



NEWSLETTER



End of season 2021



After a somewhat disappointing season weather wise, we have been blessed with some glorious weather in September. This has been very helpful as many of our social and bowling events have been pushed to the end of the season. Following on from the last newsletter which reported on the Antique Bowls Day and the Gala Day, I now have a further set of events to report on as the season comes to an end.

However I now need to rectify my earlier error in not introducing new members who joined this year.

New Members

Raj Trivedi
Patrick (PJ) D'Cruz (after a few years absence)
Aurelio (Olly) Mazzitelli
Dave Abrey
Prakash Kotecha
Christian Tozzi
Monica Isaacs
Ivan Law



And... our very latest **new member** is our brand spanking new mower!!

New ideas

I was very impressed when doing bar duty for the Wealdstone match by the order form for after match drinks which was devised by our splendid bar manager Liz Mitchell. I had heard criticism that it was too complicated but I couldn't disagree more. It makes life much easier for those on the bar and makes for a relaxed afternoon. I think it is also useful for the visitors to be clear on what drinks are on offer. Whenever I am offered a drink at an away match I never know what is available and neither does the home player. The form even indicates what wines are on offer. As they say in the House of Commons. I commend this form to members!!



A busy time.

As the season draws to an end we have found a very packed diary. The club has hosted the Vets Cup semi finals and finals organised by Tony Paulley. We were also host to the C&T finals. All the participants in these events commented on how well our green is playing and some clubs have indicated that they would like to play regular games against HBC as they enjoyed playing here so much. This is particularly welcome as so many teams have pulled out of matches recently. Many are struggling for players.

Charity day




This motley crew were on hand to participate in Pat and Ian's charity day in aid of the tsa association. This is a condition which one of their grandsons has.



This was brilliantly organised by Pat and Ian ably assisted by Barry and Mark as well as a number of other club members.

After the traditional chaos of the spider competition came the less common chaos of a round robin competition, organised splendidly by Barry Rudolph. This involved everyone fulfilling every role and casting the jack at the end of a group rather than before playing. This required considerable tactical thought.

The winners of this competition were Mark Snell, Elaine Wake and Sandy Parker. They each won a bottle of wine and Mark put his up for auction to raise more money for the cause. Although it broke her heart to do  so, Elaine followed suit, as did Sandy who was content to do so as she cannot drink alcohol anyway.

Having seen the HBC members play, the youngsters clearly felt they could do no worse and, as we know, those who play also have to pack away!





How many birthday treats can one lad have? Yesterday on his actual birthday, today with the oldies and more treats to come with friends!!



I think we can say he enjoyed himself and so did the HBC members who also enjoyed a very tasty meal in the evening.

The evening ended with a raffle with over 20 prizes. The extra special prize of a helicopter ride over London was drawn at the end and was won by a delighted Beryl Woolford. I think Nick was equally delighted and he did agree to go with her.



About £2300 was raised !

Finals days.

The local tattoo parlour in Rayners Lane



is on standby ready for the influx of winners from HBC finals keen to emulate Jamie's tattoos which celebrate his many glorious wins (or so he tells us!!)



Terry Liddle was so eager to win that he arrived early in the morning to iron the green, even though he was in the Junior competition pitted against Liz, who was in 3 finals.



Terry Liddle was victorious no doubt due to the particularly flat green.



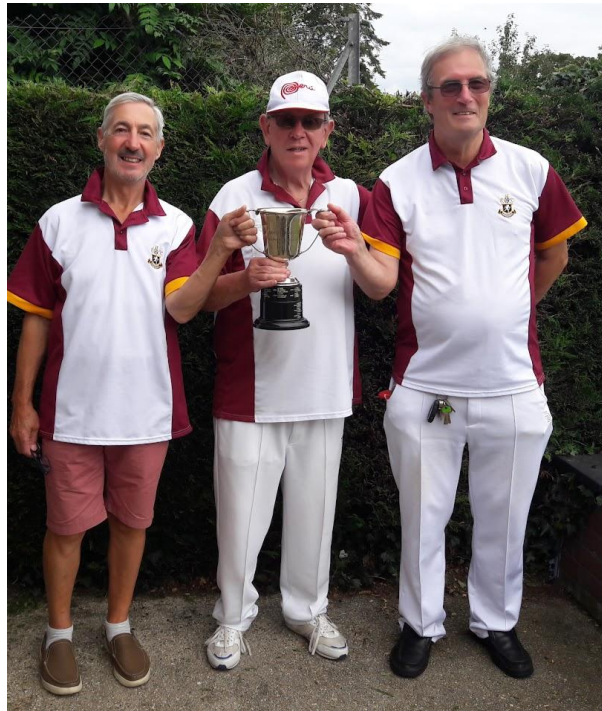
Also playing in 3 competitions was Peter Lee who is going from strength to strength having finally won the Junior in 2019 after trying for years.

Peter showed no mercy in beating both Barry Rudolph in the singles handicap on Friday and Ian Gibbins on Saturday in the over 65s. Both games were closely fought and very entertaining.

Another multi- eventer was Alan Bellamy who lost to Brian Moates on the Friday but was victorious in a competitive match against Peter Sharples in the over 80s competition.



Tony Paulley was another member involved in multiple finals. In the triples on the Friday he, Jim Waller and Steve Fox beat Howard Greenwood, Nick Woolford and Mark Snell.



The afore mentioned Brian Moates was then involved on the Friday afternoon in one of the best finals seen at the club in recent years when he played Mike Clements in the Centenary Cup. This final was watched by a good crowd of spectators enjoying the weather and the game.



The match went to 3 sets and Brian was victorious in a close run final set.



The green has been bowling very well all season and Mark wanted to ensure that neither dew nor worm casts affected play so he was out early with the swisher.



On Saturday morning Tony Paulley and Brian Moates were playing against each other in the named pairs. Tony, with his name sake Tony Oakes, and Brian with David Gillan. After a match lasting for over 3 hours Brian and David were victorious.



After an hour break for lunch, Tony and Brian were on the green again in the afternoon this time in the drawn pairs. Tony with Elaine Wake and Brian with Howard Greenwood. Howard as a newish member was delighted to be in 2 finals and especially so as he and Brian were the winners in the drawn pairs.



Liz Mitchell after her defeat on Friday was determined to beat Anne Snell in



the ladies handicap.

The traditional Saturday afternoon matches involved players who had already competed in the morning. Liz adopted an Arthur Ash meditative pose in preparation for the ladies championship against her best friend Jeanette Swaffield. Whilst Gerry Musgrave readied himself for his first stint as Umpire. Thanks also to Maurice Tate and Jim Hughes who umpired earlier sessions.



Liz Mitchell overcame the challenge of Jeanette. Luckily they remain friends as can be seen in these pictures which includes our regular picture of Dennis Alder surrounded by adoring females!!



The Men's championship was a to and fro affair between Mort Mascarenhas and Peter Lee. After 9 ends Mort was ahead by 4 shots, but by 18 ends Peter had the lead 18 to 15. After 22 ends the score stood at 20 to 19 in favour of Peter. Either player could have won on the following end and woods were surrounding the jack. The watching crowd were waiting with bated breath to see the outcome of the end. In the event Peter managed to secure the 1 shot needed for a victory. A very worthy men's final and congratulations to both the champion and the runner up.



So special congratulations to Brian Moates who won 4 competitions, Peter Lee who won 3 and Liz Mitchell who won 2. We hope to see them at the Dinner and Dance on 20th November when the engraved trophies will be presented.

Also there, will be Mary Warner who will not only be organising the event but will also be picking up the Friday night shield

Finalists have the opportunity to choose between an M&S voucher or a trophy which they can keep. In recent years I have been able to contribute to saving the planet by recycling previously won trophies. Anne and Mark, Len and Kath and Mike Clements have all given me trophies that they won in the past. These are much better quality than the ones I was buying previously. So if any other members have any trophies or medals gathering dust which they are happy to give me as competition secretary, do let me know.



Len's funeral

Somewhat fittingly this was held on the Monday after the HBC finals weekend. About 35 HBC members attended a very moving ceremony in which, as always with funerals, we discovered extra information. I was very interested to discover that Len had done his National Service in Cyprus where he was part of the Intelligence Corp looking into the Russians at a time of the Cold War. He was working alongside Derek Nimmo and Colin Dexter, the author of the Morse books.



The photograph of Len and Kath on their wedding day showed a particularly attractive couple. I could have mistaken Len for a young Bing Crosby and Kath for Grace Kelly!





Even the police are interested in Ann Sharples' coffee morning!!



Harrow Bowls Club tea/coffee for Macmillan Cancer Support

Dear Watch Member,

Please share this information with your family members and friends.

This Fri 24th September 21 Harrow Bowls Club organise tea/coffe morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



You are on their radar Ann, you had better watch out.

Make sure all the tips go to the staff!

The event was a big success with a full house for the 2 hours.

Both inside





And outside



With a chance to try out the great game of bowls.

But Solo! What do you think of this?



An impressive £865 was raised for the charity... and an extra £77.50 can be gained due to the gift aiding of some of the donations.



The season ending match - Captain versus Vice Captain



On a dull Saturday afternoon, members of the Harrow Camera Club were on hand to take pictures of the Green Team with their equipment out (as Roy put it!) Not wishing to embarrass any newsletter reader, I opted to take pictures from behind the Green Team!!



Formal pictures were then taken of the players resplendent in club shirts and white trousers ready for the end of season match. Solo awaits the group photo in which he took centre stage.



The match itself was a well fought, close and enjoyable game which was won by the Captain's team by 116 to 106. Top rink for the Captain went to Jeanette Swaffield, Tony Oakes, Shelagh Zachariades and Tony Paulley. Top rink for the Vice Captain were Dennis Wood, Anne Snell and Peter Lee (Peter again!)

The evening saw us enjoying a very tasty meal in excellent company and with high quality wine supplied by Roy and Andrew.



Two new members (Prakash and Olly seen in the above picture) talked about their experience in joining such a friendly club.

It was great to see so many long established members present.



We were sad to discover that Maureen and Dennis Alder were in the process of moving to Watford so would be only infrequent visitors to the club.

After the food Roy reported on the last couple of years. There had been many cancelled matches and our Friday nights had been disrupted by Covid and poor weather. However we now have 2 more roll up sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. The green team includes a number of newer members.

In addition many improvements had been made with the roof sealed and new windows. A new equipment container freed up room for a disabled toilet. The new mower mentioned earlier was £6500!!

Most key committee members are willing to carry on for another year but Maurice Tate has indicated that he will not continue as match secretary beyond that. It is a key position and Maurice has undertaken it so quietly and efficiently, that I am sure many people have been unaware of the role. If you

are interested in knowing more about what is involved, please contact Maurice.

Mike Rosenthal was thanked for his many years as bar manager and new committee members such Liz Mitchell and Jeanette Swaffield were congratulated on doing a splendid job in difficult and changing circumstances. They have both implemented some excellent new ideas, although Jeanette's decision to break her wrist was not one of the better ones!

In addition to thanking the many committee members and team captains who do such sterling work, Roy mentioned our hedge man Tony Ret



and Nick Woolford who has kept us all entertained with his football competitions. I would like to thank Nick for all his digs at Spurs supporters.

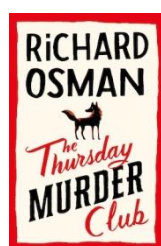
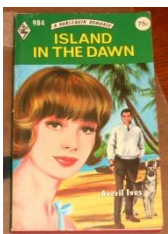
In fact I suspect he is a secret Spurs fan!!



More reading

Just in case this newsletter is not long enough or stimulating enough, I am including a link to a free book written by our very own Magan.

Is it a romantic novel, I hear you ask?



Or a crime novel?

