

The record breaking wet spell severely affected the preparation of the green. As a result the start of the season was delayed by a week and nets were needed once we started to protect the green. However members who arrived on "signing on" day were greatly impressed by how well the green appeared and how fantastic the club and its surroundings looked. Thanks as usual to the green team and to Alan and Eileen Goodall. They worked tirelessly during the off season as well as during the summer.

Signing on day saw the masses return. Some returning from indoor bowling at Herga and some from short mat and others from holidaying abroad in warmer climes.





Short mat doubles winnersShort mat triples winnersBre Norris and Dennis WoodDoreen Bayley, Dennis Wood and Jai Mahadeo

The following HBC members were successful in reaching the finals of the Herga competition:

Mort Mascarenhas, *Pradip Tailor*, *Brian Elbourn*, Shelagh and Marios Zachariades, *Prakash Kotecha*, *John Southgate* as well as future members *Gary Norton*, Colin King and Jo Driver.

Those indicated in **bold** and *italic* actually winning competitions too.

Andrew Georgiou introduced a new competition for the presentation day at Herga. The Men versus the Ladies and this proved a great success, although the Ladies lost despite having the benefit of Mike Keller wearing a skirt to deputise for a missing lady!



At signing on day we were pleased to welcome new members due to the closure of Wealdstone, although sad to lose our closest neighbour against whom we have had many enjoying matches. Welcome to Dave and Sue Higgs, Mike Keller, Gary Norton, Colin King and Jo Driver from Wealdstone and a new member Geoff Ham. Anne Snell is currently coaching some potential new members who are showing real promise.

Saturday 27th April 2024 President v Captain match

Our President Roy Wake has spent much of his time recently honing his artistic skills developed during a trip to Potters.



Preparing for pinch pottery



The results of his endeavours proudly displayed.

Will Elaine use her milk jug when catering?!

Will Roy present his latest pots to the top rink winners?!



Although unable to play himself this year our President was on hand to cheer on his team and to partake of the excellent lunch produced by Elaine Wake (including her special quiche) with help from Barry Rudolph and others.

We were lucky that the rain held off for the entire afternoon despite the forecast to the contrary.

After some serious adding up it was decided that...



The President's team won 111 to 105.

A close run thing and largely thanks to his top rink team of Anne Snell, Alan Goodall and Barry Rudolph.



The Captain's top rink team were



Mary Warner, P J D'Cruz and Grant Rickells himself.

With apologies for the poor quality of the pictures.

I blame PJ for being in the photo and not taking it!

And Satnam for not being present to produce high quality photos.



Talking of Satnam, who is responsible for our website.

He has now put the competitions on the website so you can easily check whom you have to play and by when. However, I won't be asking him to constantly update them so you will need to keep an eye on the notice board to see how things progress.

Also on the website is an advert for our Open day



Help is required for this day. So please sign up.

TO: All Harrow Bowls Club Members

I thought I would let you all know that the attached HBC Open Day 2024 flyer will soon be displayed on the Harrow Recreation Ground website, around the park and on the park noticeboards.

This is an all-day event and our golden opportunity to attract new members. Anne Snell is requesting volunteers to help on the 19 May [all day OR two sessions: am or pm]. There is a signing-up form displayed in the Clubhouse. Please help if you can.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Lizy HBC Bar Manager & Social Committee

You are cordially invited to a HARROW BOWLS CLUB SOCIAL EVENT Organised by our President on

Wednesday 15th May

A beetle drive is a lively and sociable game, which involves rolling dice and drawing a beetle.

So simple, lively and sociable.

Just right for HBC.

The chance to chat, drink and still be able to play.

- Throw a six to draw the body,
- Throw a five to draw the head,
- Throw a four to draw the wings,
- Throw a three to draw each leg,
- Throw a two to draw an antennae,
- Throw a one to draw an eye.





The green team

Need more members

They work hard but they have fun

Be part of a select team