



NEWSLETTER



March 2019



What is that strange stirring we all feel as April approaches?

Be quiet, Elaine!

Is it the call of the wild, the smell of spring or the sound of the sea?

No, it is the desire for the outside green, which beckons us to sign on in April.

10th April to be precise.

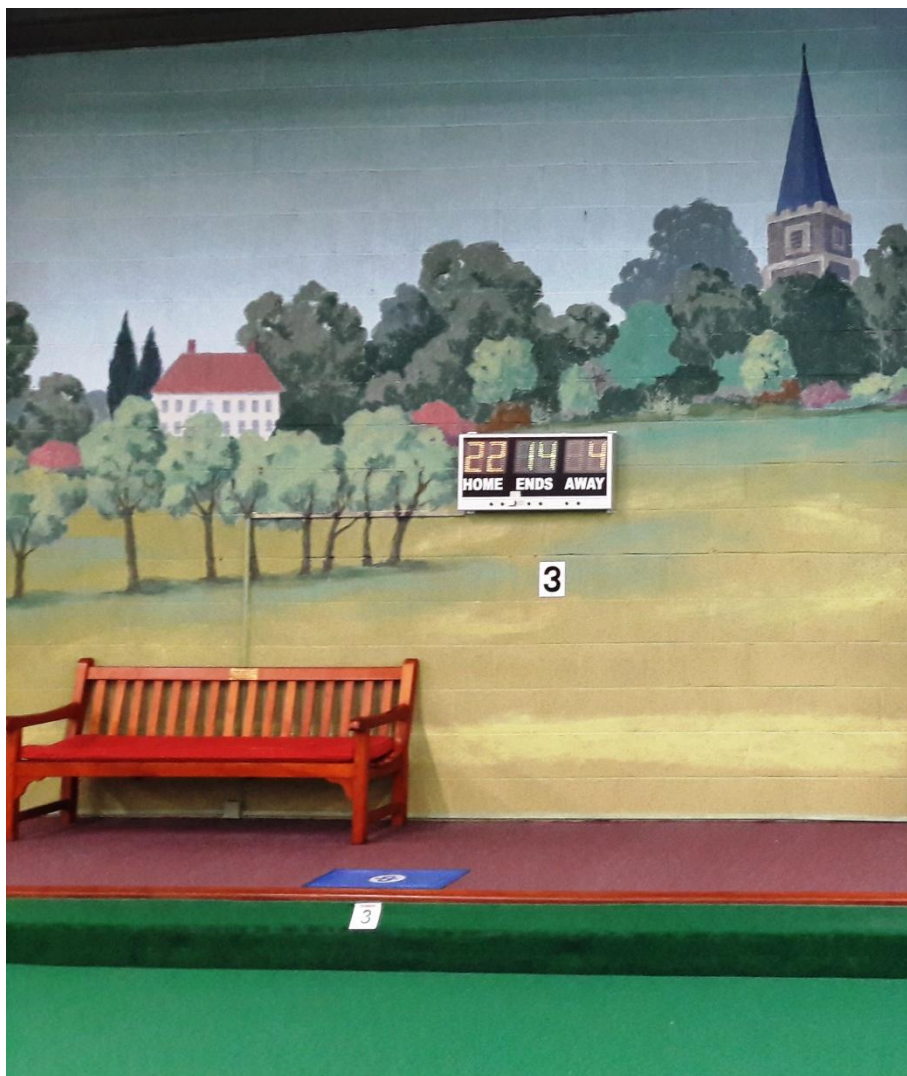


There is a longing for green grass and open blue skies to replace the indoors of winter.

But the picture above doesn't look like our indoors bowls club.

Is there a new background at Herga?

No, the painting of Harrow on the Hill hasn't changed.....



Although I think it needs an update to include the beautiful new additions of the flats!



So, where was the first photo taken?

A clue.



Who is that...still jumping off the mat?

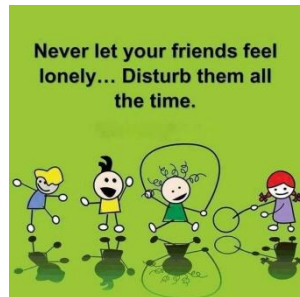
In South Africa

North or south hemisphere, Nick La Femina doesn't change .. thank goodness.

What else have our members been up to during the off season?

*Short mat

A large contingent, from Maureen **A**lder through to Steve **W**yatt, has taken the opportunity for a fun way to socialise during the often dull winter months.



Probably not quite as energetic as that though!

Polly Lee has reported that Thursday has been more popular than Tuesday but both have seen a good turnout with enough people to provide an enjoyable game and even more enjoyable chat and tea.



We don't need a special day!

Over 16 members have participated with varying frequency and that does not include Solo who is very regular participant in the biscuit and pats stakes!



***The Green Team**

The green team have been working away as usual making our green look even more appealing.



The green after scarification.

Twenty two bags of moss taken out of the green!
They certainly earned their coffee and biscuits that morning!

***The maintenance team**

The club house has had a



***Football competition.**

Fay and Jeanette showed the men how to do it finally seeing off Brian Moates!



Rex, you can't congratulate her she hasn't won yet.

Any excuse to get close to Fay and to get your picture in the newsletter!!

But Fay and Jeanette were left with a dilemma.

Was Fay going to suggest Fulham would beat Liverpool, or Huddersfield beat West Ham away!

Both unlikely results.

So she was left with Burnley beating Leicester at home, or a choice between Bournemouth and Newcastle.

What a shame her beloved Watford



was not at home to Southampton as scheduled.

They had an FA cup tie instead.

Jeanette had exactly the same consideration although she could go for Everton beating Chelsea.

We all know how Chelsea

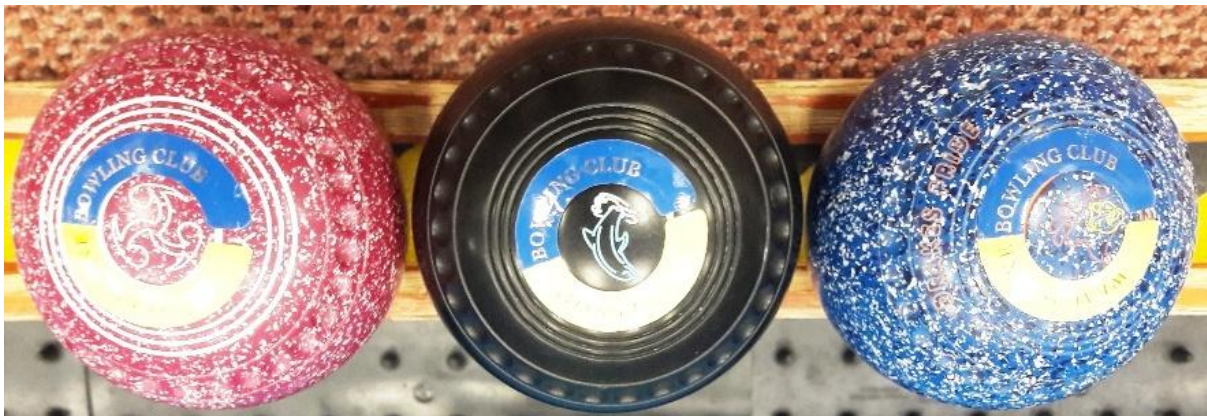


fare away from home.

Don't we Roy and Nick W?!

Both picked Bournemouth so Nick forced them to make a second choice (the brute) and Fay picked Newcastle and Jeanette Burnley.

***Meanwhile in Norfolk...**



What are these familiar woods doing with Wealdstone stickers on?

Have Shelagh, Marios and Jim Waller done a Jamie and defected to Wealdstone?

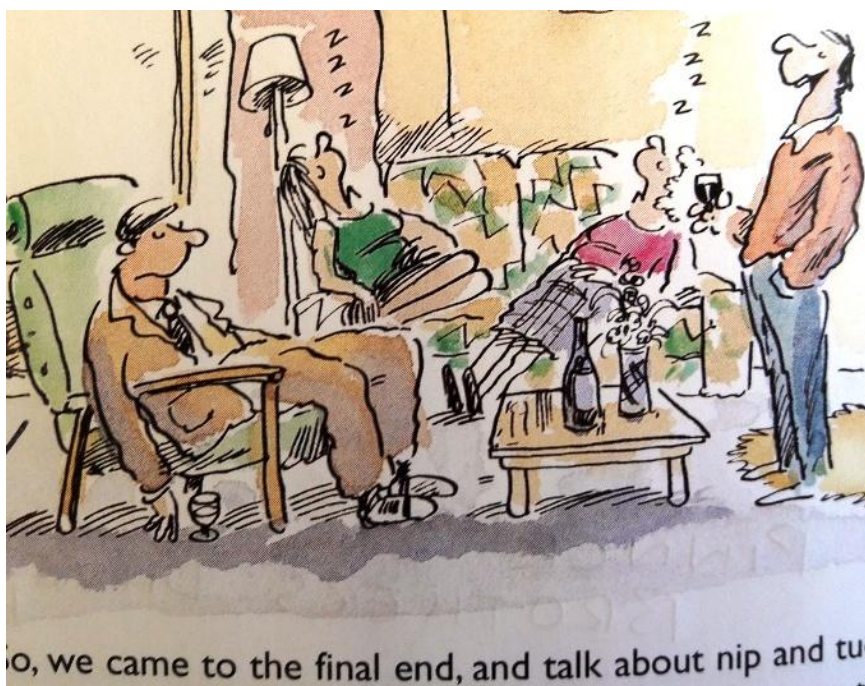
Traitors! Turncoats!



Luckily (or maybe some think unluckily) our hearts belong to HBC.

On our recent holiday to Potters with Herga (but arranged by Marilyn Hazard of Herga and Wealdstone fame) we had to play with Wealdstone stickers on our woods! Marios and I thought we would be playing gentle roll ups but instead found ourselves in ultra competitive matches against many different bowls clubs from around the country. Our skip, a Herga and Ruislip player, David Willoughby, as well as being a friendly, calm and encouraging person was also a lovely draw bowler.

In our first match we were 5 down with 1 final end but we managed to get the 5 to draw the match. We won the next 3 matches but still did not expect to go through to the round of 16. I was happily queuing to have another go on Ultimate Segway when I discovered we had to play straight away. We won and got through to play the quarter final straight away.

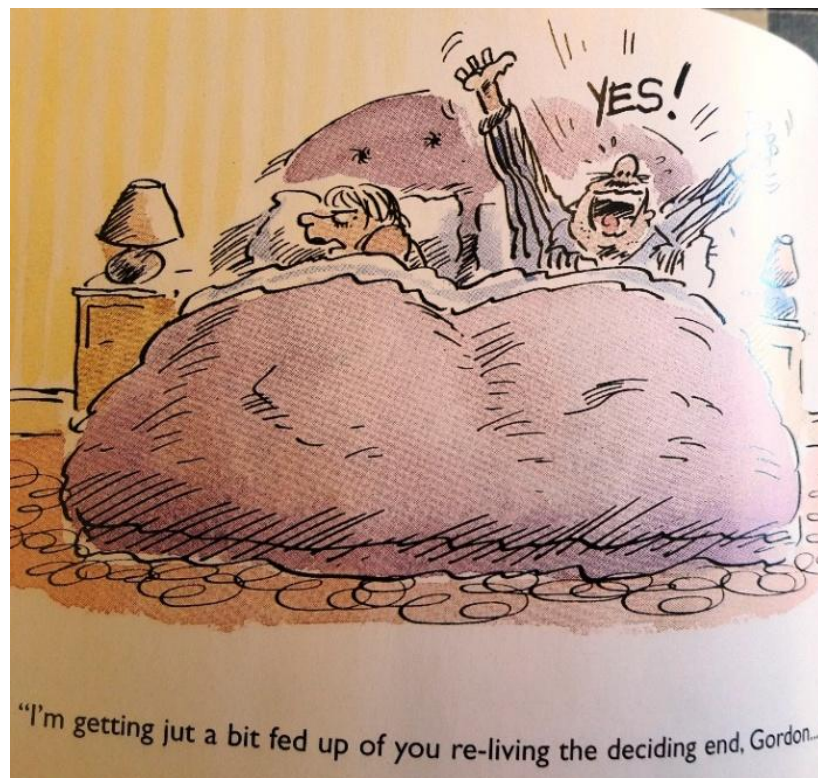


After dinner we had to play a semi final at 8pm – our 4th match of the day. We won.

The final was played early on the last day in front of a large and vociferous crowd.



Coming to the last end we were 1 down. Their lead touched the jack but Marios was able to get shot wood with the next wood but they had a close 2nd and third. Would we have to play another end? Luckily in attempting to push the jack back, their skip knocked their woods back. A measure for second resulted in a staggering win for our team!!





And I got to cuddle up to Greg Harlow, the current number 1 World indoor bowls champion, who is an ambassador for Potters.



Showing off in the newsletter is not enough!

