









September 2023

Date	Top rink	Catering	Bar
01/09/23	Harry Kirby	Mary Warner	Phil Bayley
*	Nick Woolford	Mick Ridsdale	
	Andrew Georgiou	John Southgate	
08/09/23	Paul Adams	Janet Everatt	Matthew
	Mort	Eric Everatt	Lewis
	Mascarenhas	P J D'Cruz	
	Brian Moates		
15/09/23	Steve Fox	Eileen Goodall	Vivian
	PJ D'Cruz	Alan Goodall	Vallance
	Grant Rickells	Pradip Tailor	
22/09/23	June Lavers	Jeanette Swaffield	Liz Mitchell
	Marios	Anne Snell	Peter Mitchell
	Zachariades	Liz Mitchell	
	Tony Ret		
29/09/23	Olly Mazzitelli	Kamalpreet Loyal	Mark Snell?
**	Anne Snell	Satnam Loyal	
	Alan Bellamy		

*Friday night club championship (Aug). **(Sept)

Points John Southgate Steve Fox

Shots Eric Everatt Andrew Georgiou

Results

Sat 26/08/23 MML away to Masonians. Won 8 points to 2. 48 to 37.

Wed 30/08/23 F home to Rickmansworth. Won all 3 triples.

Top Rink: Dawn Allwood, PJ D'Cruz, Grant Rickells.

Sat 02/09/23 Home to Cowley. Lost 36 to 62.

Sun 03/09/23 Home to the Mill.Lost 72 to 81. .

Top Rink: Janet Everatt, Eric Everatt, Brian Moates.

Tues 05/09/23 Vets cup semi final at HBC. Harrow lost to Hendon.

Ladygate lost to Wealdstone.

Thurs 07/09/23 Vets Cup final at HBC. Hendon beat Wealdstone.

Thurs 07/09/23 Ladies won at Northwood 20 to 18.

Thurs 14/09/23 Lost to Wealdstone 47 to 50.

Top Rink: Mary Warner, Mick Ridsdale, Roy Wake, Jim Waller.



Congratulations to the following handsome sextet. Well done for getting to the final of the Portman trophy at Ladygate and for receiving the following impressive trophy.





From left to right: Grant Rickells, Mort Mascarenhas, Tony Paulley, Magan Kanjia, Andrew Georgiou and Brian Moates.

Further to Andrew Georgiou and Mort Mascarenhas who have won their 6th round in the Whiskey Pairs against Masonians 28 to 12. They are now through to the quarter finals on Saturday 16th September. Luckily it was possible to schedule their Harrow competition finals on the Friday 15th.

They won the quarter final but lost in the semi final stage finding the green at the Masonic Bowls Club Chiswick very dry and fast.





Hosting

Harrow did a splendid job in hosting the C&T quarter finals on Sunday 27th August. Thanks to Jeanette Swaffield for the catering.

On 2 of the hottest days of the season we hosted the Vets Cup semi final (5th September) and the final (7th September).

The green was much admired on both days. Those doing the catering did a wonderful job despite the very hot conditions and the club house looked very impressive. Thanks to Elaine Wake with help from Anne Snell and Mary Warner on the Tuesday and to Eileen and Alan Goodall on the Thursday.

Green team v HBC

Delayed from a very wet 5th August till 9th September, this match took place on a very sunny and warm day as can be seen from the picture below.



Harrow won 98 to 67

Top rink for the green team were Alan Goodall, David Gillan and Magan Kanjia



And for Harrow

Top rink were Paul Adams, Liz Mitchell and Barry Miller.



Mark was forced to hand over the trophy through gritted teeth!



Finals Days

How lucky were we! Two glorious September days allowed us to enjoy our beautiful green which had been lovingly prepared by the green team with all the crow holes filled in as far as possible.



The weather started deteriorating almost as soon as the finals were over and much colder, drizzly and windy weather followed for the rest of the week.

We arrived early on Friday 15th expecting to have to set up for the day only to find that Andrew Georgiou had already done so after the green team had tended the green. On the Saturday we found that Captain Grant Rickells had swished the green thereby removing not only worm casts but also early morning dew.

Friday morning saw 3 competitions with the Centenary Challenge going to 3 sets, with Mort Mascarenhas winning a very close first set by 9 shots to 8, before Brian Moates made a comeback winning the remaining two sets 9-5 and 9-0. Seen below being presented with the trophy by that session's umpire Gerry Musgrave.



A new name will be on the honours board as Pradip Tailor beat Andrew Georgiou in the Singles Handicap by 21 to 11. This was a much closer match than that score suggests as Pradip had a 9 point advantage. Well done to both.

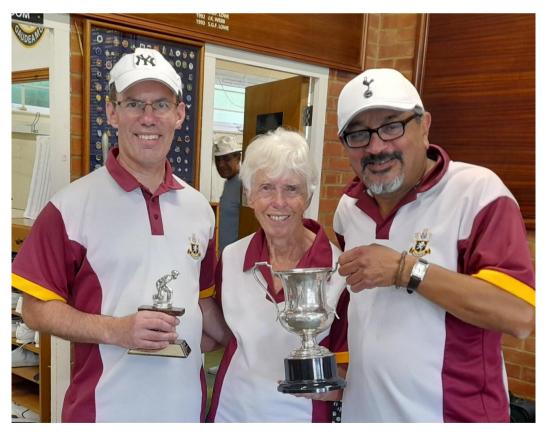


The final match in the morning session was the over 65s.



You may assume from the picture that Magan won. However contrary to appearances Barry triumphed 21 to 9.

The afternoon session saw Mort and Brian yet again in competition in the Men's Championship. This time Mort came out the winner 21 to 12.



Seen here with marker Anne Snell.

The Ladies championship was a close fought match between Mary Warner and Shelagh Z which Mary won 21 to 16.



Marked and presented by Ladies captain Doreen Bayley.

In the Over 80s competition Barry Miller won 17 to 12 against Peter Lee.



Mark Snell stepped into the breach to Umpire the afternoon session to replace Brian Elbourn who was unwell.

The ladies handicap was won by Shelagh 21 to 14 against Sandie Parker. As is often the case the last point proved difficult to get with Sandie putting up strong resistance.



Saturday morning saw a very close named pairs match which David Gillan and Tony Ret won 15 to 14 against Alan Bellamy and Prakash Kotecha. The high temperature of the day was indicated by a topless Alan Bellamy parading through the clubhouse to go and have splashdown in the restroom before putting on a fresh dry shirt. The ladies in the clubhouse were left all aflutter and the umpire Marios Z was nearly called on to revive his wife!



The other match was the drawn pairs which was won 23 to 18 by Ian Gibbins and Pradip Tailor against Brian Moates and Yash Ravel.



The afternoon umpired by Jim Hughes saw Prakash Kotecha put up a good fight to delay the win of Brian Moates for a number of ends in the 2 woods. Brian eventually won 21 to 17.



Here presented by Grant who marked the match.

The Junior competition was another exciting match which was won by Nick Woolford against Gerry Musgrave 21 to 17. This means Nick will have his name on the honours board which is fitting as he is about to move to Northamptonshire. Hopefully he will be at the dinner dance to receive his trophy.



Wow! Nick has removed his club shirt even before he has left the club!

The final match was the triples which was won by Dennis Wood, Mary Hughes and Barry Miller 19 to 6 against Myriam Tsang, Barry Rudolph and David Gillan.



Captain's v vice Captain's match and Captain's supper.

Yet again we avoided some very unpleasant windy conditions which came during the week between the finals and the captain's versus vice captain's game and supper.

We had a very full green with 7 rinks being used.



The captain's team were triumphant winning by 20 shots (124 to 104). Top rink for the Captain were Vivian Vallance, Pradip Tailor and Magan Kanjia.

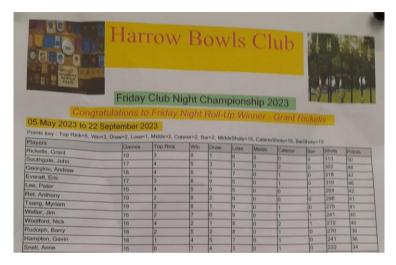


For the Vice Captain it was Gerry Musgrave, Marios Zachariades and Andrew Georgiou.



Grant and Jim Waller presented the wine to the top rinks and also, as happened in the past, supplied bottles of excellent wine on the table.

Grant also presented the Friday night club shield to himself!



Sad news

Just prior to the day the sad news came through that Sheilah Lowe had died and so Grant started the proceedings remembering the great contributions made by Sheilah, and her husband before, to the club. (More later).

Sheilah would have appreciated how lovely the clubhouse looked in readiness for the Captain's supper. Clearly admired by the Captain and the President.





Grant gave a very confident and at times amusing speech about the closing season. He thanked the very many people who contribute time and effort to keeping the club such a vibrant and thriving venture.



As usual 2 new members were called on to talk about their observations about the club. Dawn Allwood (seen at the far end of the photo) and Frank Faulkner (seen next to Nick Woolford) both said they were made to feel very welcome.

Sheilah Lowe

Sheilah was very well Honours Board as can following photos.



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     P. AUSTIN
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     K. SMITH
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I am including here the obituary by Mike Rosenthal and Sheilah's daughter Cathy which Mary emailed to those on her list.

Sheilah Lowe joined the club in 1983 and was one of its first lady members as, in 1982, when Harrow Ladies Bowls Club folded, the H.B.C. committee finally decided to allow ladies to join.

She was married to another former club member, Sam Lowe, who joined at the same time and died tragically young during 2000. Their marriage produced two daughters, Cathy and Allison. Cathy inherited her mum's love of music and is a professional oboist with Opera North in Leeds. Allison works as a senior Personal Assistant in education and lives in Aylesbury. It is Allison who gave Sheilah the most enormous practical support over the last 18 months. Sheilah also has 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Sheilah, throughout her 40 year club membership, was an involved and enthusiastic member of H.B.C. She was also heavily involved in club administration and was the first lady member to be elected Club Captain and held the post for three years (2010-2012). Other committee posts

she held were Club Secretary (2015-2017), Competition Secretary and Ladies M.W. Fixture Secretary. She was also a qualified coach and has helped many new bowlers develop their bowling skills.

Sheilah was a very competent left-handed bowler and was a successful competitor throughout her bowling career. Among her victories were, Ladies Champion in (2007, 2013), Ladies Handicap Champion (2005, 2006), Handicap Pairs winner (1992, 2003) and Triples winner (2001, 2018).

Sheilah's career as a teacher was very important in her life. She taught at Marlborough Primary School, Harrow and such was her love of teaching, even after her retirement, she volunteered to teach part time for many years.

Another important hobby was music. Sheilah was a life-long member of Harrow Choral Society and performed as a soprano for many years. One of her two daughters has inherited her love of music and now has a career as a professional musician.

After the death of Sam, Sheilah became more involved with bowls and joined Herga Indoor Bowls Club. Again, she not only bowled but became involved with the Club administration. She told me once that she could not bear to sit and do nothing. Every spare moment she was either reading or being involved with one organisation or another. Another important feature of her life was the Church. She was a devoted member of Trinity Church, Hindes Road and, of course, was also involved with the administration. Whether it was bowls, the Church, Membership Secretary of Harrow U3A, various charities, or her family, it seemed that there was never a spare moment in her life.

Unfortunately, during 2023, Sheilah was plagued by ill health and had reluctantly to curtail most of her activities, but I think all members will fondly remember the younger Sheilah as a friendly, vibrant and intelligent lady, always willing to get involved and always willing to help. She will be greatly missed.

Sheilah organised a number of our holidays before Mary Warner took over this weighty task. So I am including some of the many happy memories we shared with Sheilah in the following photos.



At our traditional end of holiday night out a few years ago Roy thanks Sheilah for all her work in organising the holiday.



Happy times - Sheilah seen in the second row between Polly and Doreen.



Another happy memory with Sheilah in the front row during our Queens 90^{th} birthday celebration.

Website

The last picture is taken from the June 2016 newsletter and the previous ones were from the April 2016 one. As some of you may have noticed the website is looking a little different. Satnam Loyal offered to take over from our previous webmaster who wished to relinquish the role. He has left some things the same but has put all of the newsletters on the website, rather than just the recent ones, as he feels they constitute a recent history. Mary and I have been surprised by how many happy memories they have stirred up. Also on the website is the history of the first 100 years of the club written by Mike Rosenthal. This contains some fascinating information and "I commend it to this House"!

Wealdstone BC

On 14th September there was an historic last match v Wealdstone Bowls Club who are sadly closing this year having been operating since 1916. They won in a close match (50 to 47) played in lovely weather and a very friendly atmosphere.





5 of their members are now joining us next season. As well as Gary Norton (mentioned in the last newsletter) we welcome Colin King, Sue and Dave Higgs and Mike Keller.

The following is a copy of a photo recently given to me by the incomparable Jamie McDonald. Many of you will remember many of the Wealdstone players very fondly.



Macmillan Coffee morning.

The weather was again very favourable and there was a busy vibrant atmosphere as the event was attended not only by HBC members but by many local residents, some of whom expressed an interest in bowls.

Huge amount of work spearheaded by Ann Sharples, Elaine Wake and Myriam Tsang resulted in Ann banking £719 for the charity.



In addition, encouraged by Liz Mitchell, most people gift aided their contribution which will add a further 25%. So an amount close to £900 was achieved. Thanks to all who contributed these lovely cakes and to those who enjoyed them and contributed generously.



Final Friday club night.

A very good turnout was achieved for the final club night of the season due partly to the good weather but mainly by the offer of a curry evening by Kamalpreet and Satnam as well as a free drink on Beryl and Nick Woolford who are moving from the area closer to family. They hope to maintain close links with the club and return for special occasions starting with the dinner dance so Nick can be presented with his Junior trophy. Grant expressed our thanks to Nick for his work on the green team and football competitions as well as for the free drinks . Grant presented Beryl with a bunch of flowers.



What a full season and a very successful year for our new Captain Grant Rickells and new President Roy Wake.

