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September 2017

September Friday night winner: Peter Sharples

Congratulations to the winner of the Friday night shield:

Phil Bayley



Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
01/09/17 *	Allan Pulford Tony Ret Brian Moates Phil Bayley	£20: Tony Paulley £10: Peter Sharples	Myriam Tsang Colin Hobbs Jay Patel	John Austin
08/09/17	Janet Everatt Polly Lee Peter Sharples	£20: Jack Webb £10: Dennis Wood	Anne Snell Mark Snell Brian Moates	Mike Rosenthal
15/09/17	Gavin Hampton Sandi Parker Peter Sharples	£20 Jan Ansley £10 Eric Carpenter	Fay Mortimer Jan Ansley Davie Gillan	Mike Rosenthal
23/09/17	Dennis Alder Pat Austin Grant Rickells	£20 Anne Snell £10 Maureen Alder	BYO food Maureen Alder Ann Sharples Tea and coffee	Mike Rosenthal
30/09/17	Terry Liddle Steve Fox Roy Wake	£20 Terry Hooper £10 John Austin	Anne Musgrave Tea and coffee	Mike Rosenthal



**Still a few places available for the Dinner Dance.
Email Mary Warner for more information.**



*Update on **Gala day.**



A fantastic day which raised **£1400**. This will help to keep everyone's fees down. Thanks again to Maureen Alder and Ann Sharples for their excellent organisation.

What a club!



What an excellent club we have. Everytime I go along to the club I discover all sorts of people beavering away behind the scenes making the club and surroundings look splendid. Such a range of people new and long established members.



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Tony Ret who comes a couple of times a week to tame the hedges. I think he could do a maze. A good money earner.



Mark Snell giving the grass its “fake tan”.



Eileen Goodall and Alan Goodall creating a new garden area.
(more on this later)



Jim Hughes

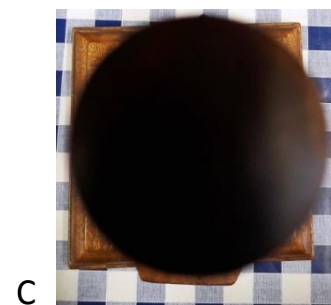
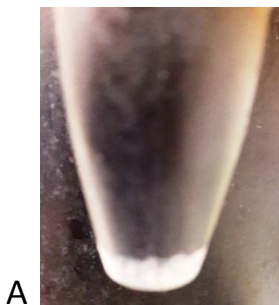
who as a newish grandfather knows all about playing with water.



And new member **Nick Woolford** doing the garden grass.

A competition for all members

Can you identify the following objects which are all found in and around the clubhouse? (Answers later)



Elaine – behave yourself!!



This one's a bit of a cheat.

Our new garden bed



We won't actually have a bee hive in our garden, despite the wishes of Jim Hughes, who is a recent convert to "beeism", but we do have a brilliant new section being developed in the corner of the garden devoted to plants which are bee friendly.



This is thanks to Eileen Goodall who has also recruited the considerable talents of Peter Lee to construct some very fancy structures



Peter Lee's obelisks. Taller than Peter!!

A somewhat neglected part of the garden



is being worked on by Eileen and Alan and enjoyed already by Robins



and bees!



Eileen's inspiration is an area in Kensington Gardens devoted to suitable nectar and pollen plants to attract bees.



This garden may not be so appealing to Mark Snell who had an interesting(?) experience when driving a few years ago.

Mark, Anne and their then primary school aged children were on holiday in Devon and were stuck in a traffic jam on a steep hill on a hot day. Annoying enough but things got worse when a (shortsighted!) Queen bee mistook Mark for a beautiful flower.



With thanks to Eric Janssens for this brilliant cartoon!

The queen bee was soon followed by a swarm of her fellow bees who proceeded to engulf Mark, Anne and to a lesser extent the children.



Anne jumped from the car and pulled out the children and Mark proceeded along the road in the hope that the motion would push the bees out.



The bees were everywhere imaginable inflicting stings galore! Anne knocked on the door of a nearby cottage in the hope of getting help but the old lady who answered clearly thought that the speechless person outside who was purely wafting her arms around near her children was



mad and promptly shut the door in her face.

Eventually the emergency services were on the scene and the whole family were taken to hospital and only released once all the hundreds of stings were dealt with and it was apparent that none of them was suffering a dangerous reaction to the stings.

It was such an terrible experience that it was reported in the national press – In **The News of the World!**

Finals competition



15th/16th September



Magan Kanjia had to withdraw from the finals due to a frozen shoulder and so conceded his matches. This was unfortunate as he was due to play Mike Clements in both the Over 65s and the Men's Championship. Mike was disappointed and was ready right up to the last minute to play the matches should Magan feel able to compete, as he always enjoys the finals competition so much.

That left 3 matches to be played on the Friday afternoon initially in warm sunshine.

Umpire Alan Bellamy overwhelmed with his responsibilities as umpire being taught how to relax by expert Dennis Alder!



Tony Paulley proved victorious over Andrew Georgiou (21 -15) in the Men's 2 woods one of the few cups that Tony has not previously won.



The other 2 matches were decided in the rain.

Peter Lee and Geoff Thomas were winners against Jai Mahadeo and Roland Pettitt (22- 15).





Anyone deciding to leave before the end of the Ladies handicap missed an excellent match which went to the wire. Sylvia Colbourne started with 3 shots due to the handicap and after 3 ends it was 5 all. Sylvia then had a good spell and was 17 – 11 up after 16 ends. But by the 19th end Anne had caught up to 17 all.



Myriam specialises in scoring in the rain!

At the next end Anne was holding the 4 shots needed to win the match when Sylvia , with her last wood played a brilliant shot to take shot wood! However at the next end Anne got 3 shots so the score was 20 -18. The 22nd end seemed as though it might be a repeat of the 20 end. Anne was holding 4 when Sylvia played her last wood. This time she was unable to repeat her miraculous escape, but a wonderful match was much enjoyed by the onlookers.



Last year!!

My photographer clearly specialises on blurred pictures of Anne Snell. Last year he blamed Anne's exhaustion as she had played a very long match. This year he was so shocked by Anne's attire (lack of club uniform) that he couldn't keep his hand steady! Perhaps Anne does something to the camera. To check out this theory a test photo was taken.



Another theory bites the dust!

It was not only human animals wishing to participate in our finals days but foxes. Unfortunately they misunderstood the nature of the competition and thought we were preparing for a putting competition and so overnight on Friday they assisted the green team by preparing some holes!



Saturday morning saw the full 4 matches played, 3 singles and the drawn triples. Brian Moates was victorious in the Centenary Challenge over Andrew Georgiou in a tense 3 setter. Andrew won the first set 9 – 3 but lost a close 2nd set 9 – 7. Brian won the deciding set 9 – 5 with the help of 4 shots at one end.



The ladies 2 woods was won by Fay Mortimer over Jai Mahadeo (16 – 11) and Tony Ret won the Junior competition, having been runner up last year, by beating Alan Goodall.

The drawn triples lasted well over 3 hours but was well worth watching. After 17 ends the score was 16 all so it all came down to the last end. Lead Dennis Alder got a wood on the jack and this stayed there until the last wood. Tony Paulley played an accurate wood knocking into Dennis' wood and knocking the jack to woods behind. A sensible ploy as his team had a number of woods strategically placed. Unfortunately for Tony and his splendid team(!) the jack found its way to the team skipped by Anne Snell.



The victors Dennis Alder,
Elaine Wake and Anne Snell.



The valiant losers Shelagh Z, Polly Lee
and Tony Paulley.

Despite heavy rain in the vicinity and the disappointment of no Men's Championship, an excellent afternoon with little rain ensued.

Jai Mahadeo was rewarded for her efforts in 3 finals with a win in the Ladies Championship over Doreen Bayley.

Jim Hughes got off to a storming start in the Singles handicap against Brian Moates. After 16 ends he was 20 – 9 up and so only required 1 shot. Over the next 3 ends Brian picked up 6 shots and we wondered whether Brian was to achieve an incredible turnaround.

However on the 20th end Jim was able to get the 1 shot he needed for the victory.



The *drawn* pairs was indeed a long *drawn* out affair involving 2 newish players. Gavin Hampton and David Gillan had the benefit of +2 handicap over Steve Fox and Anne Snell and in addition they started with 4 shots at the first end. After 6 ends they were 9 – 2 up. Steve and Anne crept back into contention and after 20 ends the score was 14 – 15 in favour of Gavin and David. A tense final end saw Gavin and David getting the shot they required to win in the gathering gloom.



The moral of the days for the spectators is “don’t leave before the end”. There were some excellent tight matches.



Thanks to all who helped on the 2 days, particularly the 3 umpires (Alan Bellamy, Sheilah Lowe and Len Smith) and to the markers (Elaine Wake, Maureen Alder[twice], Pat Austin, Grant Rickells, Maurice Tate, and Roy Wake) and scorers [turner overers!] (Myriam Tsang, Barry Miller{twice}, Ann Sharples, Tony Oakes {twice}, Marios Zachariades, Sylvia Colbourne, Roy Wake and Sheilah Lowe). All of whom had to stay at their posts whatever the weather.



Umpire Len Smith with Mike Clements still hoping for a match.

Results

- 26/08/17 TCL home to Fassnidge. Lost 64-78 shots. 4 points to 6.
Top rink: Sheilah Lowe, Isabelita John, John Austin, Peter Lee
- 31/08/17 Ladies WL away to Harrow Weald. Lost by 6 shots.
- 01/09/17 Ladies WL away to Stanmore. Won both triples. 4 points.
- 07/09/17 Ladies WL away to Northwood. Lost on both rinks.
- 12/09/17 Ladies WL home to West Harrow. 1 rink each but won on shots.
- 14/09/17 Friendly away to Wealdstone. Lost 1 rink to 3. 60 -75 shots
Top rink: Janet Everatt, Tony Ret, Anne Snell, Alan Bellamy.
- 19/09/17 Ladies friendly away to Ruislip.
1 rink lost 10-27, the other won 27 -10!

BOYS versus GIRLS



Our men – not to be outdone by our ladies win in the H&D triples- were victorious in the H&D 4s at Eastcote. Well done to the splendid quartet of Tony Paulley, Mike Clements, Brian Moates and Alan Bellamy who overcame a team from Harefield. Thanks to Sylvia Colbourne for the photo.



What were they?



A That knob on the urn again!



B



C

The only way Roy can keep certain club members under control.

23rd September

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

The masses gather and Dennis Alder rests



in preparation for the spider and then the match. Maureen enjoys a much deserved rest having prepared the club house so beautifully together with Ann Sharples.





A lonely spider!



Myriam – don't worry, it's not real!



Now attacked and engulfed.

Spider photos thanks to Nick Woolford and Geoff Thomas.

There was a tie as 2 woods became trapped in the spider's legs, so there was a play off between Dennis Wood and Jack Webb. Jack Webb was the winner of the bottle of whiskey.

The Captain's team were down for most of the afternoon



A worried Captain

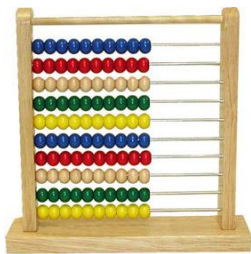
and the vice Captain was preparing for a glorious victory.



Their rink was last off so everyone waited with baited breath for the result having been encouraged, or rather instructed, to stay for the result.



After quite some time and using the latest computing techniques



One each!



Roy's is bigger(Elaine!!)

the Captain and vice Captain emerged to announce the result.

3 rinks each but a win for the captain by 113 – 108.



Victory is mine!!

Captain's top rink was

Sandi Parker, Geoff Thomas, John Austin and Nick La Femina

Vice Captains top rink was

Dennis Alder, Myriam Tsang, Grant Rickells and Pat Austin

The meal in the evening was another great success with many people impressed by the quality of food provided by our new caterers and their professional approach. Not easy in an unfamiliar kitchen. A wonderful selection of deserts was provided by numerous club members.



Thanks go to Roy Wake who donated the wine which was enjoyed with the usual HBC enthusiasm for alcohol.

Roy expressed his thanks by name to the many individuals involved in making HBC such a vibrant and friendly club.

For even more pictures of this great day have a look at the gallery section of the Harrow Bowls Club website. Geoff Thomas took some excellent photos many of which are included there.

And so ends another lovely outdoor bowls season.

But this is not the last newsletter of 2017.

As happened last year, there will be a newsletter following the Dinner and Dance presentation evening as well as one following the AGM.

As well as reporting on the holiday to Portugal, these newsletters will contain the following:-

- Competition reminder and advice for new members
- More “What am I ?” challenge
- A report on the caption competition introduced by Eric Everatt at the Captain’s supper
- **And, most importantly, shocking revelations about the super human capacities of our President!**

Stop Press

Round up of ladies season from Maureen Alder

Although we had a very friendly, lively season our successes on the rink weren’t too impressive (as I received on my school report “could do better”).

Weald league: We finished 3rd out of 6 – same as last year. Next year our aim is 2nd.

H&D 4’s league: All 3 clubs in our group finished with equal points but we lost out on point difference.

Friendlies: Two cancelled by opposition. Again – mixed results but all enjoyed.

H&District: Mary, Mary and Anne won their triples match and Mary and Anne were runners up in the pairs. Very proud of “our girls”.

Best news: The addition of 4 new lady members. They are all very enthusiastic and looking to be good players. They’ve all played in our matches (friendly and league) and have proved to be valuable members. Looking forward to next year when they put their names on match sheets and enter our club competitions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Following success of this year's "**New Year Get-together**" we're going for it again. So, mark in your diaries, **Saturday, 13th January** about midday and watch for further details in your emails.

AGM. Sunday, 14th January. A must "try to be there" date. Held at Windssock Club (HA2 8AL – between houses 28/30). It's where you find out all that is going on, any changes in procedures and where you can have "your say". Again – watch for further details in your emails.



Until then...