



# NEWSLETTER



**December 2018**



Whilst we were away in Spain, look what and who invaded our green!



Noddy and his friend Big Ears. It is no good waving so happily, Noddy, we did not want Big Ear's toadstool home on our bowling green!

## **It's waiting for you**

Do not be scared off by the “man eating” fungi.

The green team have it under control!

On a delightful October day through our impressive and well looked after gates, I spied activity on our green.



Working away as usual during the off season, was a member of our green team.

The fungi haven't got a chance!!

Jim Hughes is on the job!!

And the rest of the green team.



The club house is safe and waiting for you to join the **short mat brigade**.



### **Message from Maureen.**

What do you do Tuesday or Thursday afternoons?

If the answer is “nothing in particular”, how about coming along to our clubhouse and having a go at Short mat bowls.

We were lucky enough to be given the carpet and some bowls and between 4 and 14 have a go at playing the game.



It's deadly serious (well, not that deadly!)

with much advice and personal opinions being given (not only to our own side but definitely to our opponents).

There is much barracking



(not that Barach!)

and loud cheers



(well, not that loud!)

when someone does something good!

For the princely sum of £2 we have about 2 hours of play



with a break for tea and biscuits

(yes, just like that!)

in the middle.



We'd love

to see you,

so come along if you fancy seeing what goes on. Social members welcome too.

One word of advice. Wear very warm clothing (and maybe bring along an extra layer).

## **Congratulations**

Our triumphant, if somewhat blurry, ladies being presented at the H&D presentation lunch after winning the 4s competition.

They will be presented with it again at our Dinner Dance/ presentation night. Hopefully our returning photographer, Geoff Thomas, will succeed in getting a sharper image!



## **Another erratum!!**

I discovered from Roy that Andrew Georgiou insisted on paying for half the wine provided for the Captain's versus Vice Captain's supper. So thanks to Andrew for the wine as well as to Roy.

## **Dinner and Dance**

Well what a night we had. Over 80 people – that's the numbers there, not the average age! That is without Roy and Elaine, who although present in spirit, were away on a cruise enjoying the highlife and celebrating Roy's win in Nick Woolford's football competition.



Is this Roy on his cruise?

I'm sure this impressive number is not **because** Roy and Elaine were absent!?



**Well, what do I know?**

Apparently they are in Tenerife **selling** time share! How else can Roy afford to pay for the wine at the end of season do? How else is Elaine going to pay for Mike Rosenthal's extortionate white wine prices?!!

The opportunity to chat, eat, drink and dance. What more could HBC members want? No one stayed for long in their allotted seats – choosing instead to mingle so ensuring everyone had a great evening.

Naturally Dennis Alder relaxed before the proceedings



although he felt moved to tenderly embrace the new over 80's trophy which he won, even before the food was served.



Before food Sheila Low was chosen by Mark Snell to propose the toast to the Queen, which she did with impressive brevity saying “the Queen”.

Tony Paulley managed a few more words in proposing a toast to HBC, stating accurately that it is the best club in Middlesex.

After food, the trophies were speedily delivered to the recipients, by President, Mark Snell assisted by Competition Secretary, Shelagh Zachariades. Indeed Geoff Thomas needed to be quick on the draw to get the following photos.

**Men’s Championship.** Winner. Magan Kanjia. Runner up Mike Clements.

Both absent so trophies collected by **Rex Freeman**.



**Ladies Championship. Winner. Anne Snell. Runner up. Mary Warner.**



**Mixed handicap singles. Winner Tony Oakes. Runner up. Barry Rudolph**



**Don't they look good in their finery!**



**Ladies handicap singles. Winner. Shelagh Zachariades.  
Runner up. Elaine Wake.**



**Men's two woods. Winner. Brian Moates. Runner up. Mike Clements.**



**Ladies two woods. Winner. Jai Mahadeo. Runner up. Shelagh Zachariades**



**Over 65s singles. Winner. Jim Hughes. Runner up. Mike Clements.**



**Gareth Southgate has certainly influenced OUR men!**

**Over 80's.** Winner. Dennis Alder. Runner up. Barry Miller.



Finally, Dennis has it in his hands OFFICIALLY!

**Junior.** Winner. Gavin Hampton (a newish member).

Runner up. Peter Lee.

What!! Did Rex not collect this one as Gavin (another newish member) was absent?

Solo was invited to attend but did not accept as he was too upset that Peter Lee was the bridesmaid yet again. A pity.

He would have enjoyed clearing up all the leftover food.



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**Centenary Challenge. Winner. Mike Clements. Runner up. Jim Hughes.**



Collected for Mike by Rex!

**Named Pairs. Winners and newish members. Gerry and Anne Musgrave.**



Runners up and new members. Jeanette Swaffield and Liz Mitchell.



**Drawn Pairs.** Winners. Ian Gibbins and newish member Sandie Parker.  
Runners up. Roy Wake and Dennis Alder.



**Drawn triples.** Winners. Sheilah Lowe, Gavin Hampton, Andrew Georgiou.  
**Runners up.** Eric Everatt, Mary Warner, Roland Pettitt.



**Club night shield.** Winner. Jim Hughes.



Outside honours were also celebrated. We won the Potts trophy and Jai Mahadeo, Maureen Alder, Elaine Wake and Pat Austin were runners up in fours league. John Southgate, Grant Rickells, Geoff Thomas and Jim Hughes were runners up in the H&DBA fours.

Peter Lee collected the inscribed shield on behalf of the vets A, who won the league.



Solo, you should have attended after all.  
Peter has clearly bought a waistcoat to match the shield!  
Another follower of Southgate fashion.

## Ladies 4s winners.



Hurray! Finally a picture when they are not wet or blurred!  
A final cup- the **cup collectors trophy** - was awarded by our President to **Rex Freeman**. This is a unique honour never before bestowed on a club member. Does Mark think this is the only way Rex will get a cup?







Geoff, our photographer, no longer in residence, was concerned that Rex might melt down the silver cups. However Rex has already had them valued at the Antiques Road Show!

It is said that success and power act like an aphrodisiac. Well it looks like being a successful cup collector has the same effect. Women flocked to Rex's side like bees round a honey pot.



Leaving Brian somewhat bemused.

Even Michael the musician for the night was moved to sing “Congratulations” in honour of all the winners but particularly Rex. This caused Rex to strut his stuff with his well earned trophy ... and wife!



After the presentations, celebrations in the crowded club house begun.



Two winning Canaries – just like their team.



A winning couple – Jai and Barry!

A full house



A strictly contestant?



Get on the dance floor, Jim.

Or is it too full?



Is that Dennis not resting ---but dancing?



Polly up to do her "Alice"!! Don't ask!



As Midnight approaches and the carriages turn into pumpkins, the troops are still dancing!



What a great evening.

Thanks to **Mary Warner**, our wonderful Secretary, Dinner Dance planner and Holiday organiser.

Thanks also to her helpers Maureen Alder and Doreen Bayley who helped Mary “dress the room” on the day.

Well we wouldn't want it naked, would we?!

**What a fantastic night!**

**And another great opportunity awaits to enjoy yourselves in the company of the wonderful HBC members.**

## **A holiday in Calpe, Spain at Hotel Diamante Beach.**

The committee have chosen 6<sup>th</sup> October in the hope that the weather will still be hottish! Personal Touch, our Tour Operator offers 9 nights stay for the price of 7 and has 2 included excursions. No single supplement, too.



### **Hotel Diamante Beach ★★★★★**

This impressive ultra-modern hotel is the recently constructed flagship property of Calpe's leading hotel chain. Positioning itself as 'a cut above' the hotel was launched with a competition awarding diamonds as prizes. The décor of its bedrooms and bathrooms is delightfully chic and its spa centre offers a wide variety of interesting treatments. Located only a short distance from Calpe's beautiful beach and its attractive beachfront promenade it also lies within easy reach of shops and a choice of restaurants and bars. Calpe's old town can also be easily and cheaply visited, either by public bus service or by taxi.

**For more details  
please see Mary Warner's email on 25<sup>th</sup> November  
or contact Mary herself.**

Geoff's parting gift to us.

**A caption competition.**

What is Rex saying to Fay?



Send your answers in before

**AGM** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am at Windsock Club

N.B. This is a well attended AGM!

Don't miss out - come and catch up with all your friends





