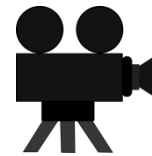




NEWSLETTER



June 2017

Examination Time

After a rather interrupted start to the season (Devon holiday, Open Day, rain cancellations) we entered a time when our bowling technique was fully tested not only by a heavy programme of matches but also by our special video day at the club. More on this later. The club competitions are in full swing as are the matches against other clubs. And my first classic exam error has occurred. Could this be “not reading the question properly”? No it is “forgetting a key fact”. I am reliably informed that I shocked people by missing a key event from the last newsletter. How could I fail to mention the enthusiasm that Eric Janssen showed for the Devon holiday. Indeed he was so keen that he arrived 3 days early having Thursday on his mind!!



A waiting Eric!

At least he had a lovely view from his vantage point!



Clearly Anne Snell failed to clarify that Thursday was the day to leave and not the arrival day. Somehow the other 50 attendees managed to arrive on Sunday and leave on Thursday despite Anne's lack of clarity!

Finally Eric is reunited with his friends and is explaining to Peter Sharples how he came to have an extended holiday.



Anne ensuring all members are **now** fully briefed!!



Club Night results

3 new members were welcomed to club night.

Janet and Eric Everatt and Sandie Parker

May club night winner: Shelagh Zachariades

Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
19/05/17 *	Steve Fox Tony Ret Andrew Georgiou	Anne Snell £20 Andrew Georgiou £10	Sylvia Colbourne Jack Webb Alan Bellamy	Mike Rosenthal
26/05/17	Dennis Wood Barry Rudolph Jim Waller	Kris Beejay £20 Jim Hughes £10	Maureen Alder Dennis Alder Eileen Goodall	Mike Rosenthal
02/06/17	Tony ret Grant Rickells Alan Bellamy	Jim Hughes £20 Maurice Tate £10	Doreen Bayley Phil Bayley Mary Warner	Mike Rosenthal
09/06/17	Mary Warner Fay Mortimer Jim Hughes	Mark Snell £20 Peter Sharples £10	Sheilah Lowe Nick La Femina Steve Fox	Mark Snell
16/06/17	John Barrett Betty Carlin Geoff Thomas	Dennis Alder £20 Anthony Gray £10	Ann Sharples Peter Sharples Roland Pettitt	John Austin

*Tony Waller, Secretary of the Harrow & District Bowling Association, came along to give a talk about Harrow & District.



He also enjoyed a competitive game and gave an interesting talk on the other fixtures which Harrow & District run.

He invited contributions to H & D charity Canine Partners.

[TRAINING ASSISTANCE DOGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES](http://WWW.CANINEPARTNERS.CO.UK)

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Video Day

COACHING DAY

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Commencing at 09.30 for 10.00

Our club coaches have arranged a coaching day which will include

CAMCORDER AND ANALYSIS

PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE

“FREEZING THE HEAD”

“PHANTOM FOUR”

TARGET BOWLS

DISCUSSION

There will be a break for lunch at 1.00.p.m. and the sessions will end at 2.15. with a discussion on the day's activities and will be followed by the normal roll-up.

THE COST IS £2.50 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE TEA AND BISCUITS. (BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH)

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME BELOW.

Who needs the Middlesex coaches, who have let us down 2 years running, when we have such excellent coaches in our midst?

Glorious weather greeted those of us trying to improve our game, as we moved through a number of different activities.



Two different exercises designed to help us “read the head” were run by
Jim Hughes



and

Tony Paulley.



The diamond and square activity was run by **Geoff Thomas**.



This is designed to encourage accurate drawing to the head and practise for both backhand and forehand. These activities are also used by Geoff on a Tuesday evening session at 6pm on a regular basis. Well worth attending.

It was not a day to be “scared of your own shadow” or embarrassed by seeing yourself on screen.



Our bowling action was filmed by **Barry Rudolph** and we attempted to analyse our own action with the help of **Anne Snell**.



Mark Snell thanked all involved with running this event including **Pauline Dimmock** on tea duty. There was a very positive response from the participants. Definitely a regular event on the calendar!





Good Rid...dance to Bid...good Manager?

Unlike Leicester City, HBC did not win the Bidgood league last year, but like Leicester City they have made a disappointingly poor start to the season.

Reports of dissension in the ranks are hotly contested by manager Tony Paulley but rumours abound that he may suffer the same fate as Claudio Ranieri.

“If we **had** any fans, they would already be hiring light aircraft dragging the message “Paulley out” said the despondent manager”.



We are asking “Is it time to sack the club doctor?”



But the very latest news is that on 12th June the team have finally got their 1st point. The management committee have expressed full confidence in Paulley. Oh dear!

Results

14/05/17 C & T home to Ruislip Won. 2 rinks to 1. 8 points.

Won both Friendly rinks

15/05/17 Vets B home to Bessingby Lost. 2 rinks, draw 1 rink.

½ point to 4½

- 15/05/17 ML home to Eastcote Won 56-52. Rinks: Win 1 Lost 2.
6 points to 4
- 16/05/17 Bidgood home to Pinner A Lost 23 shots to 36.
- 16/05/17 Ladies vs Oxhey. Cancelled by Oxhey.
- 17/05/17 Vets A away to Woodcock Won 4 points to 1.
- 20/05/17 TCL away to Loudwater. Won 3 rinks to 1. 98- 62 shots. 8 points to 2
Top rink: Mike Rosenthal, Mary Hughes, Brian Moates, Roy Wake.
- 21/05/17 Friendly home to Cowley. Won 2 rinks to 1. 76 -42 shots.
Top rink: Peter Sharples, Polly Lee, Roy Wake.
- 22/05/17 Vets A away to Northwood. Lost 1.5 points to 3.5.
- 23/05/17 Bidgood home to Hendon. Lost 24 to 41.
- 24/05/17 ML away to Harefield. Lost on shots although got 2 rinks to 1.
4 points to 6.
- 25/05/17 Vets A away to Ruislip A. Lost 1 point to 4.
- 30/05/17 Bidgood away to Ladygate. Lost 33 – 40. 0 points.
- 30/05/17 Ladies home to Stanmore. 1 rink each. 1 point to 3.
- 01/06/17 Friendly home to Pinner. Won 78 – 65. 2 rinks each.
Top rink: Tony Ret, Maureen Alder, Alan Bellamy.
- 03/06/17 TCL away to Rosedale. Won 3 rinks to 1. 88 -80 shots. 8 points to 2.
Top rink: Mary Hughes, Tony Paulley, Brian Moates, Mike Clements.

- 06/06/17 Vets A away to Eastcote. Won 2 rinks to 1. Lost overall 2 points to 3.
- 07/06/17 Vets B home to Woodcock Park. Lost 3 – 0. 46 – 60 shots.
- 07/06/17 Friendly away to North Greenford. Won 2 -1. 69 – 47 shots
Top rink: Doreen Bayley, Barry Rudolph, Peter Sharples.
- 08/06/17 Vets B home to Ruislip. Won 2 – 1. 56 – 45. 4 points to 1.
- 10/06/17 Friendly away to Cowley. Won 3 rinks to 1. 60-57 shots.
Top rink: Geoff Thomas, Elaine Wake, Jim Hughes.
- 11/06/17 Coronation Shield vs Harefield. Drew away but lost by 3 shots at home.
- 11/06/17 Jubilee Cup vs Harrow Weald. Won 3 rinks to 1 but shots drawn 62 all. So they retain the cup.
Top rink: Paul Adams, Anne Snell, Andrew Georgiou.
- 12/06/17 Bidgood home to West Harrow. 1 rink each. Gained 1 point to 3.
- 14/06/17 Ladies H&D fours away to West Harrow. Lost
- 15/06/17 Ladies H&D fours won versus Harefield.
- 15/06/17 Friendly home to Chalfont St Giles. Won 69 -60 shots.
Top rink: Tony Ret, Sheilah Lowe, Elaine Wake.

Congratulations to Faye Mortimer, Jai Mahadeo and Sheilah Lowe who are through to the third round of the Harrow & District Triples competition, and to Mary Warner and Anne Snell who won through to the next round of the H&D pairs.

Congratulations to the Portman Trophy team who are through to the next round against either Hendon or Century. Jim Hughes won the singles, Mike Clements and Brian Moates won the Pairs but the Triples were lost. The team won overall.

Five reminders from your Captain Roy Wake.

- If you are unable to play a match please contact the appropriate captain rather than Mary Warner.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before matches and report to the Captain.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before roll ups and before Friday night Club Night.
- If you open any windows in the clubhouse please make sure that you close them.
- Caterers please take home your rubbish and the tea towels to be washed.

An important message from our President Mark Snell

Support for our Captain ROY

Our club is extremely fortunate to have Roy Wake as our Captain. Over the years we have had many good Captains but none have worked harder than Roy. Not only does he ensure that he and Elaine have no holidays in the season but he also makes every effort to be at the club on Mondays and Wednesdays to both organise and play in the roll-up sessions and attends virtually every club night. He is also a member of the "Green Team" and cuts the grass every Wednesday morning throughout the season. All of this is in addition of the normal Captain's duties of putting selection sheets up, chairing the selection Committee, liaising with other clubs and captaining the teams in matches.

The Captain's job is a thankless task and Roy is now in his second year as Club Captain. He gives a lot to the club and to us as members and all he asks of us in return is our support, especially in making ourselves available for selection for matches by putting our names down on the selection sheets. All too often Roy has to phone round asking members to play as insufficient names are on




the list. Even more frustrating are members dropping out of matches when they have been selected to play.

We have approximately 80 playing members and should not be struggling to raise teams to play in matches. Several players, especially newer bowlers, say that they are not good enough to play in a team. Many of our matches are friendlies which provide an excellent opportunity to improve your game by playing both with and against more experienced bowlers and to learn the art of match play. One thing is certain; you will never be good enough if you don't test yourself against more experienced players.

Finally I urge you all to support our Captain – we need him and he needs our support.

Queen's Sapphire Anniversary



**The Queen became the first British monarch
to reach a
Sapphire Jubilee on 6 February.**

This was somewhat inconsiderate as we were not bowling outdoors at that time! Nevertheless, following the success of last year's celebration of HM The Queen's 90th birthday, Harrow Bowls Club intends to celebrate this event and despite the recent panic in the press about Prince Philip's health and the screening of King Charles III we hope the Queen will make it to **our** Sapphire Jubilee date. Your social committee are preparing to celebrate this event on

Sunday 2nd July.

So out with your diaries.

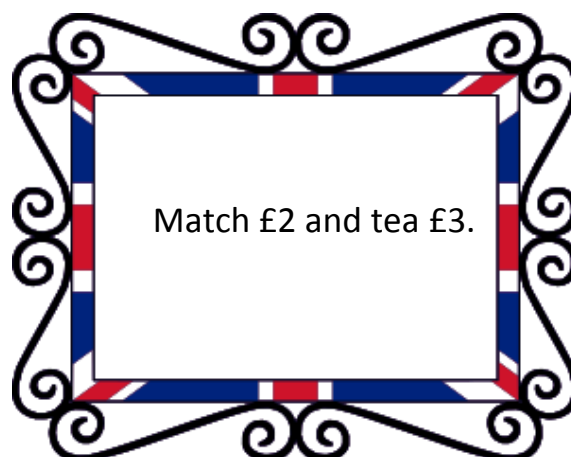


What can you expect?

Fun match at 2.30 followed by "posh tea" around 5.00/5.30

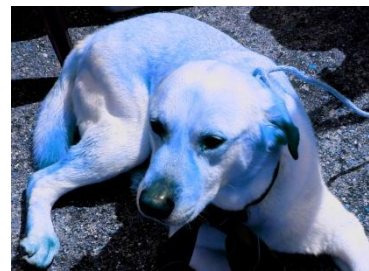


What will it cost?



What is the dress code?

Anything you fancy, but **blue** or patriotic colours would be good.....



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as would posh hats.

What can you bring?

Please see list on notice board. It will go up when we see about how many people to expect.



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So ladies get your sapphires out of your safe deposit boxes

(what you haven't got any! Maybe the gentleman in your life would like to



treat you to a little trinket!)



Talking of Anniversaries, we send our congratulations to



who have just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

And

our thanks for the drinks provided by Pat and John at club night on 16th June.



Another message from our President

Compliments, Suggestions, Grumbles, and Complaints!!



Your committee work hard to ensure that the club is well run and that we are a happy club. We fully realise that we don't always get everything right – but we do try!!

We are more than happy to receive your compliments, suggestions, grumbles and complaints but would ask that you direct them to the appropriate people. It all too often seems to be the case that the grumbles and complaints are made to people who do not have the responsibility for whatever the issue is.



To make life easier all complaints and grumbles regarding selection should be directed to either the captain, Roy Wake or to the Ladies Captain, Maureen Alder.

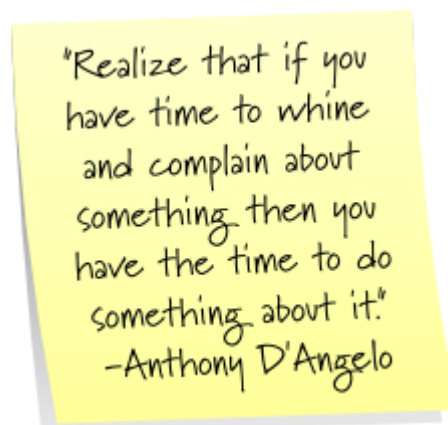
Any suggestions, grumbles or complaints about catering should be directed to either Elaine Wake or Doreen Bayley and issues regarding the Green should either go to Mark Snell or Jim Hughes. Should the issue be around coaching contact either Anne Snell or Geoff Thomas.

All the above are more than happy to hear from you direct and to explain their decisions and if appropriate take the action needed to remedy the situation.

Recently the Captain was approached by 5 members about an issue they were not personally involved in. This is not helpful. If you have an issue address it directly to the appropriate person.

Should you feel that you are not being listened to or that appropriate action is not taking place you can always come to me and I will seek to find a solution. However my first question will always be "Have you spoken to the appropriate person?"

Note from Editor. I like the following piece of clip art that I came across whilst illustrating Mark's article.



News from Geoff Thomas about his private exhibition.

Painting with a Camera Exhibition

Inside Harrow Bowls Club Building (Free Entry)

(Harrow Recreation Ground, HA1 1RR)

Sunday 25th June 2017

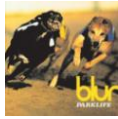


From 12Noon to 5PM

me and view a selection of mesmerizing Paintings taken
camera at locations from the *Dark Side of the Earth*.

For further information contact Geoff Thomas
Tel : 0208 427 7427 / www.geoffreythomas.co.uk

And finally news from our friends from the park!



Park Life



16th July

Asian Dance and Music 2.30 – 5.00



6th August

Portabello Jazz Band 2.00 – 4.30



Boot Camps every Thursday.



Free exercise sessions at 10 am in the basketball court. The instructor Claudia Manera adapts the routine to be suitable for all ages and level of fitness.



