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These are not chromatography papers!

They are photos of rusty nuts at the seaside!!!!

Taken by Geoff Thomas.

One year to the day that they moved from Harrow to Suffolk.

Thanks to Geoff for taking the pictures (see later) of the presentations at the dinner dance.



I'm sure many of you think these reprobates deserve to be behind bars.



However they also deserve praise as they were spotted working on the green on the Monday after the club closed! Ready for the winter.
Hard at work behind our ornate gate.



Not quite such an impressive entrance as one spotted by Eric Everatt to the Kings Bowling Club in Torquay.

Talking of Geoff Thomas, he was spotted near Henley recently enjoying a great day out courtesy of Peter Swaffield.



Peter does voluntary work on a private railway at Fawley, just outside Henley. It was the annual Members Day BBQ where they can also invite family and friends. To commemorate Maureen and Dennis' Diamond Wedding Peter and Jeanette treated them to day out at Fawley.



They were able to enjoy as many train rides as could be fitted in, visit the fantastic museum, enjoy an excellent BBQ plus view some other attractions.



The weather could have been better but a good day was had by all.

Tea ceremony in Japan

Before Nabuko left us she continued our much needed education with a Japanese tea ceremony.

An attentive group of bowlers watched as she explained the significance of each action in producing the green tea.



Harmony, respect, purity and tranquillity.

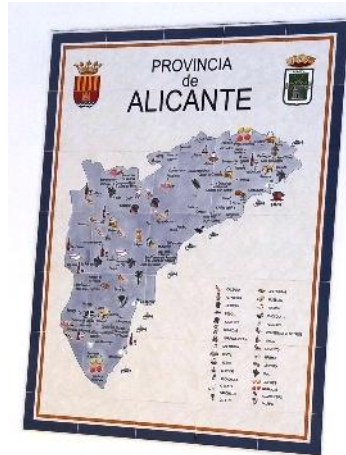
There is the belief that each meeting should be cherished as a unique experience in life.

A number of items are needed for the ceremony.



The bowl, tea caddy, bamboo tea scoop, bamboo whisk, large iron kettle and the ladle.

Bowls tour to Calpe, Alicante Province, October 2019



Our arrival on Spanish soil was greeted with the announcement from the pilot:



“Please remain in your seats as the police are boarding the flight.”



Had they finally caught up with Polly’s Alice profanities?



“Had anyone been “splashing the cash” lately?” we thought!

Neither proved the case as a young fellow who had apparently ignored the clear warning  on e cigarettes  was accompanied from the plane in a disappointingly civilised manner!

The next day

Having gathered lots of information from our rep Marilyn, we were addressed by our captai Roy, who inspired us, or should I say clearly didn’t inspire us!

Then the troops scattered far and wide with Roy going to check out the restaurant for Sunday. Some of us lazed round the pool enjoying a comfortable 26 degrees and blue sky.



Others took the land train to Old Calpe or explored the local beaches – both the rocky Cornish type beach and the long sandy beach backed by restaurants and ending in the Gibraltar style rock rising from the sea.



The land train worked to typical Spanish time somewhat unrelated to the published timetable. The 10 o'clock arrived 10 minutes late and the 11 o'clock left 5 minutes early!

The Old Town proved very interesting.





Christians and Moors (not sure about the crew at the front!)



Making new friends!

But the bus back was somewhat infrequent.



On 8th October, Mark and Anne Snell celebrated their 53rd anniversary by inviting us all to their room for drinks and nibbles.



Luckily the rooms and balconies were large but some of us wondered about the weight limit on the balcony. Anne and Mark showed no such concern although it would appear that Anne has turned to drink after 53 years with our president!



On the Wednesday about half of the group went on an optional tour of Valencia. Although it took a while to get there, our tour guide Lincoln provided us with lots of interesting information related to the history and geography of the area. We arrived on the special festival day of Valencia when they commemorate the day in 1238 when King James I officially entered the city and freed it from Moorish rule.



Our tour guide led us through the crowds explaining much of interest including the narrow house.

We were left time to explore on our own.



There was much to choose from – The Basilica, Cathedral and Archaeology Museum – as well as sitting, people watching in a restaurant. Clearly all this sitting in churches had had an effect on some of our group who were spotted and snapped by Sheilah Lowe emitting a saintly glow.



Some chose to people watch from a seat in a restaurant. Indeed some managed to find themselves a new woman.



Mind you, she looks fed up with him already.
She won't be as patient and understanding as Anne!

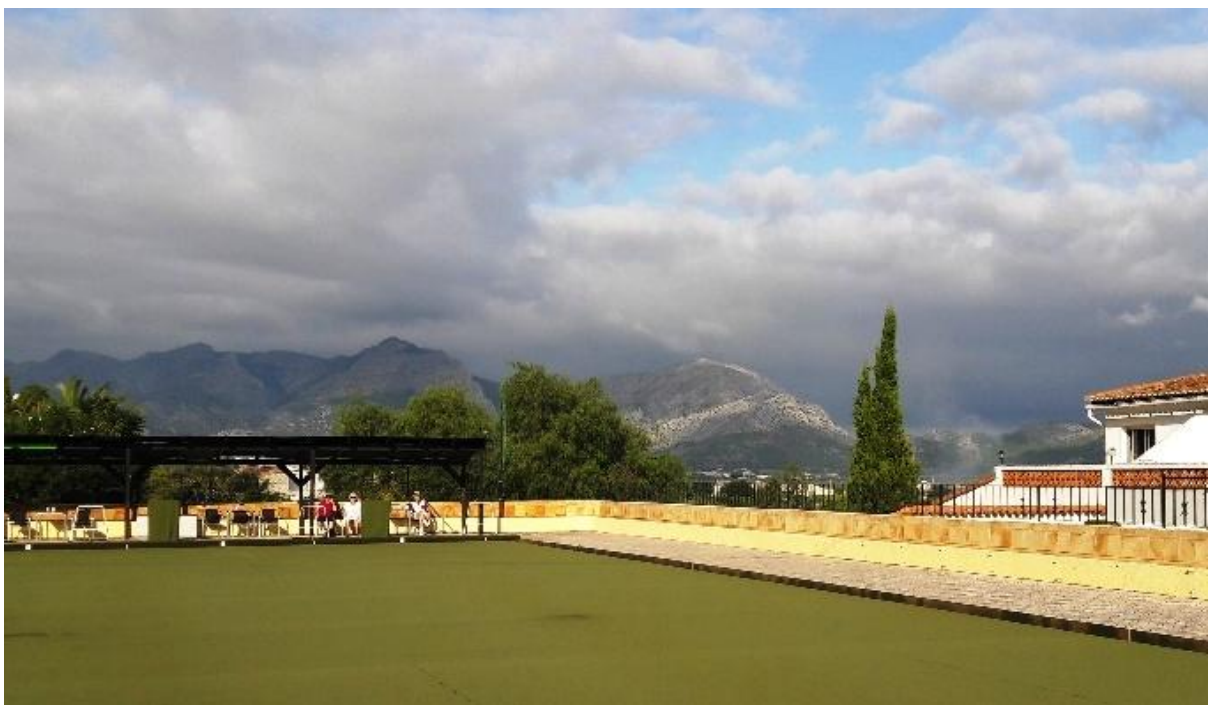
On the way back, we stopped at the ultra modern art and science area.





After such a long day many heads were seen nodding in the coach home. A further opportunity to gather together was provided by Roy and Elaine who opened their room to everyone with snacks and drinks.

On Thursday we saw some spectacular scenery as we wound our way up the mountains for our first match which was against El Cid BC.



Mountainous views but difficult green.

After enquiring we were informed that they had never lost overall to a visiting UK team. We were not to buck the trend but we did have 2 winning rinks. Our captain Roy with the dream team of Mary Warner, Grant Rickells and one borrowed El Cid player was within touching distance of top rink. However with his last wood he handed top rink to Marios Zachariades, Elaine Wake, Peter Sharples and Jim Hughes. Such a generous fellow! Despite our heavy loss we had an enjoyable morning and a tasty lunch.



In the afternoon we made our scenic way to Morairia where we explored the beach and interesting quaint lanes. Marios was seen on the beach proudly wearing his HBC shirt in the hope that the inhabitants of the town had had word of his glorious victory. Sadly no autographs were requested though!



The “at home” on this evening was with the Sharples.

After our heavy defeat under the captain of the day, Roy, we hoped for better luck with Maurice Tate, who kept the composition of the team secret until we arrived. It appeared that he had a secret weapon. Had he advised everyone to have a glass of cava with their breakfast or was it just that Polly and Peter had decided to celebrate their anniversary in style and Doreen and Phil had decided to join them?



What a friendly lot the bowlers of Javea were despite one of the bowlers recognising Elaine’s voice! It turned out that he used to live in Eastcote and went to the shop that she used to work in! They even lent us their club captain to make up our shortfall. Although we lost again overall, it was a closer match and we won on two rinks. The top rink was Mary Warner, Elaine Wake, Maurice Tate and Keith – their club captain.

We proved more successful in the raffle which was called during a tasty lunch. We had 7 prize winners including the anniversary couple of Peter and Polly Lee. The afternoon visit was to Benedorm – the least said the better.

The results of Maurice Tate's competition (the number of steps in Javea) were announced at the drinks session on Friday to celebrate Polly and Peter's anniversary. No-one got the exact answer but Polly and Alan English were closest. Their prizes were a Euro Millions ticket each.



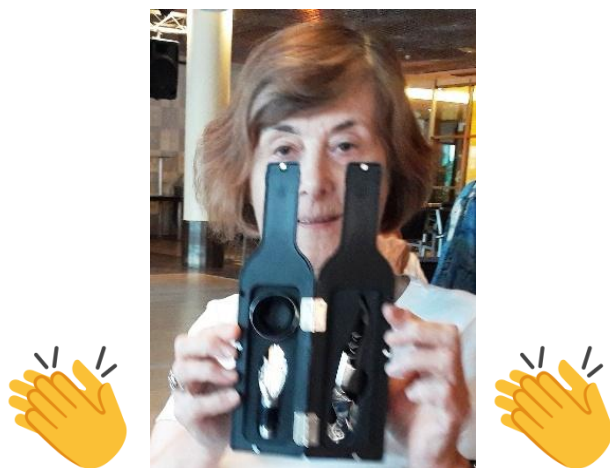
On the Sunday, we travelled for over an hour through interesting countryside and inspired by our captain for the day Mark, we hoped for a win. Yet again our hopes were dashed by the friendly crowd at Monte Mar who knew their rinks so much better than we did. We did have a winning rink. Mary Warner, Ann Sharples, Phil Bayley and Grant Rickells.



However this was not our only win of the day. During a lovely buffet in a local restaurant, the football raffle was drawn, and won by Maurice Tate who had opted for QPR. A happy birthday wish was also extended to Don who wore his birthday hat throughout the match.



Our winner of the holiday was Mary Warner who was on a winning rink on all 3 bowling days.



This was announced at the end of a lovely meal out at a local restaurant



Thanks were also extended to Mary for her usual brilliant organising associated with the holiday.



Elaine wanted to drink to that so Grant found a suitably large bottle to top up her glass.



I understand that Solo was disappointed that there was no picture of him in the last newsletter, so he sent a picture of himself on his holiday while Polly and Peter were in Calpe!



Now Solo, I know we all pretend we are younger than we are
but **you** can't pretend to be a young pup!

Would you believe it!

There we were in far away Spain, when who should get mentioned by an
opposition player.....

Jamie!!

Jean Chamberlain, who with her husband Rod, plays for Monte Mar also plays for Court Park. They went on the trip to Eastbourne which Jamie also went on.

She knew all about his embroidered shirts.
But I don't know whether she has seen the latest one.



Meanwhile back at the ranch!

Work continues on our green





Thanks to Terry Liddle

And short bowls continues in our cosy club house.



No more complaints, Solo!

And Fay celebrated her 80th birthday! Yes really – hard to believe.



Dinner Dance

As we put on all our finery in preparation for the dinner dance, so did the green!



A lovely silver glow!

Before the presentations – the food.



As usual the evening was brilliantly organised by Mary Warner and the tables “dressed” by Mary and her merry band of helpers.

Mark Snell presented the many trophies and certificates. His task was made easier by the presence of our “cup collector in chief” Rex Freeman who was on hand to collect the cups of those members not present.



However our new **men's champion** was present to proudly collect his first trophy, as was the runner up Andrew Georgiou.



Our **ladies champion** had no choice but to be present having organised the event.



Jai Mahadeo was runner up in this competition.



Andrew Georgiou was present to collect his certificate and voucher of being runner up in the **mixed handicap singles**. However Geoff Thomas who kindly took all the photos did not send me ones with Andrew as runner up, only as triples winner. Was he protecting his camera lens?!

Sorry Andrew.



Rex was needed again to collect the trophy for the winner, Brian Moates , who is in hiding following the dismal display this season by Norwich. They even lost to Watford!

Doreen Bayley was the winner of the **Ladies handicap** competition.



The runner up, Anne Musgrave and the winner, Mike Clements and runner up Magan Kanja of the **men's 2 woods** were all absent so Rex sprung into action.

The **over 65's winner** Alan Bellamy and runner up Phil Bayley were both present.



The biggest cheers of the night were reserved for the winners of the **over 80's**, Polly Lee and of the Junior, Peter Lee, who had attempted to win the Junior competition for years. The runners up Eric Carpenter and Alan Goodall were absent so Rex was yet again required.



Special Doug Hadland trophy. Peter (tallest man) with the smallest trophy.

No sooner had Rex sat down than he was needed again to collect the Centenary Challenge trophy for Mike Clements and the runner up certificate for Gerry Musgrave.



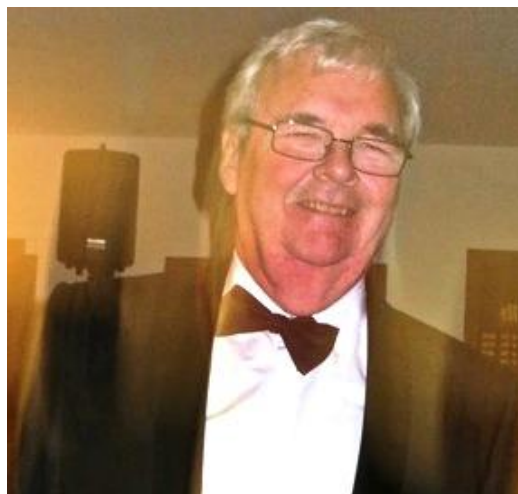
Roy has clearly survived beating Elaine in the **named pairs** final.

And I believe Mary and Doreen are still friends too!

Roy was up again to collect the cup for the **drawn pairs** without his buddy
Gavin Hampton.



Roland Pettitt was runner up with Barry Rudolph in this competition. He is an important person as , not only is he our coach alongside Anne Snell, but he is a member of Grim's Dyke Golf club and so gets us a reduction on the hire of the facility for the evening.



Two of the winners of the **triples** were present to collect the trophy.



Andrew Georgiou and Eric Everatt. Gavin Hampton was absent.



Polly Lee and Steve Wyatt collecting their certificates as triples runners up.
Eric Carpenter absent.



Sandie Parker collects the **Lew Bullard Shield** for club night winner.



Some wondered whether this was a threesome and were relieved to discover it was only the presentation of long service certificates to

Maureen and Dennis Alder!



Clearly Rex won the “most trophies collected” award



Although Mary was in contention too and had no intention of giving any up!



The fun began as the hoards moved around the room, went to discover if they had won any raffle prizes and started dancing.

Thanks to Mike and Sara Rosenthal for running the raffle.

Soon the dance floor was full.



Polly is still requesting and leading the Alice song despite the near miss with the police on the plane!



I think she may be leading some respectable members astray judging by this photo in which Mark must be swearing and Geoff has had to bleep it out!



Talking of Geoff, he suggests the following picture for a caption competition.

"What is Rex saying to David?"

Answers should be rude as normal.

I would never suggest such a thing but you know what these Suffolk folk are like!



Fame at last



Watford versus Bournemouth

Last match on motd, naturally!

I may charge before speaking to you all now!

As may Tony Oakes winner of Nick Woolford's football competition and supporter of another team who are trying to be demoted this season!

