



FEB 2017

Harperbury Bowls Club

1955—2016

We have our De-Fib!

Thanks to the British Heart Foundation (BHF) we have our De-Fib machine, 10 training mannequins', DVD' s for facilitating the training and the cabinet to put on the wall outside the club to store it all for free!



The committee will, in the next couple of weeks, be putting up the cabinet, letting the ambulance service know where it is situated and sorting out some training dates for anyone who would like a run through on CPR and the use of the De—fib.

I would strongly recommend that **all** members and their other halves put their names down for a session with one of our team. They will be informative fun sessions with 2 committee members at each session helping to facilitate the correct techniques etc. The aim of the sessions will be to give anyone that wants to come along confidence in their ability to perform CPR and use the De fib as they could be saving a life not only in the bowls club setting but anywhere if there is a collapsed person.

The sessions will be about 2 hours with a cuppa and biscuit half way and will follow the DVD sent to us by the BHF that will take us through how to call for help, how to assess collapsed people, how to do basic CPR and of course how to open and turn on and use the de fib. We will put the mannequins on tables for those who have dodgy knees and can't get on the floor to make it easier. The sessions will be 10 people max as we have 10 mannequins and the De Fib stuff we will do in pairs with you.



Although the equipment did not cost us anything there are some conditions attached to it. The BHF want to make sure as many people as possible know how to do basic CPR and use a De fib as both greatly improve the survival rate of heart attack patients. We also need to let our ambulance control know where we are housing it in case anybody close by calls 999 with a collapsed person where a De—fib shock could start a heart and save a life. They will be directed to our club house to grab the De-fib to use on their collapsed person so it needs to be accessible.

We are very aware that we do not have a landline at the club so the committee also intend to put a mobile phone in the De fib bag on a pay as you go card that can be used to call 999 in case there is no mobile about or a battery is flat or no signal etc.

So keep your eyes out for the emails, posters etc with dates and come along - **it could save a life.**



Committee News

The committee welcomed some new members to the first meeting of the year. Gillian Carvin joins us as the fixtures and competition secretary, Peter Carvin, Sue Swain and Dave Leggatt as committee members Shirley Burrow as vice captain and Jan Taylor takes on the lynch pin role as club secretary. Thank you all for volunteering to join a committee that, we feel, is committed to making Harperbury the best club possible for its members.

Anyone that wants to read the minutes of the meetings can find them in the club house or you can email Jan as club secretary for a copy.

The club are looking for 2 members who would like to be funded to undertake the bowls coaching course. If you would like more details please contact Mary Barnard.

The Herts County Ladies are looking for ladies to put their names down to play in the 4 presidents games during the 2017 season.

Thurs 1st June 13.30 at Hoddesdon

Mon 26th June at Bushey Bowls club

Tues 25th July at 13.30 at Watford

Fri 1st Sept 13.30 at Herts bowls club.

A county shirt will be required and if interested please contact Sheila Roberts our ladies county rep by 28th FEB for info and to sort the loan of a shirt.

MEMBERSHIP forms will be coming out via email at the beginning of March. The fee is £80 this year with competitions being £2 per competition. Forms and fees by **1st APRIL** please.

The SAVOURY NIBBLES evening, a social gathering to submit forms and pay membership fees, will be **TUESDAY 21st MARCH at 7pm** in the club.

Once the forms are in the cleaning and tea rota will be completed. Please let us know if you have holidays booked to save too many people trying to arrange swaps.



Thanks to a grant applied for by the committee we now have a specially adapted wheelchair for the bowls green.

We are hoping that this will help some of our current and past members who struggle with mobility on the green to enjoy the game again.

One of the conditions of the grant is that we, as a club, let the local community know that we have the chair and that disabled and less able bodied members of the community are welcome should they wish to try the great game of bowls. To this end Mary and David B will be putting posters up locally advertising the bowls for fun sessions on a Monday afternoon (no longer Tues as clash with club nights) stating that we have a specially adapted wheelchair.

The **fixtures list** is well under way and I can confirm that the Quiz nights and TUES night supper and fun nights will continue in 2017. So put these dates in your diaries:-

Sat 20th May—Quiz night

Tues 30th MAY - Fu Bowls . Sheila & Judy.

A fun informative session on how to read a 'bowls head' The session is designed to explain why woods may be needed in strategic places and not just on the jack - followed by supper.

TUES 27th June - Deb & Dave Fun session & Supper

TUES 25th July - Fun Session TBC

TUES 29th Aug - Fun Session TBC

TUES 19th SEPT - Fun session Sheila and Les.

On the other TUES club nights there will be a league for those that want to join in - details to follow. Again a fun night so look out for details.

As well as the normal in house competitions a new one for this year will be the Mary Burnett Memorial Trophy in memory of Alan's lovely wife Mary who was an associate member of the club for many years and passed away last year. Date TBC once fixtures list is finalised.

Competition Secretary - Gillian Carvin.

Club competitions are friendly, fun and a good way to get to know both new and old club members and the Club needs your support

To help you decide which competitions to sign up for this year when you pay your annual subscription, (no later than 1st April or at the Club Social Evening Tuesday 21st March 2017), below is a brief overview of how it works and a list of competitions.

All competitions, except Tuesday Night Club Night Competition, are £2.00 entry fee, payable at the time of subscription payment

All competitions culminate in Presentation night where both winners and runners up receive trophies or medals, this year, 9th December 2017

Opponents for all competitions (except Butler Handicap and Tuesday Night Club Night Competition, see below) are selected from an open draw made at the clubhouse, this year **5.00pm Tuesday 9th May 2017**

All competitions have to be played by the stated "Play By Date" on the match sheets displayed on the club house notice boards, no exceptions, (An average of 20 days plus are given between rounds for Play By Dates), however if a person finds that their circumstances change and they cannot play a match by the required Play By Date, by agreement with the Competitions Secretary, a substitute, (a person that has not been selected to play in any current year club competition) may be made

The first opponent in each match shown on the competition sheet is known as the "Challenger"

The "Challenger's" responsibilities are to arrange play dates and times with team members (where applicable) and opponent(s), to book a rink and arrange a marker if playing a single match If the "Challenger" has not contacted the opponent(s) 10 days prior to the stipulated play by date, to avoid a last minute rush, the opponent should contact the "challenger" and give them a gentle nudge .

Club Competitions

CLUB SINGLES - 21 SHOTS

Open to all ladies and men . Open draw for all entrants

2 WOOD SINGLES - 21 ENDS

Open to all ladies and men. Open draw for all entrants

MENS KELLY SINGLES - 21 SHOTS

Open to men only. Open draw for all entrants

LADIES KELLY SINGLES - 21 SHOTS

Open to ladies only. Open draw for all entrants

BUTLER HANDICAP SINGLES - 21 SHOTS

Open to all ladies and men knocked out in their 1st CLUB SINGLES game. Open draw all entrants, post completion of all CLUB SINGLES 1st round matches

The Competitions Secretary, the Assistant Competition Secretary and one other committee member based upon entered players achievements and ability determine all handicaps

Handicaps will be entered onto match sheets displayed on the club house notice board and are to entered onto Scorecards at beginning of the game

CLUB PAIRS - 21 ENDS

Open to all ladies and men. Open Draw all PAIRS

Two groups (1 & 2), based upon achievements and ability are determined by the Competitions Secretary, the Assistant Competition Secretary and one other committee member

First draw made to select pairs, one person from each group 1 and group 2

Pairs can be any combination of ladies and men (1 lady + 1 man, 2 men, 2 ladies)

HOLGATE FIXED JACK - 18 ENDS

Open to all ladies and men. Open Draw all PAIRS

Game is played alternate fixed short jack and fixed long jack

Two groups (1 & 2) determined by Competitions Secretary, Assistant Competition Secretary and one other committee member based upon achievements and ability

First draw made to select pairs, one person from each group 1 and group 2

Pairs can be any combination of ladies and men (1 lady + 1 man, 2 men, 2 ladies)

TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB NIGHT COMPETITION – 12 ENDS

Entrance fee £1 per Tuesday evening played, which includes a "tarantula" prize

Open to all ladies and men . Open draw for all entrants made on the Tuesday evening of play . A "League Table" determines winner

More details of this new competition will be available at the Club Social Evening Tuesday 21st March 2017

By Gillian Carvin - Competition Secretary



Captains Log..... The indoor match against Hatfield IBC on Sunday 5th February was a real cliff-hanger!! At half time Harperbury were leading and it was nip and tuck right up to the end. Hatfield won on the very last end by 2 shots - 70 to 68. Two of our rinks won and two lost - so we felt that we achieved a really creditable result. The Top rink spot was very close too, with Jan Taylor, Gillian Carvin, Michael Langley and John Allen just edging it by 1 shot from Jim Terry, Aaron Langley, Maureen Pugh and Les Roberts. Everyone playing in the match gave it their all and the atmosphere was cheerful, supportive and friendly right the way through. Congratulations to the whole team.

Saturday 25th February is our last indoor match and is against Watford Woodside - 2.30pm start and a meal afterwards. We need 24 bowlers (6 rinks) and at the moment at least 2/3 more names are needed. So if you can possibly put your name down it would be much appreciated - either on the notice at the club or email me at marybarnard@ntlworld.com or on 01727 762844. Thanks.

Mary B Telephone 01727 762844 Email marybarnard@ntlworld.co.uk



We have 40 tickets reserved for Billy Elliot at Milton Keynes Theatre on WEDS 7th JUNE. If we can get 35 people to go the tickets will be £33.75 with the coach being an extra £12 ish.

The seats are in the circle. There is a poster up in the club for names or you can let me know if u want to go.

Family and friends welcome.



Please help me find my owner - These woods turned up in Dorset with Harperbury stickers on. They were rescued by Jean Wildman's sister before going on E Bay. Jean reckons they belong to a feller as they are brown size 5.5 and were with size 10 shoes. If you recognise them Jean is looking after them.



The club has seen lots of visitors during the winter break.

Sue and John have been working hard re decorating the club house over the winter and are almost finished. Sue has been putting up the picture frames with past winners .



The whist drive on a Thursday night has been well attended which is great to see. It keeps the club ticking over.

There are still a good few Thursdays left so if you fancy a night out pop down. 6.45—7pm.

