



# NEWSLETTER



**May 2019**



## Spring has sprung

And down at HBC the troops are hard at work.



Changes are happening!



New seating!

Working on the chain gang!



Alan and Eileen Goodall

Some bowlers are excluded from hard labour for good reasons  
– maybe even harder labour!



Clearly bowling is not just for “old timers”!

With thanks to Nick La Femina for a different slant on bowling.



That's what we need next to get the youngsters in – floodlights!

Meanwhile, back in Harrow, Maureen Alder arranged for a **fun** cheese and wine gathering for our new ladies captain, Doreen Bayley.



No, not that much FUN!



Is that a peeping Tom or a certain person looking for their pink woods?!



It was one of the workers putting in new clubhouse windows.



On Good Friday, we had an unofficial Friday club night with 24 players enjoying glorious weather. Mike Rosenthal was busy on the bar and our new ladies captain, Doreen Bayley, achieved top rink with the help of Nick Woolford and Barry Rudolph.

### **Football competition.**

As the indoor season starts to approach its climax, so does the football season. Not only were Manchester City and Liverpool locked in conflict, but so were Jeanette and Fay. Who would come out triumphant? Jeanette went for Everton who won but Fay was let down by Wolves.

Fay and I both hoped that Wolves would again be on the losing side in the FA cup semi final (against Watford!). And they were... in a thrilling semi final.

Thanks again to Nick Woolford for running the competition.

### **Early season bowling**

The great weather continued for Easter Monday and another 24 members enjoyed a lovely afternoon bowling accompanied by the window fitters who were still hard at work.



Solo was disappointed that his offers of help were rebuffed...

so he decided instead to greet members as they arrived at the club



And to admire the new plantings



On another unofficial club night on 26<sup>th</sup> April, the weather was not so kind to us but we had a good number of intrepid bowlers who braved the cold, windy damp conditions. The winning rink was Mary Warner, Fran Pulford, Gavin Hampton and Barry Rudolph. Food was supplied by Jeanette and Peter Swaffield and Liz Mitchell and the bar manned as usual by Mike Rosenthal and Colin Hobbs.

Maureen Alder chose a good day to advertise the jackets and fleeces. The fleece waistcoats cost £20 plain and £24 with club badge and/or name. The normal jackets are £30 with badge / name and £26 plain. Please tell Maureen asap as she needs a minimum of 10 for an order.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 36 bowlers turned out to enjoy warm weather and, in some cases, a warming cuddle. **It is that Rex and Fay again!!**



On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Maurice Tate explained the intricacies of marking singles matches to a collection of members, who were eager to hone their marking skills.

**Official start to the season.**

The first Friday in May, which saw the first official club night, was anything but a warm May evening. Despite the wet, cold and windy evening 28 (foolish?) members were seen struggling on the green

Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
3/5/19	Sandie Parker Mary Warner Gerry Musgrave Phil Bayley	Not enough people	Fran Pulford Allan Pulford Nick La Femina Sam Brown	Mike Rosenthal Colin Hobbs
10/5/19*	Marios Zachariades Gavin Hampton Grant Rickells	Tony Oakes Sandie Parker	Anne and Gerry Musgrave Maureen Alder	Mike Rosenthal Colin Hobbs

\*Welcome back to Brian Elbourn who has been absent for about 3 years due to unavoidable events.



## Results

- Wed 01.05.19 Friendly v The Mill. Two rinks each but we won on points 72-63.  
Top Rink: Mary Warner, Elaine Wake, Tony Ret.
- Thurs 02.05.19 Vets A won all 3 triples v Eastcote.
- Mon 06.05.19 Lost 5 rinks to 1 against Eastbourne Parade. 73 shots to 144.  
Top Rink: Sheilah Lowe, Doreen Bayley, Rex Freeman, Peter Lee.
- Tue 07.05.19 Won against Seaford. 3 rinks each, 127 shots to 97.  
Top Rink: Sheilah Lowe, Polly Lee, Barry Miller, Peter Sharples.

## Reminder:

If you cannot play in a match for which you are selected phone the relevant captain.

**DO NOT** phone our hardworking secretary, Mary Warner.



## President's versus Captain's match



All ready for a great day.



The troops are gathering. Is that some blue sky I see?  
The weather could not make up its mind.  
Rain, wind, sunshine and even some thunder.



We await the results with bated breath.

In the end the President got 3 rinks and the Captain got 3 as well.  
However the Captain won by 117 shots to 89  
although if 1 rink was ignored the difference was 1 shot only!

**Captain's top rink:** Dennis Wood, Polly Lee, Elaine Wake, Phil Bayley.

**President's top rink:** Steve Fox, John Austin, Anne Snell.

The remains of an excellent cheese and wine lunch can be seen.

Brilliant work by the catering team of  
Liz Mitchell, Jeanette Swaffield, Maureen Alder and Allan Pulford.

Thanks as usual to Mike Rosenthal and Colin Hobbs on the bar.

What a great job the green team have done during the off season.

## **Holidays**



Fran and Allan clearly holidaying in an exotic location.

Otherwise known as Sussex!!



### Report from Fran:



We stopped off for an ice cream owner of the shop.

yesterday and got talking to the



He'd started drinking a bottle of red wine

and asked us to join him!

### ***Was this just you or all of HBC??***

It transpired that he'd had a colourful life, met lots of famous people (like Frank Sinatra), travelled widely and 'painted' amazing portraits on his iPad. He disappeared to fetch his iPad and returned with it and



his parrot that is very tame.

He had so many anecdotes; I said he should write a book. He said he was, but had only got up to his early twenties .... (he is now in his sixties).

**And now a full report from our Cub Reporter, Lois Lane  
embedded with the Harrow Bowls Club Team.**

*with comments interspersed in italics from others*

**HARROW BOWLS CLUB: EASTBOURNE**

Our hotel, the Langham, arguably the best in Eastbourne, braced itself for the arrival of members of Harrow Bowls Club on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. All arrived safely in a cavalcade of cars and we soon made ourselves comfortable. Some had a sea view, others weren't bothered – their argument once you've seen the sea and beach they all pretty much look alike and best to save the sea view supplement and spend it on other, more pleasant choices – like more wine!

*Sheilah Lowe reported that the hotel is full of lovely stained glass windows.*



After a very pleasant first dinner, many unerringly found the bar and spent a couple of happy hours in there!

In the morning we discovered that there wasn't a breakfast buffet, we were actually served at our tables from a very extensive menu and much enjoyed. As we had two or three hours to kill before we played our first match everyone scattered in various directions. There was much to see and enjoy. Although the sun was out, it was extremely chilly and windy and those who made the trip to Beachy Head made sure they didn't venture too close to the edge.



On to our first match against the Parade BC, which was within walking distance of the hotel and set close to the sea front.

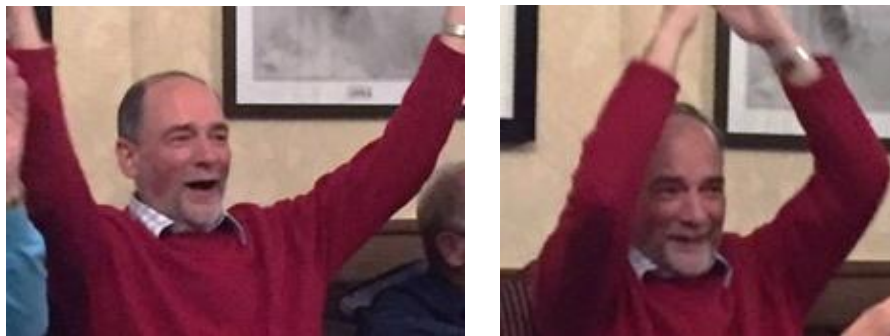


This meant that not only did we have to contend with a strange uneven green, gusts of wind played a major role in the direction of the woods. It wasn't quite a rout, but fairly close to it with only one rink winning and the rest of us went home with our tails between our legs, greatly chastened and thinking what a stupid game this is and why on earth would we put ourselves through this misery!

After dinner, the bar once again beckoned and this time there was entertainment in the shape of an excellent singer on his keyboard, who played very similar music to Michael at our Dinner Dance.



Much enjoyment and dancing as members sang along and danced, effectively wiping out the memory of the horror on the green.



***But what has happened to M and C, Grant?***



*Some were so busy chatting*



*That they forgot to cuddle Fay, who was left in peace to dance unmolested!!*



*But Rex is not all bad as he drove his wife back to Harrow for a hospital appointment. She returned feeling much relieved after good news.*





Tuesday – a new day and another match, this time against Seaford BC. This was of particular interest to our Captain, Roy, as he was born in Seaford and again, as there was a few hours to kill, decided to visit his old stamping ground. On finding his old house, he discovered it had a ‘For Sale’ notice outside and

had to be persuaded not to put an offer in!




On to the match. The weather was kinder. The sun was shining and the wind was barely perceptible. The green was also excellent – the woods did exactly what was expected of them and at tea there was only one rink that was losing - all others were way ahead.


After tea, the innate decency of Harrow Bowls Club members showed itself and we allowed our opponents to catch us up. They looked so despondent



that we couldn't help it. On the last end we couldn't rein in our charitable instincts and on three rinks we were overtaken and beaten by

rampant opponents smelling blood.  Unbelievably, the only rink of ours

that was losing at tea, managed to come back like a train  and won top rink! Even after this though, Harrow won on points! Never was the expression “a game of two halves” more apt. After dinner, back to the bar still muttering

about Seaford's Lazarus  moment. This time there was no entertainment.

Wednesday started off with grey skies, mist and rain, but as this was a free day, we could afford to wait a bit and see what the weather did. Maurice had organised a quiz which he conducted straight after breakfast in a private suite. After the quiz we again scattered far and wide – a few went to a local theatre and enjoyed “The Gondoliers”. In the late morning, early afternoon, the weather cleared, the sun came out and it was a perfect day.

After our last dinner we again adjourned to the bar as another singer/keyboard player entertained us with our kind of music. Some of us even remembered the Fifties songs! Unfortunately the singer was finished before we were and so 'Alice' had to be sung by us 'a cappella' (with the occasional naughty word)! **Surely NOT by Polly!**



***Don't encourage her, Grant!***

After breakfast on Thursday we all made our way back home with lovely memories and a wish to do it all over again!

With thanks from everyone to **Maurice Tate** for his brilliant organisation.

Lois Lane  
Cub Reporter

***Pictures above thanks to Sheilah Lowe who was also the top player at Eastbourne!  
and report from Lois Lane or as some know her, Mary Warner.***

## Forthcoming events

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Open Day.

A good opportunity to recruit much needed new players.

Even if you indicated on the enrolment form that you could help on this day, please also sign up on the form in the club house for morning and/or afternoon.

It looks great to have a full buzzing green with roll ups going on as well as coaching. As with all roll ups now you can wear what you want.




As well as turning up to help, do lasso any friends, relatives or acquaintances who might be interested in the game to come along and give it a try.



We have been putting cards through local doors about our club as well as successfully persuading local doctors to prescribe bowls rather than prescription drugs!


You are cordially invited to a  
**HARROW BOWLS CLUB SOCIAL EVENT**



**Wednesday 5 June 2019**


**QUIZ NIGHT**

**£8.00**



**Doors & Bar open at 6.30pm**  
**Meal (main & dessert) served at**

**7 o'clock**



**Followed by the QUIZ**  
*run by our very own Quiz Master MR NEIL GOODMAN*

**Teams of Seven**

LET US KNOW YOU ARE ABLE TO COME BY ADDING YOUR NAME  
 TO THE "SIGNING-UP" FORM IN THE CLUB HOUSE.

THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE COLLECTED, AT THE DOOR,  
 ON THE NIGHT.

We have just checked the "Signing-up Form" in the Club House for our Quiz Night (*checked Tuesday 7 May*) and it is not too late for you to join us for this fun evening. We still have a whole table empty (7 places) so please put your name down if you'd like to come. If all the spaces get filled, just write your name at the bottom of the form and we'll create another team.

**Date for your Diaries:** The next HBC Social Event will be a **Beetle Drive** on **17 July**. The "signing-up" form will be put up in the Club House on 5 June.

*Janet, Sandie & Liz*

## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.**

Belated congratulations to Betty and Des Carlin.

Early congratulations to Elizabeth and Harry Gallagher.

Only slightly early congratulations to Maureen and Dennis Alder.



### **Stop press- report from Andrew Georgiou**

Andrew Georgiou, Maureen Alder and Brian Moates represented Harrow Bowls club at Ruislip's centenary celebrations.



There were 5 other clubs from Eastcote, Bessingby, Pinner, The Mill and Woodcock Park.

Ruislip had 12 teams. We played 4 different Ruislip teams of 4 ends each.

We won all 4 games amassing 31 shots against 8 shots dropped. We won top rink taking home a bottle of wine each. Understandably Maureen was very pleased.

***Was this with the win or the wine??***



Pinner came second.

Ruislip were very hospitable and laid on a free barbecue and free drinks.

The green bowled very well and the weather stayed fine. It was a very enjoyable afternoon's bowling.

**Don't forget!**

**Harrow Bowls Club website has information on competitions, fixtures and catering.**

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