



July 2024



Date	Top rink	Catering	Bar
05/07/24	Too wet to play!	Shelagh Zachariades Marios Zachariades Pradip Tailor*	Mary Hughes
12/07/24	Jill Stokes Anne Snell Grant Rickells	Wendy Wyatt Steve Wyatt Brian Moates	John Southgate

*Thanks to Pradip's wife Darsha who sourced the samosas and potato barjis and delivered them to the club.

June Friday night club championship points and shots winner: Tony Ret

Results

29/06/2024: C&T v Ladygate. Won 67 to 40. 8 points to 2.

Top rink: Jeanette Swaffield, Brian Moates, Magan Kanjia

30/06/2024: C&T v Ruislip. Won 67 to 41. 10 points to 0.

Top rink: Mary Warner, Brian Moates, Grant Rickells.

01/07/2024: C&T v Deane Park. 51 to 52. Lost 3 points to 7.

Top rink: Pradip Tailor, Mary Hughes, Magan Kanjia.

03/07/2024: F v Amersham. Away. Won 65 to 64.

Top rink: Anne Snell, Barry Rudolph, Mark Snell.

03/07/2024: Double 4s H & A to Hendon. Lost both.

08/07/2024: Middlesex singles Magan Kanjia lost 21 to 20

08/07/2024: Vets A away to Northwood. Lost 4 points to 1.

08/07/2024: Vets B lost in Vets cup away to Pinner.

09/07/2024: ML away to North Greenford. Won 63 to 55.

6 points to 4.

10/07/2024: Vets B H to Bessingby Park. Won 4 points to 1.

11/07/2024: Vets A home to Hendon. Won 57 to 42. 4 points to 1

Congratulations

01/07/2024: H&D 4s away to Pinner. Won 17 to 12. Into semi finals.

05/07/2024: Senior 4s away to Paddington. Won 14 to 6. Now into semi finals

Magan Kanjia won H&D two woods so now into quarter final.

08/07/2024: Mort Mascarenhas won Middlesex singles 21 to 16 but lost in next round.



It seems that we are into full swing as far as outdoor bowls is concerned.



Not only are there lots of club matches to consider signing up to but many of you are still involved in club competitions.

A reminder of the following rules.

3. Players must agree a date for the next round of competitions within 7 days of the closing date for the previous round. The date relevant to the first round will be posted on the board by the competition secretary.

4. The challenger (the first person mentioned) should approach the opponent in the first instant and offer 3 dates. If these are not suitable the opponent should offer 3 alternative dates. If these are also not suitable and no other date can be found, the walkover will be decided by the throw of a coin.

If the challenger does not contact you I would strongly suggest that you contact them to push the arrangements on. In Middlesex matches, if neither opponents make contact by the official date both are withdrawn from the competition. I intend to put this forward at the AGM as a addition to our rules as some members seem to be sleepwalking through the competitions and are not being proactive. This creates problems for the competition secretary and for later rounds.

Green team v the rest match

After a brief warm spell we once again entered a rainy period. We awoke on Saturday 6th July to rain, wind and chill. Would the green team match go ahead, we wondered. Would the green be too wet? As a testament to how well the green team look after the rinks we found them quite dry and playing well.

Paul Wong, a new member of the green team, was presented with his T shirt by Mark Snell.



The weather fluctuated between dark clouds and blue skies.



Thanks to Paul Wong for the last 2 photos.



As well as recruiting Paul, the green team needed to recall Nick Woolford, from the depths of the country, to the team. They also needed to recruit a non green team player, Marios Zachariades to their team to make up numbers. The HBC team clearly felt sorry for the Green team who had lost last year and so allowed them to win convincingly this year by 135 to 79 shots! 4 rinks won by the green team, 1 rink a draw and 1 won by HBC.



Mark was clearly delighted with this glorious win and was proud to hold the cup with the green ribbons attached.



Green team top rink: Marios Zachariades, Barry Rudolph and Jim Hughes.



Thanks to Peter Swaffield and Peter Mitchell for the lovely cream tea at the end of the match.



Top rink for HBC: Mary Warner, Liz Mitchell and Grant Rickells

Quiz night on 16th July

A very well attended event organised brilliantly as usual by quiz master Eric Everett



and Liz Mitchell and her team including her bar staff (official and unofficial). As usual there were plenty of people to prop up the bar as it did a roaring trade. People needed to wash down the large portion of fish and chips supplied by the Barracuda.



It was lovely to see some of our older, longer established members once again able to attend.



Our President Roy Wake who thanked all concerned at the end of the evening and Mike Rosenthal an Honorary Life Member of the club.

Elaine Wake was once again occupying her usual position just outside the club!



There were also a healthy number of new members and visitors enjoying the fun quiz into which Eric had introduced a new element. This ensured no one team slipped too low or became too far ahead and caused considerable amusement.



Grant Rickells, our Captain, welcomes new member Hema Simpson together with her husband Ewan and friend Claudine Crisp. More of her friends made up this table, which were eventually declared winners despite having points docked With Eric's new system.



Thanks to Eric for running a very enjoyable evening and keeping the rabble under control!

Antique bowls day 10th August.

With so many new or nearly new members I thought I should explain and promote this fun event.



It is run by Geoff Thomas, one of our previous coaches who comes back all the way from East Anglia with the necessary equipment and the necessary outfit for the controller!



There are a limited number of places available but everyone should consider entering the event and then come along to enjoy the day and support the participants. Bowling with these antique woods is quite a leveller so new bowlers should not feel unable to enter. Liz will be putting up the list for people to add their names. She will be removing it on 26th July, in time to do the organisation.

Geoff has sent Liz information about the antiques woods and its history which she has already emailed to you but I thought it was a good idea to include here.

HARROW BOWLS CLUB ANTIQUE 2-WOOD BOWLS COMPETITION

A LITTLE HISTORY



In June 2014, Geoffrey Thomas lovingly restored the “G H Carter Pairs Trophy 1924 bowls”. They had arrived at Harrow Bowls Club in a very sorry state and this is the story of how Geoff managed to breathe life into the woods again.



1) This was the damaged state they came to the club, the outer coating completely missing from one bowl, with serious chunks of



wood missing, the other in not too bad condition, but with dents in the wood etc.

2) Using lightish sandpaper, I sanded off the outer coating, and this shows the better one half done.



3) Now sanded both woods back to as far as I wanted, so that I did not affect the running or bias when bowled on a green. This was after I had filled the holes and dents with araldite glue, and also sand that to the shape of the bowl's surface.

It was from the advice of "Eric" which glue to use, so that it would not pop out if clashing against another wood.

Please note, that each wood is quite a different in colour, so they didn't come from the same tree, which meant they were a cheapish pair, and not top quality.

4) On Eric's advice again, the woods had 2 layers of lacquer normally sprayed on car bodies, then bees wax polished and buffed up, maybe 3 or 4 times. The white marks you can see are the glue filling the holes.



Geoffrey

The bowls club members wanted to see how well the antique woods played so to celebrate, in 2014 the first 'Antique Bowls 2-Wood Competition' was held at HBC and has been a regular feature in the calendar every year since then (except for 2020 of course). The winner has the privilege of looking after the **Silver Teapot** and the runner up the **Tea Caddy** for a year (there is also a cash prize).

	<u>Tea Pot (winner)</u>	<u>Tea Caddy (runner-up)</u>
2014	Peter Lee	Tony Paulley
2015	Peter Lee	Jai Mahadeo
2016	Peter Lee	Doreen Bayley
2017	Peter Sharples	Tony Paulley
2018	Grant Rickells	Phillip Bayley
2019	Grant Rickells	Peter Sharples
2020	COVID - No competition	
2021	Mary Warner	Barry Miller
2022	Anne Snell	Barry Miller
2023	Anne Snell	Grant Rickells



Geoffrey Thomas (who is now a Social Member of the Club as he has moved to Woodbridge) with Peter Lee & Jai Mahadeo (2015 Winner & Runner-up)

There are only 16 places (as it is a Round Robin competition) and the first 16 to put their names on the list on the Club Notice board get to play.

Come along on Saturday 10 August to enjoy the fun either as a player or spectator.

