



# NEWSLETTER



**December 2017**

Despite this being the off season, lots has been happening, and I have been sent lots of photographic evidence backing this up, so it seems an extra newsletter is due.

From Andrew Georgiou's photo (as seen in the October newsletter)



.....to this (thanks to Nick Woolford) in less than a month.

Well done as usual to the green team.

More on the green team later!

## **Dinner and dance and trophy presentations**

As I was unable to attend the social event of the year, I sent along our prestigious reporter Lois Lane (report in italics) and our own spectacular photographer, Geoff (the Coach) Thomas. Geoff fulfilled my request to get good photos of those winners whose photos on the finals days left so much to be desired that they were not included in that newsletter. All the photos he sent to me are on the HBC website under the “gallery” tab.

*56 members enjoyed another successful Dinner Dance at Grim’s Dyke Golf Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, although our Captain remarked it was the lowest attendance he can remember. Even so, the hubbub of chat*



*and the numbers on the dance floor didn’t seem to have diminished!*

*The day of the event dawned bright and sunny but extremely cold and the temperature remained low all day. Members started arriving about ten to seven and found the room set up with numbered foil balloons, napkins set at each place with our club colours and the coloured tea lights recycled from last year – bought specially by our canny organiser, Mary Warner. She also re-used mirror tiles to reflect the lights and several club logos dotted around the room to remind us who we were.*



*The largest, framed logo was placed above the trophy table, so it would be included in the “snaps” our official photographer Geoff Thomas did. This was always the plan - **recycle recycle recycle** – all saving money for the Club from the initial purchase last year.*

*We rose to our feet as our President, Mark, said Grace and we began our meal. The food seemed to have been enjoyed by all and as far as can be ascertained, no frowns of displeasure or scowls of dislike as the food disappeared up copious cakeholes.*

*After our meal, Mark invited Maurice Tate to give the Loyal Toast and prior to inviting Michael to start the music gave the toast to Harrow Bowls Club. Just in the nick of time he remembered that the Winners and Runners-Up should first receive the trophies and certificates they had won on Finals Day back in September! His excuse? He didn't win one, so he wasn't interested!!*

**This despite his dear wife Anne winning a number of events including the Ladies handicap.**



*Roy then joined Mark at the table to assist him in that task having been at the venue earlier that day, together with Shelagh Z to sort out the order. Well, let's draw a veil over the start of the proceedings. Suffice it to say it was like a Morecambe and Wise sketch. The right cups and trophies were given out, but not necessarily in the right order! A slight exaggeration, but I couldn't resist the joke!*



**Two very glamorous finalists in the Ladies Championship.**

**Winner Jai Mahadeo and runner up Doreen Bayley.**

*Both Mark and Roy were soon on track after a shaky start and everyone received their correct cups, vouchers and certificates!*

**Luckily Roy was sorted in time to hand the triples cup to his dear wife!**



**Phew**

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**nearly!**



**More glamour on display and I don't mean Mark and Roy!**

**Fay Mortimer the 2 woods winner.**

*We also had two additions to the Club Trophies – our Men won H&DBA Men's Fours Cup and our Ladies won the H&DWBA Triples Cup. Only one of the men who played was present – and Brian Moates picked up the cup for them.*



*All three ladies were present to receive theirs.*



*At this point, dear reader, I would just like to add a personal opinion – if you are lucky or good enough to win a trophy, please make the effort to attend the dinner dance to receive it. Rant over!*

**In fact even non bowlers enjoy this brilliant event.**



*Now to the Long Service Awards. To get one of these prestigious certificates you have to have been a member for 20 years. Four members were eligible to receive a certificate having all joined in 1995. Those of you who have a maths degree will have very quickly worked out that they should have received them two years ago, but unfortunately the ceremony had been overlooked. The four members are Betty and Des Carlin, Harry Gallagher and Maurice Tate. Unfortunately, only Maurice was present to pick his up. We shall make sure the absent members receive theirs in due course.*



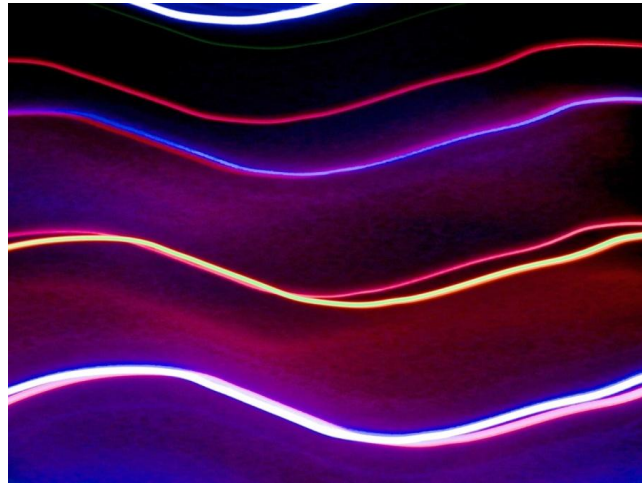


*The coast was then clear for Michael to do his stuff*



*and members to go on the dance floor to trip the light fantastic and to check to see if they'd won a prize in the Raffle – again run brilliantly by Mike and Sara Rosenthal.*

*The evening closed at midnight when us remaining hardy souls turned into pumpkins and wended our weary way home.*



One of Geoff's artistic efforts. The lights behind the trophies.

More on that in the next newsletter.

**A big, big thank you to Mary Warner for all her hard work.**

**Herga vs Harrow Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**



As can be seen a lively and smart team from Harrow took on the might of Herga with a number of key players no longer playing indoors. My first half reporter, photographer and reserve Nick Woolford informed me that Harrow were leading at half time but Herga were coming back. The curse of “tea” then struck and my spy in the opposition camp texted me a report that the final score was 133 to 111 with the top rink skipped by Mark Snell 27 to 13. A score which did not resonate much with me! After requesting clarification I was informed that it meant one thirty three to hundred eleven. A Herga win. Silly me!

### **More on the green team.**

No foxes, mole hills or divots were reported on the Herga rinks but will our green be ready for next year?

Well as Mary Warner put it in one of her emails – the green team are like the Windmill Club (they have lots of available women?)

No, they never close!

Here is proof.



Repairing the edges. The sods! No not Peter Lee, Jim Hughes and Tony Ret!



A glorious November day.

Peter and Jim having a well deserved break.



This latest photo sent to me by Jim Hughes at the end of November!

We can all check out the green by attending the January social on

**Saturday, 13th January 2018.**

An informal gathering in our club house at around 12 o'clock 'til it starts getting



Just come along with a plate/dish of food for our buffet table.



It can be hot or cold, savoury or sweet.

And bring along whatever you like to drink.



Enough??

Tea and coffee can be made in the kitchen. There won't be anyone on duty in the kitchen so be aware that if you need to heat your dish you will be responsible.

There will be small charge (£2/3) to cover heating



and disposables.



Wear lots of clothes.

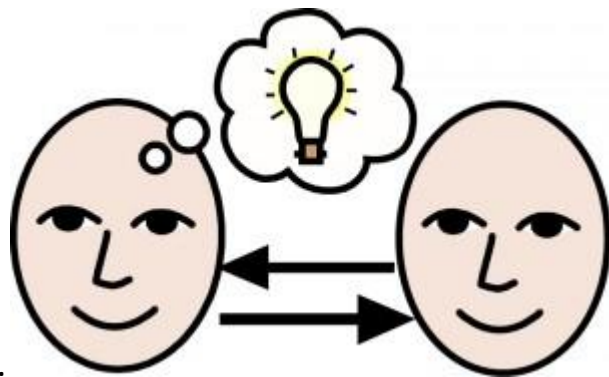


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YES

Any ideas that you have will be much appreciated



by Maureen Alder and Ann Sharples.



**Sunday 14th January 2018- AGM  
10.30 at the Windsock Club.**



The Windsock Club entrance is between 28 and 30 Eastcote Avenue, South Harrow, HA2 8AL.

More information on this from your very efficient Club Secretary, Mary Warner, nearer the time.

Come and support all the hardworking committee members by coming to the AGM. I'm sure I'm not exaggerating by saying it is the best attended in the western world!



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE**  
**SEE YOU AT THE AGM AND JANUARY SOCIAL**



