proposal was passed for a trial period by the members and from next season the person taking the home games where a meal is served will pull a token from a bag (lead, 2, 3 or skip) to decide who the 'clearing up' team will be for that game. The fourth proposal was also passed by the members and that was to have the dress code clearly in the rules as well as the club handbook so that there is no further confusion around what to wear on the green for roll up's club nights and club games.

The committee put a proposal to the members to increase the membership fees to £80 as there has not been an increase for a few years. This was also passed.

There will be a new club trophy next year—The Mary Burnett Trophy. The trophy will be donated by Alan Burnett in memory of his wife Mary and played for during the season on a date to be confirmed as a mini gala day with lunch.

The committee would like to thank the members for a great turn out and a very productive AGM and we hope that we can rely on your support again in 2017.

# Club News

## The committee for 2017 is below.



Chairman & Mens County rep - Les Roberts



Club President & Women's County rep - Sheila Roberts



Club Secretary  
Jan Taylor - New committee member



Club treasurer  
Mike Booth



Club Captain  
Mary Barnard



Vice Captain  
Shirley Burrow- New committee member



Ladies Captain  
Judy West



Competition & fixtures Secretary  
- Gillian Carvin - New committee member



Ass Competition sec  
Aaron Langley



Membership & press sec — Deb Trollope



St Albans Ladies District rep - Joyce Terry



St Albans Mens District rep- - Jim Terry



Watford & District rep - Mick Andrews



Committee member  
Sue Allen



New committee member  
Dave Leggatt



New committee member  
Peter Carvin



New committee member  
Sue Swain



Committee member  
Eve Richardson

## The proposals that were passed by the members at the AGM this year.

### 1 For a trial period a 'clearing up team' will be selected after each home weekend game.

It was proposed that whoever is taking the game, once the speeches have been made pull out a token with either lead 2, 3 or skip on it to decide who the clearing up team are for that day. They then spring into action, clearing the tables, washing and wiping both in the kitchen and in the bar if needed. If that person cannot help they should ask another member of their rink to sub for them.

As the club grows, this system will hopefully allow every member to get involved with the domestic side of the club. It doesn't however stop other members from offering their services if required, clearing tables, collecting glasses etc if it is a particularly big game. What it does mean though is that the members not on the clearing team can feel confident going home knowing that it will definitely be sorted out and that they may get their turn to be in the clearing team on the next home game. The members doing the tea will still hopefully clear and wash up as they go along but it means that they don't have to worry about washing up after the meal. Just like if you were going to someone's house for a meal - you would offer to clear and wash up - wouldn't you? The idea was passed and will be drawn out as described above for a trial period for the 2017 season to see how many times each member gets picked and tweaked if needs be to assure fairness at the end of the season ready for 2018 season. Hopefully all members will support it.

### 2 The dress code in the hand book be put in the club rules to avoid further confusion. (8a) All Members shall recognise the dress code:

- (i) For Club Nights and roll ups, smart casual to be worn. No Jeans with rips or holes in legs.
- (ii) For match days white polo/shirt with collar, grey or white trousers, cropped trousers, shorts or skirts.



## Captains Log.....

This is my first Captain's log. I would like to thank the Club for trusting me with the job of Captain for the coming year. I shall give it my best shot, and know that I shall get lots of support from Shirley B as Vice Captain, other members of the Committee, and indeed all members of the Club.

I have really enjoyed acting as Vice Captain with Captain Dave over the last two years. He has been immensely encouraging in helping me into the role. Also I have much appreciated his dry sense of humour, which has been very effective in dealing with situations, sometimes!

My intention is to continue Dave's practice of notifying match selection by email, and phoning people who don't have access to email. Team Sheets will continue to be put on the Captain's Noticeboard, and the selection on the outside Notice Board. I will also do my best to give a week's notice to people selected, though I am aware of various difficulties and pitfalls in achieving this on all occasions

### Indoor Match Results

#### 9 October vs Hatfield Indoor Bowls Club

Rinks : Harperbury 2, Hatfield 2

Shots: Harperbury 79 Hatfield 99

**Top Rink : Les Roberts, Mo Wildman, Aaron Langley, Joyce Terry**

#### 5 November vs Herts, Watford

Rinks : Harperbury 1, Herts, Watford 3

Shots: Harperbury 50, Herts, Watford 79

**Top Rink : Les Roberts, Mary Hathaway, Ron Pugh, Danny Agras**

Everybody gave of their best throughout both matches. The keen, positive Harperbury spirit was very much in evidence, and there were some excellent performances. We have to remember that when we play these indoor matches, we are usually up against people who bowl regularly indoors. Many bowl several times a week whereas many of our players only play outdoors, other than in these few indoor matches.

The indoor matches are always very friendly affairs. People enjoy the challenge, keep their hand in, and have a chance to get together with fellow Club members

### Forthcoming Matches

I'd like to thank everyone for their support thus far, and ask for yet more! The next match is :

#### Saturday, 17 December vs Watford Woodside

We need 24 bowlers. So far there are only 12 names on the Team Sheet. Please add your names to the Sheet, or otherwise contact me directly—details below.

The other two matches are : **Sunday, 5 February 2017 vs Hatfield Indoors Bowls Club**

16 players are needed to play 4 rinks

**Saturday 25 February 2017 vs Watford Woodside** 24 players are needed to play 6 rinks

I look forward to seeing people at the Presentation Night.

Mary B

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#### A Night at The Dogs! SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2017 at Henlow.

The poster is up in the club and there are quite a few names down.

The entrance with a 3 course meal is £15.75 and the coach will be approx £12.50 return if we can get 30 people. The outing will definitely go ahead as we have over 20 names so far. I will need to collect the coach money after the new year and will contact everyone then. Please let me know if you want to come and I will add your name to the list.



# Presentation Night

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

6PM—6.30PM

PRESENTATION WILL START AT 6.30PM

Followed by Food, entertainment and dancing!



## FREE RAFFLE.....

If everyone brings a raffle prize we will be able to make sure everyone gets a prize!

Bit like secret santa so only bring things you wouldn't mind winning please!



A big thank you to Geoff Roberts for a very interesting talk about Westminster Abbey.



Thank you to everyone that supported the evening and Anita Y for the cakes to go with the cuppa.

All proceeds go to the captains charity.

The feedback has been that it was a very informative evening.

Once again a big thanks to all involved in the evening especially Geoff and Pat.



## WARNERS

Payment due by 1st January please.

Either do a bank transfer, pop a cheque through my door or Mike Booths door please.

It is VERY important we have all the money in to enable us to pay Warners on time. If you are having difficulties please contact one of us. Thank You.