



NEWSLETTER



MAY 2016

With thanks to Mike Rosenthal for providing the picture above of our club logo to incorporate into the newsletter.

Thanks also to Mike for organising the new sign on the clubhouse, and to Peter Lee and Jim Hughes who put it up.



Jim Hughes was also the first to wear our new club shirt, also sporting the club logo, at the roll up on 6th May. However despite posing beautifully for a photo he was overcome with shyness so only the shirt and not Jim is displayed below. Inspired by the shirt Jim played magnificently and also wicked wickedly!



Friday 29th April

28 intrepid bowlers oblivious to the twin menace of biting wind and blinding sun low in the sky turned up for a Friday club night – the first ever before the Captain’s versus President’s match! We welcomed Fran Pulford and Ann Musgrave to their first club night.

Roy Wake pointed out the fantastic new notice board donated by Eric Janssens in memory of Ann who enjoyed so many happy days at Harrow Bowls Club. Thanks also to Peter Lee who did a wonderful job in installing it.

Pat Austin, wearing her Harrow and District hat, advertised 3 games for which the ladies can apply. On 26th May there will be an Association Day which we will be hosting.

Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
29/04/16	Dennis Alder Mary Warner Grant Rickells *Not counting to points total	Not done as list initially not found. George and Renee Lloyd investigating moving	Elaine Wake Anne Snell Barry Rudolph	Mike Rosenthal
06/05/16	Myriam Tsang Tony Ret Maureen Alder	George King £20 Grant Rickells £10	Pat Austin John Austin Barry Rudolph	Mike Rosenthal

13/05/16	Dennis Wood Geoff Thomas Tony Paulley Tied with another rink on points but won on count back for number of ends won.	Geoff Thomas £20 Peter Sharples £10	Ian Gibbins Marios Zachariades Shelagh Zachariades	Mike Rosenthal
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Tues 03/05/16: Ladies lost to Stanmore in a new league

Wed 04/05/16: Vets B lost to Mill 2 rinks to 1. 1 point to 4.

Thurs 05/05/16: Vets A won vs Eastcote 5-0. 67 points to 40

President's versus Captain's match.

The keen bowlers of Harrow had already been bowling for nearly 2 weeks when the "opening" match President's vs Captain's match was held on 30th April – a bright but cold day. As usual a lovely convivial meal preceded this match. With thanks to Elaine Wake and the catering team.

There was a draw as far as the number of rinks won but the President's team had more points (133 – 108).

Top rink for President's were Fay Mortimer, David Gillan, Phil Bayley, Magan Kanjia.

Top rink for Captain's were Doreen Bayley, Polly Lee, Jack Webb, Wally Rose.

Open Day Sunday 1st May


The weather for once was kind to us for Open Day. There was a good turnout of club members looking colourful in non bowling clothes as had been suggested by coaches. Even more encouragingly there were a number of people eager to try bowling (about 30). Particular thanks as usual to our club coaches – Geoff Thomas and Anne Snell who spent an exhausting day introducing some of the good people of Harrow to the delights of outdoor bowling.

Spring visit to Devon



49 members and associates of HBC (as can be seen above now renamed Snell Lawn Bowls – a new clubhouse sign needed already!) arrived on a lovely hot Sunday and enjoyed the grounds and surroundings of Langstone Cliff Hotel at Dawlish Warren.

Unfortunately the weather was not so kind the next day when the first match was arranged and we were unable to demonstrate our new club shirts as they

were hidden below waterproof layers.  We received a warm welcome at Bitton Park Bowls Club in Teignmouth but managed only 11 ends on an excellent green before sense ensued and the match was curtailed.



55 drenched bowlers and 2 hard working green keepers were greatly relieved at this decision.

We were also treated to some interesting poetic utterances from both Mark Snell and their club captain which caused considerable amusement to everyone present. Mark was also able to present one of Eric Janssens' framed cartoons to Bitton Park which was much appreciated.

The dire predictions on the local TV of heavy downpours and thunder and

lightning failed to materialise on Tuesday ☀️ and the match arranged with Topsham Bowls Club went ahead as planned. Our bowlers were very impressed both by the quality of their green, their clubhouse and in particular the scones, jam and cream provided. They were doubly pleased to have won this match.

Everyone proclaimed the holiday to be a great success and thanks go to Anne and Mark Snell for their hard work in organising it and ensuring everyone felt happy and included. In fact on the Monday, Anne found it difficult to get her breakfast as she was so busy answering questions and mixing with everyone!

Anne and Mark organised a quiz on Tuesday evening (questions kindly supplied by Neil Goodman) and with some difficulty kept control of the unruly contestants.



The winners were Doreen Bayley, Phil Bayley, Elaine Wake, Roy Wake, Mary Warner, Eric Janssens, Marios Zachariades and Shelagh Zachariades. The star of the team was Eric who displayed an enviable knowledge of nursery rhymes!



There was a lively dispute between Maurice Tate and Elaine Wake with regard to the knave of hearts and queen of hearts but everyone retired to bed after a fun filled day.



On the last evening we all went into dinner and after another lovely meal, the president Mark and the Captain Roy summarised the holiday.



It was decided that we should change our name to Snell Lawn Bowls as we had won both matches when so named! At Bitton Park we won 68 – 60. Two teams had the same shot difference but Polly Lee, Jai Mahadeo, John Austin and Mark Snell were pipped at the post by one end by Ann Sharples, Barry Rudolph, Mary Hughes and Jim Hughes who received a bottle of wine each.

We won by 23 shots against Topsham. Top rink was Doreen Bayley, Phil Bayley, John Austin and Roy Wake.

The golf competition was won by Doreen and Graham Emery who beat Peter Sharples and Eric Janssens.

Roy expressed our thanks to Anne and Mark Snell who had organised the holiday so well and found such an excellent hotel.



HER MAJESTY'S 90th BIRTHDAY



What! You haven't been invited to the queen's special birthday party.

No worries! You definitely are invited here to ours.

When: Sunday, 5th June. Fun bowls match starts 2.00 with cream tea

after (around 5 o'clock).



What to wear: Anything you like – though patriotic colours might be nice and

even posh hats would look good.



How much: £2 for the game and £3 for tea (a savings of around £140 from

that other one!)



Special guest: You'll have to come along to find out!

“Bakers – your expertise would be appreciated”

Please fill in sheets on notice board

Get well soon

Best wishes to Ken Mack, a long standing member and past treasurer who has recently had 2 stents fitted and was having 2 more fitted on 15th May.

.....**And finally, courtesy of our club captain, Roy Wake.**

The Wailing Wall (on the team selection notice board)

They beat their breasts and cried out loud,
As they faced the northern wall,
Where selectors had placed the team selections,
On the notice board was their call.

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There were some that swore and some that cried,  
And some that stood and muttered,  
Some were proud, some were coy,  
And others merely stared.

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There were voices raised in anger,
Shrill screams split the air,
There were those who didn't say a thing,
Because they really didn't care.

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I won't play with him, one said,  
He's a bloody hopeless skip,



And one who very quietly said,

It's time I took my trip.

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There were many self selections,

There were lots of bloody hells,

There weren't many,

Who said the selectors had done very well.

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The players knew who should be there,

They knew who to pick,

Just ask them when you hear them say,

That selector is a s.....

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Each year the tears get deeper,

And on the floor they fall,

From those who stand in anguish,

Before the wailing wall.

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