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Congratulations to the Bidgood B team who have been promoted to the top division.



But hang on, there is someone missing from this bevy of beauty!
Barry Rudolph!

Now we need a second photograph of the team. Typical!



Is Gavin preparing for the 2020 Bowls calendar to rival the one displayed earlier at the club.

Let's hope they stick with the team who got promotion and don't start paying large transfer fees for star players. We want a Norwich and not a Fulham, Tony!

Wow! Now we have an even bigger group of winners.



Vets A – League winners this year and last!

Date	Top rink	Football winners	Catering	Bar
06/9/19* ** ***	Faye Mortimer Steve Fox Jim Hughes	Polly Lee Sandie Parker	David Gillan Tony Oakes Eric Carpenter	Colin Hobbs Mark Snell
13/9/19	Dennis Wood Sam Brown Elaine Wake	Myriam Tsang Mark Snell	Steve Fox Tony Paulley John Barrett	Colin Hobbs Mark Snell
20/9/19 ****	Dennis Wood Mary Warner Shelagh Z Andrew Georgiou	Mary Warner Maurice Tate	Liz Mitchell Jeanette Swaffield *****	Mike Rosenthal Colin Hobbs
27/9/19 *****	Dennis Wood Jeanette Swaffield Anne Snell Grant Rickells	No football comp.	Bring your own food night but Myriam Tsang supplied samosas.	Mike Rosenthal Colin Hobbs

*Better news on Betty Carlin from Harefield Hospital. She has not broken her hip or had a heart attack.

Girls, just how lucky are you? **Another male hunk adorns our newsletter, as Andrew Georgiou finally receives his vice captain's badge. Congratulations.

Better late than never!



***Happy birthday to Tony Ret. Another member who now qualifies for the over 80s competition. Unbelievable!

****Last official Friday and an exciting end to the club night competition. Dennis Wood and Sandie Parker were neck and neck leading up to this last week and they both ended up with 53 points. So, who would be awarded the Lew Bullard Shield? It had to go to shots and despite Dennis' team winning top rink with 31 shots, Sandie Parker came out as winner with 291 shots to Dennis' 288.



Thanks to Eric Everatt for keeping the statistics week after week and for his speedy calculations to reveal the winner.

*****A feast of sausage, jacket potatoes and beans followed by Magnums thanks to Bushey BC who cancelled at the last minute leaving us with purchased food. Thanks to Jeanette who has spent the day cleaning the kitchen in readiness for the caterers on Saturday.

*****Happy 70th Birthday to Doreen Bayley who naturally chose to spend her birthday at HBC. Did she know she would get a song and a card!



MacMillan Nurses Coffee morning



Ann Sharples together with several helpers were able to raise over £400 (plus gift aid) for this charity. A fantastic selection of cakes with plenty left over to be sampled in the last Friday evening club night.



A cunning plan.



While some puzzle over the dual wave particle nature of the electron, others such as Rex ponder the more fundamental questions in the universe.

How to avoid the rain diluting his beer on a wet day. Little does he know that Paul Adams has solved the problem. The fourth wood need not be idle in a triples match!



That's the way to smash a problem

...as long as you don't drop the wood and smash the glass, eh, Paul!



Talking of Paul, he is wondering if anyone has jigsaw puzzles which he could do. He is also interested in playing cribbage, chess or bridge. Please let Paul know if you have any (polite!) suggestions.

Final Days

We were greeted on the Friday finals afternoon not only by Peter Lee's new club sign



but also by glorious blue skies. My advice to scorers to wear warm clothes seems somewhat misplaced as they sweltered in hot early autumn sunshine.



I am clearly in ecstasy being photographed with the victorious triples combination of Andrew Georgiou, Gavin Hampton and Eric Everatt!



No such problem when substituting in the photo with the runners up (sans skip, Eric Carpenter) Steve Wyatt and Poly Lee.

The unusual structure of the Centenary challenge saw Mike Clements make a rapid start as he won the first set 9 to 1. However Gerry Musgrave fought back in the second set and when the score was 8 to 6 in favour of Gerry we were looking forward to a decider 3rd set, but 3 on the next end saw Mike Clements victorious.



Which camera?



Valiant runner up!

Some are asking for proof of eligibility for our over 65 and 80's competitions. For instance, Alan Bellamy who beat Phil Bayley in the over 65's claims to be eligible for the over 80's competition when he barely looks old enough for his Freedom Pass!



I say, "Sack the cameraman"!

The named pairs culminated in a very interesting final. In the blue corner we had Roy Wake and Mary Warner and in the white corner Elaine Wake and Doreen Bayley. Umpire for the day, Mark Snell, stood by with the first aid kit and a taser in readiness for all possibilities. Mary and Roy were in a commanding 16 to 2 lead after 7 ends. However a 7 on the 8th end and a 3 on the 10th resulted in a competitive 17 to 12 score after 10 ends. The spectators were fully concentrated as first 1 team and then another gained advantage. However eventually after 21 ends the blue team were victorious by 29 to 20. Concern was expressed when Elaine chose a heavy trophy in preference to a voucher. She clearly must have nudged the cameraman when the victors' picture was taken!



Rumours abounded the next day when Roy arrived with an upset stomach. Had Elaine used the revenge of Montezuma on Roy or was it the effect of the heat on Roy as he claimed?

The splendid weather continued on the Saturday. Following the example of the England cricket team who warm up with a spot of “footie”, Gavin chose to warm up for his drawn pairs match by some “keepy uppy” practice.



Clearly this paid off as he and Roy were winners against Barry Rudolph and Roland.



Brian Moates and Andrew Georgiou had a high quality match in the singles handicap enjoyed by a good crowd. After 25 ends Moatsie was victorious. A feat totally eclipsed later in the day by the unexpected victory of his team Norwich over the mighty Manchester City. He and Tony Oakes were present on this momentous occasion. What a day!



Where, I hear you ask, is the picture of runner up Andrew Georgiou?

Could it be that I consider a third picture of our vice Captain too much for any newsletter?

Not so. I just don't want **another** blurred picture displayed!

Not to be outdone by the men, an exciting ladies handicap was contested by Anne Musgrave (who after 11 ends was 14 to 6 up) and Doreen Bayley who after 22 ends was a 22 to 17 winner.



This time Dennis is working as well as resting!

The winner of the inaugural over 80's competition, Dennis Alder was charged with scoring for that match with Maureen Alder marking. Eric Carpenter produced some splendid play only to be outplayed by woods delivered by Polly Lee who won by 24 to 11. Perhaps Polly was inspired not only by the support of Peter AND Solo but also by her son and 2 delightful granddaughters.

In the afternoon, with the exception of Eileen Goodall, all the spectators were rooting for Peter Lee. After so many years of coming so close to winning the Junior competition could Peter finally succeed?



Yes, finally! Peter (one of our tallest members) proudly holds the smallest trophy and will get his name on the board above his head.



Nothing personal Alan!

Two long standing rivals contested the Men's two woods and Mike Clements came out top on this occasion.



The blue ribbon events of the finals days are the men's and ladies championships played by tradition on the Saturday afternoon.

Having played a high quality singles match in the morning, Andrew had the task of repeating the performance in the Men's Championship. He and Grant Rickells produced some exceptional shots and great entertainment for the gathered spectators. Ultimately Grant triumphed and much to everyone's surprise this will be his first entry on the honours board.



Mary Warner had already achieved that distinction the previous day in her named pairs match. But would she be able to gain the Ladies Championship trophy against previous champion, Jai Mahadeo?

All those bar vouchers for top rink are great but immortality on the honours board awaits!



Yes, Mary has the “big one”!

What a great finals weekend we had!

Fine bowling and new champions crowned.



Thanks to the umpires for the 3 sessions
– Mark Snell, Maurice Tate and Sheilah Lowe
and to all the markers and turners overers!



Results

- Sat 31.08.19 Friendly home to Cowley. Won 4-0. 88 shots to 41.
Top rink: Mary Warner, Anne Snell, Roy Wake.
- Sun 01.09.19 Friendly home to the Mill. Won 3 rinks to 2. 96 -72.
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- Wed 04.09.19 Friendly away to Oxhey Pavilion. Lost 1 rink to 3. 59 to 68.
Top rink: Anne Snell, Peter Sharples, Phil Bayley.
- Thurs 05.09.19 Vets A final at Eastcote vs Hendon. 2 triples to 1.
Lost by 1 shot on final end.
- Thurs 05.09.19 Ladies Weald league away to Northwood.
1 triple each but lost on shots.
- Sun 07.09.19 We hosted the C&T final won by Gerrards Cross.
Congratulations to Elaine Wake for catering for 50 people.
Profit from the day £480.
- Tues 09.09.19 Ladies home in Weald league to West Harrow.
1 triple each but lost on shots. 1 point to 3.
- Thurs 12.09.19 Friendly away to Wealdstone. Won 2 to 1. 56 to 44.
Top rink: Jim Waller, Anne Snell, Magan Kanjia.
- Mon 16.09.19 Ladies Weald league home to Northwood.
Won 44 to 22. 4 points so finished **2nd in the league.**

Clash of the Titans

Some may believe that this expression referred to the South Africa versus All Blacks rugby world cup match played on 21st September.

Others may think it refers to Jamie McDonald's pairs finals match at Wealdstone. I believe he may have just mentioned it on the 12th! I'm sure everyone would want to know that Jamie won 26 to 11 and he got a hot shot!

Another embroidered shirt on the horizon.

By Jamie's own admission his head hardly fits through the door!



But we know what "Clash of the Titans" really refers to!

It clearly refers to the Captain's versus Vice Captain's match at HBC.

Is that Andrew Georgiou using every trick in the book to get a win-

leading his team in the hakka!



It looks like the girls are refusing to enter into the spirit of this routine!

Preferring to rest in readiness for the match.



The club was dressed beautifully both outside



and inside

Their beauty matched by the Captain and Vice Captain as they called their teams.



The competition and sun were fierce but enjoyable.



Rest was definitely needed at the end of the match.



Eventually after use of abacus, fingers and calculators the overall score was agreed. The vice Captain's team was victorious by 134 to 101. The Captain's only winning rink was Sheilah Lowe, Alan Goodall, Phil Bayley and Pat Austin so was top rink.



The top rink for the Vice Captain was Dennis Wood, Shelagh Zachariades, Anne Snell and Peter Lee.



Onto the evening, the conversation



(and silliness!) at the supper were lubricated by the free flowing wine generously supplied by Roy and Andrew.



After the meal, John Austin thanked Roy for all his hard work and helping to create such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere in the club.

Roy then gave his regular State of the Union address



in which he summarised the season and thanked everyone involved in the running of HBC. It is remarkable how many people there are who maintain this vibrant and active club. Just looking at the list of nominations for next year indicates how many people Roy needed to thank. Roy courted controversy by handing bunches of flowers to 2 important female committee members but others had to resort to stealing from Maureen Alder's beautiful table decorations.



Roy was “dicing with death” by failing to mention a key member of the club – “the power behind the throne”.



Dangerous territory, Roy!

After Roy’s speech, 2 new members spoke about their experiences at HBC.

Chris Hope on behalf of the men



And Nabuko, as the only new lady member, spoke on her own behalf!



Realising the need to educate the rabble, she gave us lots of interesting information about Japan. This was eagerly consumed by the many sports fans who are watching the Rugby World Cup or awaiting the 2020 Olympics.



The writing



Size of Japan compared to UK



Anne Snell is hoping to get a job with the Japanese Tourist office,
as she displays the beautiful autumn colours observed in Japan.

One other contribution regarding the club was spotted on the notice board.

bowls

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Thu 19/09/2019 11:46

To: annesnellhcg@hotmail.co.uk <annesnellhcg@hotmail.co.uk>

Ann

Thank you for your email.
Since getting back I have been occupied.
My apology on the delayed response.

I wanted to thank you for your kind gesture and encouraging me in this new Sport for me. Your coaching , advice and guidance made it very easy.
I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and socializing with the members.
Kindly pass my greetings to the very friendly and welcoming members.
I did receive the monthly newsletter.

I have established a contact here with a Club and will connect the 2 Clubs for mutual ben
Soon.

I will keep in touch .

May you all continue enjoying Bowls.

Regards

Aasif karim

While we are on the subject of new members, here is the **coaching** update for 2019 from **Anne**.

A busy year on the coaching front and we are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Club:-

Jeff FREEMAN, Chris HOPE, Mick RIDSDALE, Rodney SMITH, Howard GREENWOOD, Dietmar THIVESSEN, Mike TOHER, Mihir SANGHVI and Nobuko AOKI (temporary member).

In addition we have two new social members – Annie SMITH and John CAREY.

All are settling in well, enjoying the game and the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of the Club. Thank you all for making them so welcome.

We were also visited by Aasif KARIM – a former captain of the Kenyan Cricket Team. He thoroughly enjoyed his short time with us and on his return home has made contact with a local Bowls Club which he is hoping to link us to– so who knows our next overseas trip could be to Kenya!!! An interesting sports magazine is pinned to the notice board for any of you cricket fans to read – it outlines the sporting history of three generations of the Karim family.

Finally we apologise for not organizing a video and marking day this season. I am liaising with Maurice to set a date for this towards the end of April next year and will notify everyone well in advance.



As the season draws to an end we are treated to one of Elaine's odes, which she delivered to Northwood in the last match of the season.

It's not the speech the captain should say
But this year it's the last world league we'll play
I hope you are enjoying our green
It's not the best it's ever been
I know that they have forecast rain
But we ladies all turn up again
So let's enjoy this wonderful game

Through the winter it won't be the same
The season is over it's plainly clear
But we look forward to seeing you next year.



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And finally while you are bowling indoors, a picture to remind you about our lovely outdoor surroundings.



