



# Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2020

## JUNE 2020



*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.*

The bookings are open for a roll up at the club. Everybody should have had the guidance and hopefully read and understood it.

The committee and the green team have tried to make it as safe as possible for those wishing to go up the club but the onus is on you as members to stay alert, follow the guidance and observe the 2M distancing.



One Jack and mat per bowler so that you are only in contact with your own equipment.



Once your game is over please rinse the mat in the solution and hang to dry.



The jack will also need a clean in the sanitizing solution, rinsed and left to dry.



Don't forget to sort your hands out once finished cleaning everything.

## Committee News.

The committee have been working hard in the lock down working on the club's guidance. We have been working out how to keep members safe looking at the Governments guidance and Bowls England's advice. The committee acknowledge that some members will want to use the green for a roll up and have sent the guidance out to all members. Please contact Debbie if you have not received it.

The bookings for a rink are made over the phone to Dave or Debbie Trollope on the land line first 01727 821287 or on Dave's mobile if don't want to leave a message on the land line - 07947833492. You can book on the day you want to bowl or the day before if watching the weather. But no sooner than 48 hours before the day you want to bowl. So if looking to bowl on Weds call us Monday, Tues or Weds to book a rink.

There will be a committee member there to see you in and support you on your first visit to the club. The sheds and club are off limits unless you need to use the bathroom. There are cleaning instructions should this need arise as everything in the toilet will need sanitizing.

The green is bowling a bit heavy at the moment so please have the SHORTEST jack length to protect it until it speeds up a bit.

We appreciate our guidance might appear to be very stringent at the moment but it is for your safety and it will be reviewed on a regular basis. Little steps forward.....

**Other news.....** The club has had a new roof courtesy of Bloor homes and the working party will be replacing the guttering hopefully in the next few days.

## Gardeners

The committee appreciate that members will also be keen to get up and sort their gardens out. At the moment, with the exception of the green team or working party where necessary, ONLY those who have a rink booked should be up the club

If you would like to go up and attend your garden please contact Dave or Debbie to find out the best time to go.



We do ask for your understanding and support as we start the process of welcoming some bowlers back up the club for a roll up.

If anyone 'takes a chance' and drops in up the club to see if they can bowl or see who is there for a chat they will be asked to return home by a committee member. At this moment in time we need a tight control on who is up the club to maintain safety and social distancing. As mentioned these guidelines are in place for your safety. Most of the club members are in the age group where there is an increased risk. The guidance will be reviewed regularly once we see how it goes with these first tiny steps forward.

**Update....** Marj Luker gave us an update on how Joan Tester has been doing. Marj said that she has up and down days like us all. Joan has been living with her son Ray for a few weeks. She has been recently tested for the corona virus and if it comes back as negative she will be going back to her flat soon.

Joan sends her love to everyone she knows at Harperbury.

As if these times are not hard enough there are people around that are trying to scam the vulnerable amongst us. Please be on your toes, never give ANY bank details or passwords out to people on the phone.

Tim A received this warning from one of his friends having received a phone call from a scam merchant.....

## SCAM ALERT 🚨



I have just had a call from the "NHS Track and Trace service"

I was told that according to their system, I am likely to have been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means that I now need to self-isolate for 7 days and take a COVID-19 test.

The caller was not able to tell me who it is or what location due to it being "confidential information."

He kept emphasising that I do need to be tested within the next 72 hours and he needs to get the best mailing address so that he can send a kit to me.

He then went on to say.."I just need to take a payment card so that we can finalise this and send the kit to you."

I was then told there is a one-off fee of £500 for the kit, and test results. He then kept repeating "Could you read off the long card number for me, please."

When saying no, he carried on to say

'This is not a free service. You need to give me the card number please - this is very important, and there are penalties for not complying.'

\*The call was from a No Caller ID\*

🚨 **DON'T FALL FOR IT** 🚨 **There is no charge for the NHS testing .**



## Social gatherings....

The committee have been approached with a request for some get togethers during the closed season. It was discussed at the recent on line committee meeting and the committee are more than happy to organize these with your help but need to know what sort of things would be of interest to our members?

It may be that a cuppa and a slice of cake with a chance for a chat one morning a week would appeal. Maybe an afternoon playing a few games? Domino's, scrabble, cards? Maybe we can get interesting speakers in?

Let me know if you have something in mind and we will see what we can organize during the winter months for you along with the Thursday night whist.



The committee have made no firm decisions about the friendlies we have booked this season although other clubs are cancelling. It was decided to wait until the July committee meeting to see where we are before a decision is made re friendlies and galas. It is hoped that we can hold an internal competition or two if appropriate.



*The club applied for and successfully obtained a grant from St. Albans district council along with Harpenden Hatfield and De Havilland. The grant of £10,000 has been awarded to local sports clubs for loss of income during the season due to Covid. It will make a massive difference to us this season as games and galas are cancelled.*