



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to outdoor bowling!

Three winter events kept us all in touch. The usual excellent dinner and dance organised by Maureen Alder and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, the Cyprus trip (see below) and the AGM – very well attended as usual. A particularly important issue related to the Club House was explained by Mark Snell who has spent many hours dealing with the issue. More detail will be forthcoming in future meetings.

CYPRUS HOLIDAY

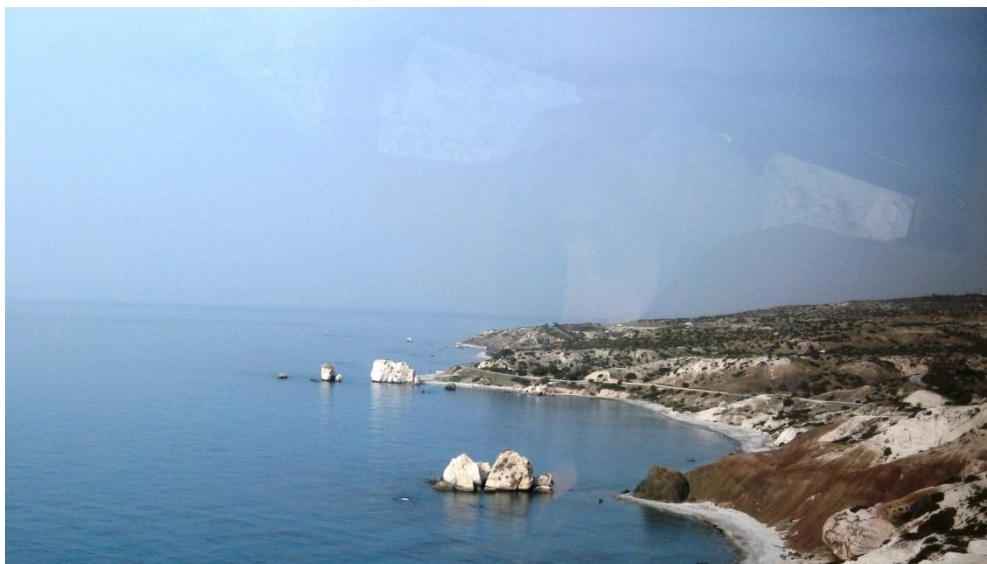
In November 2015 23 very wet bowlers sat on the tarmac at Luton waiting for 1 hour to take off to sunny Cyprus. After a long 5 hour flight we were greeted by our PT representative Jacquie who took very good care of us during the remaining 7 days. The holiday was summed up in Elaine Wake's ode. The best way to hear future poetic offerings is to participate in future autumnal excursions – home or abroad!

Judging by the following photos this is an experience not to be missed.



Our hotel in Cyprus and lovely sandy beach.

AphroditeBC



On the way to Aphrodite's BC – Aphrodite's rock!

Top rink

Jai Mahadeo, Doreen Bayley, Phil Bayley, Jim Hughes

Aliathon BC



Presentation by Peter Sharples of the Harrow Cartoon drawn as ever by Eric Janssens.

Top rink

Mary Warner, Doreen Bayley, Sheilah Lowe, Roy Wake

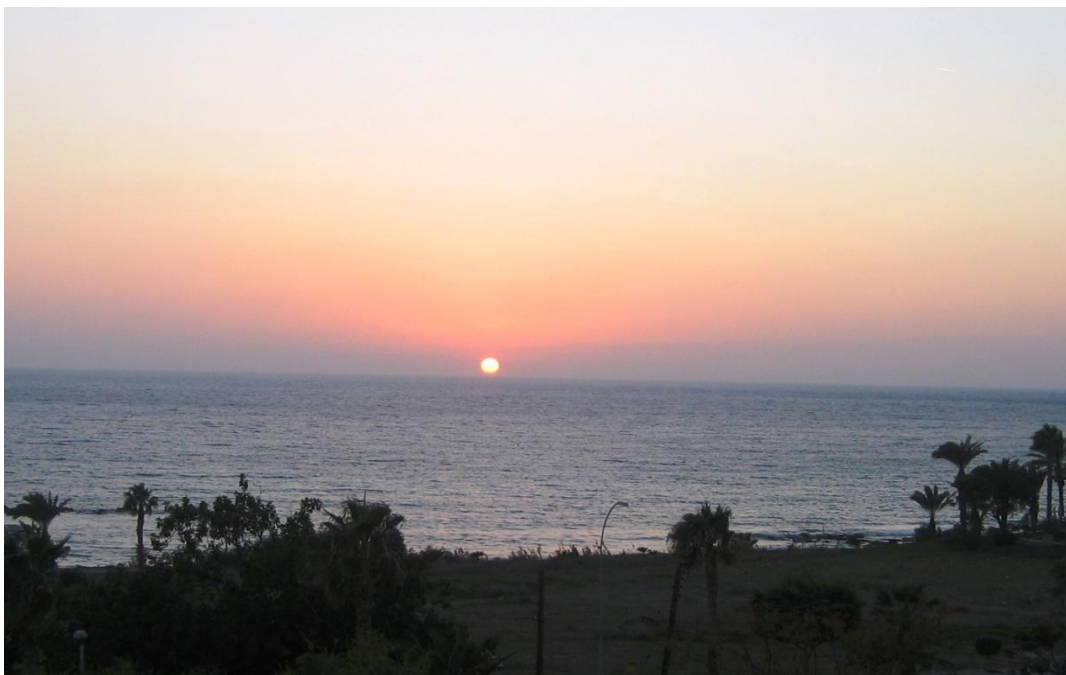
Coral Bay BC



The lovely views from Coral Bay BC – and I don't mean Mark and Jim!

Top rink

Shelagh Zachariades, Barry Rudolph, Sheilah Lowe, Mark Snell



Another lovely view – from the Hotel

A meal out on the final evening.

Roy Wake expressing his thanks to Sheilah Lowe for organising such a successful holiday.





The end of a lovely holiday – apologies for those in shadow!

REMEMBERING STAN KIRBY

Stan Kirby was a very long standing member of HBC fondly remembered by so many members of the club – as indicated by the large numbers attending his funeral. He was an active member of the Men’s Club and ran the catering sub-committee for the Friday night club night. He was supportive of the ladies when they joined with the men’s club in 82/83 season.

Stan was a keen and competitive sports person and was proud of his achievement of winning all possible HBC club competitions in 1981. As stated in Mike Rosenthal’s History of the Bowls Club:-

“This effort even made news in the local press. Stan is reported to have said that “Towards the end, I was playing five times a week and shaking hands with my wife at weekends” Anyone attempting the feat today would find his wife suing for divorce. This unusual feat is commemorated on the honours board with the words “S W Kirby – Winner of all club competitions”.

The same history shows that in 1983 he also achieved Middlesex success. “A rink skipped by K Bulman, with S Kirby, K Jones and K F Davies defeated Masonian to win the Joseph Cup for the first time in the club’s history.”

In 1996 a new competition the “over 65” was inaugurated and was won that year by Stan Kirby.

Information from Sheilah Lowe and from Mike Rosenthal’s booklet.

REMEMBERING MARY ROSE

It was with sadness that we gathered together to say “goodbye” to our very good friend Mary Rose. She has battled ill health (with Wally by her side) for a couple of years and deserves this much earned rest.

Since my time with Harrow Bowls Club she has always been one of our most dedicated leading lady bowlers but my best memory of her is as “skip”. She led her team with quiet determination – never raising her voice or passing judgement, but always giving you confidence that you could probably do better and raise your game. Whenever I got selected to play on her team I was truly delighted.

I remember too that on our first time that we came to the club on Friday night, she was one of the first people to come and talk with us and make us feel at home. HBC has lost a great member and friend.

Maureen Alder

REMEMBERING ANN JANSSENS

It was with sadness that we learnt of Ann’s death in November after a short illness. Though a relatively new Club member Ann was so much a part of the HBC family and she will be greatly missed. She really enjoyed the game – particularly the roll-up sessions – and made many new friends - as was apparent from the large number attending her funeral. She joined the catering

team and quietly got on with the job be it preparing food, spring-cleaning the kitchen or taking all the dirty towels home to wash! Eric is very appreciative of the support he has received from everyone and is looking forward to spending time with us during the summer – though I don't think we will persuade him to bowl!!

Anne Snell

EGM

A healthy crowd of members attended an EGM on Wednesday 13th April. As Mark Snell said the sound was reminiscent of the first day back at school. Indeed there was some difficulty in calling the meeting to order. Once this was achieved, Mark explained the reasons behind the motion that the club becomes “a company limited by guarantee”. The motion was then carried unanimously and it was also agreed that Company Secretary would be Mark Snell with Directors Phil Bayley and Roy Wake.

The new club shirt was then modelled by Mary Warner, who also took orders. Hopefully this will arrive in time for our spring tour of Devon. Anne Snell spoke briefly about this and also asked for names for the Open Day on 1st May.

Mark reported on the lack of progress with regard to the lease.

Members were then able to give their signing on fees to the treasurer, as well as enjoying a convivial cup of tea in the welcome spring sunshine.

