



NEWSLETTER

September 2016

Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
02/09/16 * **	Anne Musgrave Jai Mahadeo Andrew Georgiou	£20: Tony Paulley £10: Geoff Thomas	Sonia Kanjia Magan Kanjia Colin Hobbs	John Austin
09/09/16	Doreen Bayley Betty Carlin Jim Hughes	£20: Dennis Wood £10: Anne Snell	Gill Williams Graham Williams Angela Hillier	Mike Rosenthal
16/09/16 ***	Tony Oakes Brian Moates Geoff Thomas	£20: Mike Rosenthal £10: Maurice Tate	Jan Ansley Allan Pulford Tony Paulley	Mike Rosenthal
23/09/16	Tony Oakes Shelagh Zachariades Nick La Femina	£20: Roy Wake £10: Fran Pulford	Yash Raval Anne Musgrave Gerry Musgrave	Mike Rosenthal

* Two newish ladies skips both won on their rinks.

Update on **Gala day. A fantastic day which raised **£1217** plus bar takings. This will help to keep everyone's fees down. Thanks again to Maureen Alder and Ann Sharples for their excellent organisation.

***Jim Waller's daughter Denise has had a heart transplant and is doing well.

Brian Elbourne has had his operation.

Congratulations to Doreen Bayley and Tony Oakes who jointly won the Friday night league for September.

The Friday night shield was won by new bowler **Tony Oakes** with Mary Warner the runner up and Geoff Thomas third. Very impressive!



Finals competition

16th/17th September

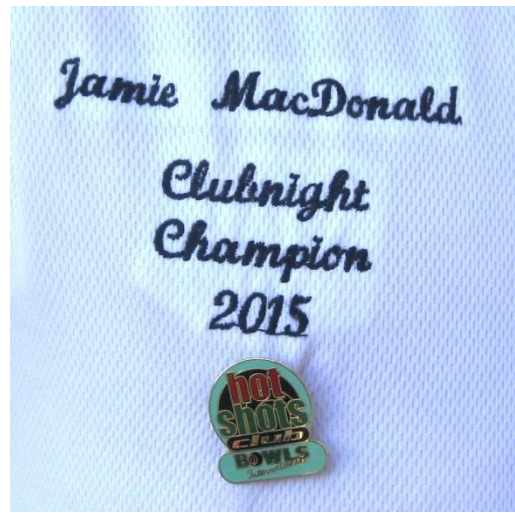
The day before finals day was so hot and humid that it was agreed with the opposition, Wealdstone, that only 18 ends would be played for the rinks competition with no trial ends and tea half way through.



Resting before a match.

Dennis Alder's favourite pose!





Is Elaine scheming to recruit “Hot Shot” Jamie from Wealdstone or get him on a loan deal? Or is she trying to poison him with passive smoke?

By late afternoon the humidity had resulted in heavy rain, thunder and lightning. Despite these appalling conditions Geoff Thomas and Mark Snell cut the grass in preparation for the Friday Finals day. Without their sterling efforts it would have been impossible to play as scheduled.



The green at 9.30 am on the morning of Friday 16th September.

It might have been better to follow the precedent set on the previous Saturday. The men's versus ladies' match (put on due to the cancellation of the Chess Vale match) was replaced by an indoors competition due to the inclement weather. The original match was played on the Sunday with the ladies winning one rink but the men winning overall.



Keep your hands off that cup, Maureen and Gerry! You can have one like Anne's!

However carpet bowls were not considered appropriate for the **finals!**

It is testament to the fast draining nature of the green that by 2pm the puddles had disappeared and we were able to put on the first session as planned.



Wags in the VIP seats!

Shadows (wow!) as a hotly contested triples final is won by **Dennis Alder, Roland Pettitt and Roy Wake**. Alan Pulford, Ann Sharples and Eric Carpenter coming a close second.



More congratulatory cuddles!



In the named pairs **Anne and Mark Snell** were victorious over Betty Carlin and Jim Hughes.



The Centenary Challenge was won by **Alan Bellamy** in a close contest with Tony Paulley.



A very close match in the **over 65s** (in lovely weather!)



resulted in a victory by **Mike Clements** over Peter Lee.

The skills of Sheilah Lowe as umpire and the use of calipers was needed to decide on shot wood towards the end of this match.



The Saturday sessions were played in drier but colder conditions. Despite this a healthy crowd were on hand to cheer on the contestants. Mind you they may be less healthy having frozen for many hours!



Let battle commence! Barry Rudolph clearly meant business and went on to beat Tony Ret and so win the Junior cup.



I think he had an unfair advantage with those fancy new bowls.

A very close match in the drawn pairs saw **Alan Goodall and Peter Lee** beat Dennis Alder and Jim Hughes 22-21.



Alan is looking a little warmer now having frozen in white shorts.

(He has yet to purchase white trousers!)

The Men's 2 woods was another close contest won by **Alan Bellamy** over Brian Moates 21-18.



The Ladies handicap was finally won by Anne Snell over Polly Lee 22-20. By this time it was almost time for the afternoon session to begin!!



Everyone was so tired that even the photo was blurred!

However the afternoon session saw a very energetic Doreen Bayley overcome Fay Mortimer in the Ladies' 2 woods.



Brian Moates was the winner in the **singles handicap** over Peter Sharples



But in the afternoon Anne Snell was involved in another close run match which went on and on. It required intervention by the umpire, Alan Bellamy. Eventually the Ladies Championship was won by **Betty Carlin**.





Is that the President prostrating himself before the **Men's Champion Jim Hughes** or is he begging him to take off **that** jumper? – Surely grounds for disqualifying Jim!



Looks like Jim has got away with it!

Thanks to the umpires for the 3 sessions – Sheilah Lowe, Len Smith and Alan Bellamy, as well as all the markers, turner overers (is there such a word?) and tea makers.

The captain extended his thanks to Shelagh Zachariades (me!) in my first year as Competition Secretary. All I can say is “I don’t know how Brian Moates managed to run the finals days and play in them himself.” I now have an excuse for not getting to the final!

Remembering Ann Janssens (13th October 1936 – 16th November 2015)
Sunday 18th September

Following our 2 celebratory finals days we had a sad yet happy occasion. A ceremony for placing Ann Janssens’ ashes in the specially prepared flower bed at the Club.

Eric had invited everyone to this event and had provided drinks . He gave a short address and read a poem by Carol Ann Duffy, the poet laureate.



The President, Mark Snell, gave a short address in the club house. He said that the extent to which Ann was appreciated and loved was indicated by the numbers attending the ceremony. Her name is on the noticeboard donated by Eric in her memory and on the Honours board as she won the drawn triples competition in 2012 together with Peter Sharples and Kris Beejay.

Results

27/08/16: TCL home to Fassnidge. Won 3 rinks to 2 but points 59-84. 6 points each as they could not provide enough players.

Top rink: Gill Williams, Isabelita John, Andrew Georgiou, Graham Williams

01/09/16: Ladies home to Harrow Weald. Lost although it was 1 rink each. They liked our green and sent congratulations to the greenkeepers.

03/09/16: Final of the Coronation Cup vs Ladygate at Ladygate. Lost but were very worthy runners up. **Congratulations for reaching the final!**





No wonder we have so many new members joining. I always thought it was because of Anne and Geoff's excellent coaching and the welcoming atmosphere at the club. I was wrong – it is this group of Baywatch hunks!

05/09/16: Vets A cup away. Lost semi final to Hendon by 2 shots.

08/09/16: Ladies Weald league. Lost away to Northwood.

13/09/16: Ladies won versus the top of the league club, West Harrow.

15/09/16: Friendly home to Wealdstone. Lost 3 rinks to 1. 49-66 shots

Top rink: Doreen Bayley, Jai Mahadeo, Mike Rosenthal, Alan Bellamy.

Captain's versus vice captain's match and Captain's supper.



A lovely afternoon of bowling to end the outdoor season resulted in a 5 rinks to 1 win for the Captain. (121-100 points). Top rink for Captain: Tony Oakes, Sheilah Lowe, Eric Carpenter, Nick La Femina and top rink for Vice Captain: Polly Lee, Maureen Alder and Alan Bellamy.

The Captain's supper was very well attended, although unfortunately Kath and Len Smith were unable to attend as Kath had been taken into hospital. The Captain, Roy Wake, gave an amusing speech in which he summarised the year's results, explained the difficulties with regard to illness among key bowlers and thanked the numerous hardworking members who contribute to the success and camaraderie of Harrow Bowls Club. The president, Mark Snell thanked the Captain for his impressive work this year and said that the fun experienced in the club house during the supper was a reflection of the Captain.

Flowers were presented to Sheilah Lowe who is giving up the secretary role having served in many positions over the years.



An attractively laid out table



Well, it certainly looked better when it was empty!

Especially given some of the “goings-on” going on.



Across a crowded room!



Don't tell the captain.



Numerous toasts were made – a good excuse for a drink.



Some sensible, such as one to Doug Hadland – our oldest member



Congratulations to Anne and Mark for their forthcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary



And to those over 80.

And then it got silly ...



A toast to left handed bowlers....



And to right handed bowlers....



... and even those from Yorkshire!

Final thoughts

A MESSAGE FROM THE COACHING TEAM

Welcome to our new bowlers this season (6 Full Members, 2 Non-Playing members and 2 prospective members who we hope will be joining us next year) and thank you to all our Club Members for the support and encouragement you have given them. They have all said how much they are enjoying the experience. A full report on coaching this season will be included in the AGM papers.

Anne and Geoff

And so ends another lovely outdoor bowls season.



Looks like someone's building a runway on the green.

Let's hope it's OK for bowling on in 2017. (Thanks to Geoff Thomas)



Oh no, even worse. (Thanks to Peter Lee)

But (good news?!) this is not the last newsletter of 2016. I have been asked, by no less than our President, to produce a short newsletter following the **Dinner and Dance presentation evening.**

The 2 brilliant poems composed by new members Ann Musgrave and Tony Oakes and read at the Captain's supper will be reproduced in the next newsletter.

In addition he suggested an edition following the **AGM on Sunday 8th January 2017** at the Windssock Club. New members , if you don't know where this is, do ask. A reminder that this is always an astonishingly well attended event ... and now an extra incentive ...your photo in the first newsletter of 2017!

Stop Press: Thursday 12th January: A late Christmas party.



Until then...