



NEWSLETTER



August 2017

Club Night results

August club night winner: John Barrett

| Date | Top rink | Football winners | Catering | Bar |
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| 04/08/17 | Myriam Tsang Tony Ret Mark Snell | £20 Tony Paulley £10 Len Smith | Anne Musgrave Gerry Musgrave Tony Oakes | Mike Rosenthal |
| 11/08/17 * | Eric Everatt Doreen Bayley Fay Mortimer Phil Bayley | ?? | Fran Pulford Allan Pulford Steve Wyatt | Mike Rosenthal |
| 18/08/17 ** | John Barrett Sheilah Lowe Nick La Femina | £20 Barry Rudolph £10 Grant Rickells | Polly Lee Peter Lee Anne Musgrave | Mike Rosenthal |
| 25/08/17 | Sandi Parker Ann Sharples Peter Lee | £20 Ann Sharples £10 Peter Lee | Sheilah Lowe Geoff Thomas Mike Clements | John Austin |

*Welcome to new member Terry Liddle.



A Friday Night Comedy Stand up



**Maureen Alder, vying with Mike Rosenthal for Friday evening comedy spot, requested that people put forward some little thing for the auction of promises. (See later for outcome!). Mark Snell claimed that although he was willing to offer his little thing he didn't think many would bid for it!



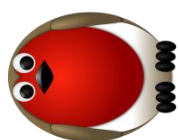
Captain's announcements

- Our condolences to Jim Waller whose daughter died recently. Her funeral is on 31st August at St Albans Church, North Harrow.
- Graham Williams is home and improving after pneumonia.
- Please do not leave equipment out after competitions unless someone is there wanting to use it.
- Thank you to those who contributed to BLESMA the charity supported by Roy and Elaine's daughter. She raised £4500.
- Congratulations to Anne Snell and Mary Warner who are through to the H&D pairs finals and to Anne Snell, Mary Hughes and Mary Warner who are through to the triples finals (see later).
- Congratulations to Mike Clements, Brian Moates (subs Tony Ret), Tony Paulley and Alan Bellamy who are through to H&D men's 4s final.

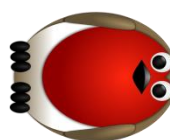
Dawlish Holiday

Sunday 29th April – Thursday 3rd May

We don't have Mystic Meg to make predictions about the weather next April in Dawlish but we do have Maurice Tate (otherwise known as the Carol Kirkwood of the bowls club!). He has assured us that the weather at this time will be exemplary.

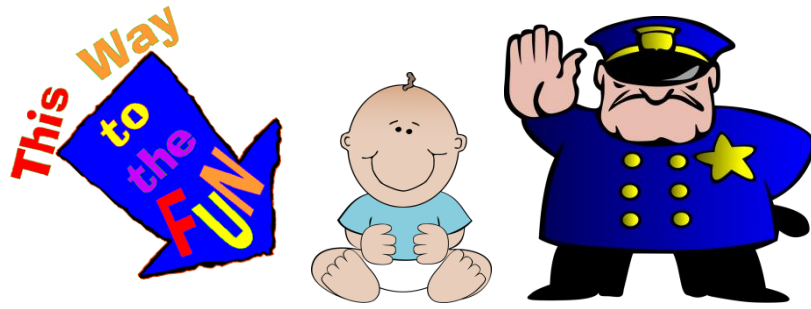


Antique bowls



Saturday 5th August

Despite 5th August being World Nudist Day, none of the bowlers turned up (thankfully) with nothing on.



Clip art unwilling to go there as well!



But I noticed this little fellow in one of my photos!!

However even more outrageous than a birthday suit was Peter Lee's hippy costume clearly designed to distract the opposition as Peter tried to make it beyond a hat trick of wins.

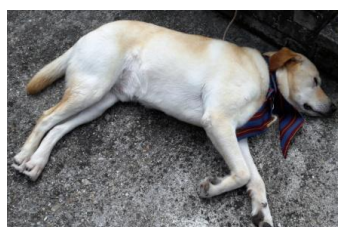


A new format was successfully trialled although this caused some confusion with our “highly intelligent” participants. One such member (namely me) was unaware of the rule to put your own score on the left hand side so completed the scorecard incorrectly.

The new format was administered with great efficiency by Jim and Mary Hughes as well as the deviser and station master Geoff Thomas.



At times it was necessary for the station master to blow his whistle. Indeed at times it seemed that the ever obedient Solo was the only well behaved club member.



Despite the weather which veered from bright sun



To unpleasant windy and rainy conditions





Back to bright sun



Both for play and for the BBQ



A great time was had by all...

And particularly those reaching the semi finals..... Peter Sharples and Mary Warner and Phil Bayley and Tony Paulley.



The final was contested by Tony Paulley and Peter Sharples with Peter as the eventual winner of the silver tea pot.



Peter promising Ann that he will allow her to polish the trophy!

As it seems only “Peters” can win the competition it was suggested the competition should be appropriately renamed.

Arundel Sunday 20th August.


A merry group of bowlers congregated in the weak morning sun awaiting the



coach to Arundel.



After half an hour or so, the charabanc arrived.

Having instructed the driver to take a circuitous route to Ickenham Library, so that Elaine had time for her nicotine fix, we set off on our magical mystery tour of Harrow and environs! After over half an hour of enjoying the delights of South Harrow and Northolt, we arrived at the Library where Pauline Dimmock and the Wakes had been eagerly awaiting our arrival. Finally we thought we are on our way proper. We joined the  and much to our

amusement and bemusement we headed toLondon!




Were we about to take the scenic route through the centre of London?



Luckily after a quick sighting of the Polish War Memorial



and a turn round the roundabout, we rejoined the . This time heading to the M25! Phew! We willed the driver to move to the middle lane and thankfully we did so and joined the M25.

Bets were taken on subsequent routes – M23, A24. **No!** A3 via Guildford and



later narrow A roads



passing close to picturesque cottages



and lovely countryside.

Luckily a pen was supplied by our ever efficient secretary and a reserved sign (warmed by the behind of no less than our captain) so I was able to preserve in writing the full delights of our journey to Arundel while they were fresh in my mind.



A beautiful route (clearly not appreciated by everyone!) but slow and with no obvious “comfort break”. A well timed

request resulted in an unplanned stop at a lovely pub/restaurant.



The staff were too shocked to protest when numerous desperate HBC members trooped through their premises to use the facilities without any purchases. Such a pity we were not able to lunch there. We arrived near to Arundel, and after a slow but traffic jam free journey we encountered the traffic heading to the Arundel festival. We eventually parked after a 2 ¼ hour journey. We now had our legitimate excuses ready. We were too sleepy and too stiff to perform on the bowls green to our full capacity!!

Normality returns: Dennis Alder adopting his usual relaxed pose after the long journey. Joined this time by John and Pat Austin and Christine Tate.



Thanks to Maurice Tate who not only arranged the event but kept the rain off until the match was over.

Gala Day

Maurice Tate yet again worked his weather miracle. Earlier weather forecasts had indicated damp, cold conditions for Bank Holiday Monday but as the day approached it was shown to warm and sunny. In the event the weather was almost too hot but the thought of staying local and avoiding travel to the coast was increasingly appealing. Those who did so were rewarded with the

fun day with new



and old stalls



a brilliant lunch provided by Ann Sharples, Maureen Alder and Elaine Wake.

We were able to welcome old friends Rita Haigh, Delphine Brown and George and Renee Lloyd to the event and to the light hearted game of bowls in the

afternoon.



The spider (more accurately called the gorilla) was won by Peter Sharples (another "Peter" win). The prize of a bottle of brandy



is likely to be speedily consumed by an exhausted Ann Sharples or, more likely, used in baking.



The usual brilliant auction of promises raised well over £600 and was conducted with his usual wit and efficiency by our Captain Roy Wake who was also at the club at 8am cutting the green and setting things up. This amount will be augmented not only by the money from stalls etc but by the £1 fine for those getting in the ditch and using the wrong bias (a further £8!).

Tea and cakes after the match were provided by Pauline Dimmock and Fay Mortimer and we were kept further refreshed by John Austin manning the bar. Phil Bayley was kept exceptionally busy all day keeping track of the money raised.

Stop Press

It is not only our own Barry Miller who slips in the shower causing injury requiring hospital treatment and interference with his sporting prowess. The boxing match between Carl Frampton and Andrés Gutiérrez was called off at the last minute when Andrés Gutiérrez slipped in the shower and was concussed.

Barry McGuigan, the fight's promoter, told the BBC: "We're all so disappointed, it was a freak accident. He slipped in the shower, smashed his face, the guy is concussed. He's a deep gash on his chin, his nose, lost two of his teeth."



Two sporting legends!!

Results

29/07/17 TCL away to Fassnidge. Very wet so 11 ends only played. Lost 1 rink to 3. 2 points to 8.

Top rink: Paul Adams, Sheilah Lowe, Pat Austin, Andrew Georgiou.

01/08/17 C&T home to Harefield. Lost on all rinks 0 – 10 points. 28 – 56 shots. No top rink.

02/08/17 Vets A home to Northwood. Lost 2 points to 3.

03/08/17 Bidgood away to Century. 1 rink each. 27 – 38 shots. 1 – 3 points.

03/08/17 Ladies friendly away to Wealdstone. Won 1 rink and lost 1. One of the ladies was a familiar but strange sight!



Jamie in a skirt!!

- 07/08/17 Bidgood away to Ruislip. Won 2 rinks. 4 points. 42 – 24 shots.
- 08/08/17 Ladies Weald league away to Lupton. Lost 1-2. 1 point to 3.
- 09/08/17 C&T home to Deane Park. Cancelled due to weather.
- 10/08/17 Vets B home to Stanmore. Lost 2 – 1. 2 points to 3. 39-49 shots.
- 11/08/17 Ladies away to Wealdstone. Won 1 rink. Lost overall.
- 13/08/17 TCL away to Court Park. Lost. 66 -92 shots. 2 rinks each. 4 points to 6.
Top rink: Elaine Wake, Maureen Alder, Graham Williams, Andrew Georgiou.
- 14/08/17 Rearranged C&T home to Deane Park. Lost 2 rinks drew 1. 42-55 shots. 1 point to 9.
- 15/08/17 Friendly away to Flackwell Heath. Won 84 – 68 shots. 2 -3 rinks.
Top rink: Janet Everatt (new player), Mary Warner, Peter Lee.
- 16/08/17 Vets B away to Stanmore. Lost 3 rinks. 36 – 79. 0 to 5 points.
- 17/08/17 Friendly home to Bushey. Lost on shots 74 – 80 although won on 3 rinks and lost on 1.
Top rink: Mary Warner, Tony Ret, Pat Austin, Roy Wake.
- 19/08/17 Friendly home to North Greenford. Won 2 rinks to 1.
45 points each.
Top rink: Myriam Tsang, Elaine Wake, Phil Bayley.
- 20/08/17 Friendly away to Arundel. Lost 2 rinks to 3. 82 -98 shots.
Top rink: Fay Mortimer, Polly Lee, Geoff Thomas, John Austin.
- 21/08/17 Friendly away to Chalfont St Giles. Lost 1 triple to 3. 57 – 78 shots.

Top rink: Mary Warner, Maureen Alder, Roy Wake.

22/08/17 Friendly away to Pinner. Lost by 3 shots. 2 rinks each. 55 – 58 shots.

Top rink: Polly Lee, Peter Sharples, Phil Bayley.

23/08/17 Vets B home to Northwood. Won 2 rinks to 1. 44 – 42 shots. 4 points to 1.

24/08/17 Bidgood home to Kingsbury. Won 40 – 20 shots. 4 points to 0.

Congratulations to the 3 strong Harrow ladies (Mary Warner, Mary Hughes and Anne Snell) who triumphed in the H&D Triples final after coping much better with the heavy and bumpy Harrow Weald rinks than their opponents, Eastcote. Eastcote went down by 7 shots in the first end (information which I gleaned from a frustrated Eastcote player [possibly the skip] who did not realise that I was a Harrow member!) Harrow eventually won by at least 5 shots.

A somewhat overcast morning was followed by another hot, sunny afternoon of bowling when Mary Warner and Anne Snell fresh (or indeed not fresh!) from their morning were facing a pair from Wealdstone.



Despite some excellent shots from both players they were unable to repeat their heroics of the morning and went down to their Wealdstone opponents and the heavy unpredictable Harrow Weald rinks.



