



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2018

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Jenny says.....Don't forget to water the baskets please.



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.



Coaching Skills Day Sunday 3rd June.

On a lovely sunny Sunday, we had 13 dedicated bowlers being put through their paces by the Herts Bowls Coaching Society, led by Stuart Stamp. We started off with a fascinating demonstration of the way bowls behave in different circumstances, using a machine known as 'Bowls Ballistic'. After that 3 groups were formed, each spending nearly an hour with a coach on different topics, which were:

- Bowls delivery clinic – grip, stance, movement etc.
- Line and length
- Communication and reading the head – skip discussing and consulting with other team members about shots during the game.

The morning concluded with a Ploughman's lunch. Members seemed to feel it had been a worthwhile morning. Hopefully more members will be encouraged to join in if we do another workshop in the future.



Pictures of the Aussie Pairs afternoon and the Oakhill Game



**Australian Pairs
Winners
Ron P and Les R**

Committee News

There have been several suggestions in the box as regards a fitting memorial for George and Vera so thank you to those that have submitted their ideas. We would now like to ask our members to vote on the ideas below so that we can make plans. A separate voting email will follow soon.

At the last committee meeting the whole of the meeting was spent discussing health and safety and what needs to be done. An update will be sent to members separately to the newsletter.

The tickets for the **FAMILY FUN** day are on sale behind the bar until the end of June at £12.50 pp kids under 12 £5. There will be a 'bowls circuit', Hog roast salads and pudding and the afternoon will end with 'Dicey Horse Racing' Due to concerns over gambling restrictions under 18's will not be able to place bets this year. They will however still be able to be the 'jockeys' if their names are pulled out of the hat. What is Dicey Horse Racing?? You need to come along and have a flutter!

I know the **Presentation Evening** is in December and we haven't had our summer holidays yet but we really need your support with this new venue. You can of course bring family along to enjoy the evening with us but we do need a minimum of 50 names please. We appreciate that £25 per person is double last year's price but it is a nice venue, 2 course roast dinner, presentation and dancing with a real Christmas feel. You can pay bit by bit or all at once whichever is easier for you.

There is now a container outside the kitchen door for **recyclables** – Plastic, cans and cardboard. It was highlighted that our recycling is poor in the kitchen. If the people cleaning the club each week can take home and put in their bins please. If you are doing the food and fill the container please take it home for your recycle bins.

A big **thank you** to those that have cleaned the club so far this season and done a tea. Just a reminder that the cleaning includes the kitchen – surfaces and floor, the toilets, replacing towels and loo rolls and emptying bins please, including the one by the kitchen door and now taking the recycling home. It is hoped that some of the equipment on the floor in the kitchen will be able to go in the new sheds once they are equipped with more racking so this will make sweeping and mopping the floor easier.

There are still LOTS of members that have not ticked their names on the cleaning list at the club to acknowledge their turn. I am sure you all have your date in your diary but if you can tick the list as well it would be appreciated.



Club Captain's Log.

Since the beginning of the season we have had 6 games, all of which have been superbly supported, thank you everyone, that makes my job so much easier. Your support is really appreciated.

We have played the Harry Allen Trophy (Part 1) which we won (just) 80 - 79. **Top Rink** being Nessa Carr, Malcolm West, Dave Gauthier and Les Roberts.

This was followed by our match against Ladygate which we lost 87 - 102, but an enjoyable game never the less. **Top Rink** consisted of Robbie R, Ken K, George T and Dave Leggatt.

On the 13th May we travelled to Hemel Hempstead and played on their spare green. losing by 30 shots. 54 to 84. **Top Rink** for the day was Keith Williams, Allen Nicklin, Eileen Williams and Dave Gauthier.

Saturday 19th May saw us away to St Albans, beautiful weather followed by a lovely tea. Now you can look at this match one of two ways. A win to Harperbury 3 rinks to 1 or to St Albans 63 shots to 82! I'll let you decide. I chose the win! **Top Rink** was Sue Swain, Kevin Hull and myself. Yippee

Our next encounter was against Hatfield in The Ron Gray Trophy (Part 1), unfortunately we dropped 50 shots to Hatfield losing 100 to 150. A big score to pull back, but stranger things have happened.

The **Top Rink** for the day was Sue Swain, Barbara Anstey, Dave Gauthier and Niel Roake.

On Sunday 27th May we played Datchworth at home, unfortunately this game was abandoned after 12 ends due to torrential rain and flooding, on and off the green. Datchworth were celebrating their 40th anniversary and presented all players with a small pot of honey. Congratulations to Datchworth.

Our final game played so far was against Oakhill on 2nd June. A good win 89 to Harperbury and 65 to Oakhill. The **top rink** being Malcolm W, Jim T, Tony P and Sheila Roberts.

Once again thank you all for your tremendous support. Harperbury in my view shows other clubs the way to go. The ethos of this club is second to none and that is down to its members.

Social Events

Family Fun day – bring the family!

Hog Roast – new company, bowls circuit and 'Dicey Horse Racing'

Sunday 22nd July from 2pm.

£12.50 per adult.

Tickets on sale in the bar until the end of June.

Please support this event.

Presentation Evening

Friday 7th Dec 7pm

Carvery, pudding tea and coffee

Bushey Met Police Club.

Meal, presentation and dancing

£25 per person.

Pay Deb or Peter when your ready

We need 50 members/family to get this price so please support this evening.

Poster at the club or let me know.

Pre-season Break.

I need to confirm the numbers and rooms for our pre-season break at Warners Gunton Hall.

£152 standard double or twin room

£172 Premier room twin or double.

£188 standard single room (garden as a single will be more)

Names so far:

Deb & Dave T
Sue & John A
Sheila & Les R
Hilary & John G
Judy & Malc W
Mo & Ron P
Anita & Bob Y
Eileen & Keith W
Chris & John W
Peter & Gillian C
Aunty Florrie
Ken K
Dave L
Robin D
Shirley B
Danny & Lorna A
Geoff & Nessa C
Mo & Tony P
Alan B
Shirley I
Geoff & Pat R
Pat & Alan W

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

£30 deposit required per person as soon as possible please to me or Peter Carvin and let me know if you wish to take out their insurance.

The story of the new sheds.....



Thursday 8th Feb 2018 - Working party was organized to unpack and identify 100's of parts that were delivered in flat pack boxes along with fixing screws and accessories to establish an assembly plan and action.

Once identified, we embarked on an unknown journey where several assembly mistakes were made but corrected as we went along. Unfortunately, the weather turned against us during the first phase of assembly with cold biting winds and snow that became a start stop situation.

Temperatures and morale were at times very low but the Team pulled together and the first shed was assembled after two weeks alongside John Hill's garden at the club. At this stage, the plan was to erect the second shed in preparation to demolish the three wooden sheds and temporally transfer all the bowls equipment and green machinery within. We cleared the wooden sheds of old equipment, accessories and clothing that the rats had enjoyed making their home in, then with large hammers and Robbie's chain saw, we demolished the three sheds causing a significant pile of rubbish that along with a general site clearance was disposed of in two skips. Once cleared, a new plan of action was raised to mark out the area for the new concrete base allowing consideration for mains power, water pumps and accessories plus a separate BBQ area.



The committee were advised of the contractor's willingness to help us with the ground works, shuttering and concreting (free of charge) and we achieved their deadline by preparing the area as best we could. Our hopes of having everything in place for the new season were shattered due to the contractors having other priorities, however, once free a gang of six sturdy young chaps arrived along with a ready-mix lorry parked at the front entrance and proceeded to wheelbarrow concrete to the base area. After about 50 barrow loads the job was completed in 2/3 hours. We are truly grateful for this assistance and could not imagine any of our membership taking on such a mammoth task without many strains and pulled muscles in all the wrong places!

Once completed, the final plan of action was to transfer the sheds to their new home that involved 8 club members slowly lifting the sheds and guiding them to their new fixing positions. Mike's idea to change the doors from sliding to opening for improved access and security was then implemented. His help in planning every stage of assembly including many modifications was priceless. Sheets of interior plywood were fitted to strengthen the framework and allow new fixing positions for our pushers. Peter purchased new shelf racks and brackets for pushers that now stores most of our equipment and also allows clear access. He will be relieved that very little expenditure is necessary to complete.

During the transition period, John Gilson and Sue Allen worked on the electrics and water facilities to service the new sheds and clubhouse. Robbie and Mike took on another mammoth task by removing the old water tank and building a new complete system along with guttering and filtration units that would have cost the club a lot of money had the project been put out to tender. Ken and Peter worked tirelessly throughout and were involved at every stage of the task. The whole project is almost complete apart from sealing the base frame, painting the floor with non-slip paint and adding guttering to save natural rainwater for our green. Also, we have created a lot of rubbish in this process and a general site clearance and tidy up is well overdue.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to ask our membership to take extra special care when handling our new storage facility by keeping it tidy and putting equipment away in their respective places. We now have new hooks for our pushers - please store them from bottom upwards. Stack score boards away from pushers to prevent entanglement and finally please use the latches to shut the doors before locking.

I wish to personally thank in no particular order - Ken Kauder, Mike & Aaron Langley, Peter Carvin, Robbie Ransted, Geoff Carr, Tony Plummer, John Gilson, Sue Allen, Kevin Hull, Graham Downes, John Webster, Robin Dickinson and anyone else I've forgotten who helped to achieve this mammoth project.

I owe a great deal of gratitude to various committee members and club members who stood by me from start to finish, who worked tirelessly sometimes up to 4 days in a week as well as those who could only manage a couple of hours when available - It all helped.

Happy Bowling,

Dave L



On behalf of the committee I would like to say a massive thank you to Dave and his team for all the hard work and endless hours they have put in to finishing this massive project. Amazing show of team work and organization from both committee members and club members. Thank you all!

Roles of Bowls team members – a reminder and a quick reference guide – Mary Barnard.

Matches

Matches frequently involve teams of 4 players forming a Rink. Each Rink consists of a Lead, No.2, No.3 and Skip. Each player makes specific contributions to the Match. At the start of a Match Skips goes to the receiving end of the Rink, and Leads, 2's, and 3's stay at the mat end of the Rink.

Lead

- Places the mat when Team has the mat at beginning of a match, or when wins the preceding End. Skip may indicate where to place the mat.
- Delivers Jack, the skip may indicate the length to which they want the jack delivered then make sure the Jack is properly centered,
- If Lead has delivered the first bowl of the End, then after No.3 has delivered last bowl, and before walking up the rink, the Lead places their Skip's first bowl on the mat as a courtesy.
- Hands the Jack to the opposing Lead when he/she 'has the mat' at the beginning of an end
- If Lead is to deliver the first bowl of the next End, then he/she does not participate in collecting up bowl
- If Lead is not delivering the first bowl of the next End, he/she uses pusher to gather up the bowls and push them into a group at least 1 yard behind and one yard to one side of the mat placed by the opposite Team's Lead.
- Keeps well back from the head when 3's are assessing /measuring the Head

No.2

- Skip may ask No.2 to maintain the Score card.
- Home Club No.2 should put up the score, and change the End number on the Score Board at the end of each End when they are at the scoreboard end.
- Keeps well back from the head when No.3's are assessing /measuring the Head

No.3

- Chalks any bowl from their own Skip which touches the Jack
- Agrees the score at the conclusion of each End with the opposing No.3
- No.3 claims shot bowls and if this is disputed or is unclear, the Opposing No.3 measures the appropriate bowls, and vice versa.
- If No.3's cannot agree the score, the Skips are consulted. If there is still no agreement, the Umpire is asked to adjudicate.

Skip

- Has full authority over his/her team.
- In matches, with the opposing skip, introduces players to each other at the commencement of the game.
- Maintains score card, or delegates to other team member, usually the No.2
- Indicates to the Lead where the mat and Jack are to be placed/delivered to.
- Pays full attention to each team member bowling, and helps, guides and encourages them throughout the Match; avoids negative actions such as head shaking or turning away.
- Indicates to each team member where they should deliver each bowl
- Indicates to all team members how long/short previous bowls have been
- Chalks any bowl from their own team which touches the Jack
- Consults with their No.3, and if possible other team members, about shots when he/she is about to go up and deliver his/her bowls.

All players

- Do not move bowls at the end of an End until the score has been agreed
- Positively encourage other team members, and do not make negative comments

When matches involve teams of 3 players (triples) No.2's will usually perform the No.3's roles, and in pairs matches Leads will cover all roles other than the Skip's.

Health forms & Bowls Bags

Everyone is probably aware of the dreadful accident that Joan had as she got off of the rink. The quick thinking of the members around her meant that she was treated quickly and help arrived promptly. Luckily Joan was able to give all the information needed by the ambulance crew re date of birth, medication and health issues which meant they could understand the seriousness of the accident and that she was a priority – not a 2 hour wait.

Can we remind members that it is VERY important to fill in a Health form and put it in a nice bright sealed envelope with BIG writing on it – IN CASE OF EMERGENCY in your bowls bag. It needs to be easily found should it need to be retrieved from your bowls bag. Also..... Please label your bowls bag either with a luggage label or similar so that your bag can be quickly identified – they all look the same! Obviously if an ambulance is needed and the person is not able to give any information these forms could be life saving.

District Games

A plea to our lady bowlers. Can you try and put your names down for 2 district games this season please?

It sounds daunting but we only play the same ladies in friendlies that we play as a club – District just sounds 'grand'. By doing this it means that you can enter District Comps next year with our other lady bowlers if you wanted to or you could be a reserve in a district comp should a pair or triple need one. You have to put down for 2 games with a preferred position but might not get picked. As long as your name is down it counts and doesn't matter whether you picked or not. If you are picked there is normally another Harperbury lady also playing. The selection sheets are in the ladies changing room and Joyce is our District rep if you have any questions.



It was County 2 Woods day Sat 9th June and Harperbury had the most entrants by far! Sue A, Joyce, Jan and Jenny popped off to Stevenage and Deb, Judy, Sue S and Mo headed for Berko. This is another nice day to get involved in – girls day out! We took lunch with us of course. Sue S played Mo and won after a very close game and then Judy played Sue S and went onto the ¼ finals! Deb blew out in 1st round. In Stevenage Jenny, Jan and Joyce also went out in the 1st round but Sue A lasted until the 2nd round. The loser then marks. For Judy it was a long day, walking up and down SO many ends, she deserved her '99'. It would be great to see some more ladies enter next year!

Last minute editions.....

The men are through to the next round of the Top Team Beating Potten End on Saturday . Well done fellas!

Anyone with a log burner need some wood? Kevin Hull makes garden boxes from old pallets and has some bits of wood if anyone can use it? Please let Kevin know.

Don't forget – Family fun day and Presentation night – please come if you can – bring family and friends! It is a new company doing the Hog roast for us this year and although it is not a money-making day we do need to break even so if you can support either that would be great.