



Hatfield Bowls Club

Monthly Newsletter

June 2021

General News

We hope everyone is well and has had their covid injections.

We are now into the 2nd part of our governments rollout plans as of 17th May. Our club indoors is now open with tables of 6 people and waitress / waiter service. Thank you to everyone who has helped out serving behind the bar and table service.

Just a gentle reminder to all, for our Club to adhere to Government's covid rules and our new Club licence we must sign in by using the app or the signing in book. We are presently limited to 60 people inside the club house in line with covid rules until 21st June.

If you are bringing a guest in they must also sign in and pay the 50p membership fee for their visit. This is applicable for attending a function or just popping in for a drink and watching a bowls match.

We are pleased to say the new coffee machine behind the bar, serving Cappuccino and Americano at £1.00 a cup, is doing very well. It does take a bit of time to make each cup so please be patient but we are told it's good coffee.

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The booking systems are up and running on the website for your own practice sessions, rink booking and also friendly club matches as well as the organised social bowls under “availability sheets”.

It was great to see Michael back in the club calling out the bingo numbers and helping out Philip (Elvis) doing PYCR.

Bar Opening Times

As from Friday June 5th there will be additional lunch time opening times on Mondays and Fridays between 12.00pm – 1.30pm.

Summer Bar Opening Times from 21st June-30th September

	Lunch Time	Evening
Monday	12.00pm-1.30pm	6.00pm-9.00pm
Tuesday	Closed	6.00pm-9.00pm
Wednesday	Open only when there is a match.	6.00pm-9.00pm
Thursday	Closed	6.00pm-9.00pm
Friday	12.00pm-1.30pm	6.00pm-10.30pm
Saturday	12.00pm-6.00pm	Closed
Sunday	12.00pm-6.00pm	Closed

Upon request the bar can remain open until 11.30pm for Social and Private Functions.

Bar Prices

The last time The Club increased bar prices was in March 2019. On the 1st April 2021 Heineken increased their retail price to us by nearly 9p per pint! We have decided for the time being that The Club will absorb this increase for the benefit of all our members. We will keep our prices under review to ensure we are still competitive locally and that The bar does not run at a loss. Unfortunately sometime later this year we will have to increase our prices.

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The TV will be on for the Euro's in June, so if you fancy a drink and want to watch the games, come to the club. We will confirm match times and what games are being shown nearer the time.

Your Club needs your support to ensure it's future, so please come along to as many of the events, open days etc as you can.

We have started the makeover of the Club entrance, which has run into a few problems with removing the old taxi phone box and old notice board but hopefully we should be finished soon. We will also be putting up a new electronic sign in the lobby letting you know what's on. The kitchen re-tiling has been completed.

Social Events

Our first social evening on Saturday 22nd of May, PYCR was hosted as always by Elvis & Michael. A very good evening. Thank you Elvis and Michael and also our ladies who did the raffle.

Bingo started on 21st May, it was well attended and everyone had a good time especially the winners! Just a reminder books are on sale at 7.45pm, eyes down 8.00pm. This will be every Friday throughout the year unless there is a notice saying otherwise.

The Friday meat raffle is also up and running and went well.

Social events coming up:

Saturday June 5th Quiz night hosted by Kath and Howard. Teams of up to 6 with a £1.00 entry fee per person. There will be money prizes, which will be explained by our hosts on the night. We will also have a raffle and some plated food for you to enjoy. Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Saturday June 26th (Sue and Friends) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will also be a raffle. Ticket prices will be £3.00/person.

Sunday July 4th lunch time Jazz band (BSV Jazz Band) Starting at 1.00pm. The bar will be open, so come along and enjoy the jazz or watch the bowls match.

Saturday August 7th (Moon Trekkers Band) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm This is a ticket event costing £5.00 / person.

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Saturday September 4th (Sue and Friends) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will also be a raffle. This is a charity night for the Isabel Hospice in memory of Shena, a lovely lady. Ticket prices will be £3.00 / person. All monies raised on the night will go to Isabel Hospice.

Saturday September 25th (music by Double Rhythm) Charity event. Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will also be a raffle. Whatever you want to do to raise money please let us know and we will try and fit it in during the evening. Ticket prices will be £5.00 / person.

Darts

We have a darts league that plays on a Thursday evening, news on this will be added once there is a date for the darts to start up again.

Bridge Club

Bridge Club meets twice a week on Mondays and Fridays in the afternoon, actual time to be confirmed but are hoping to restart after the June date.

Members

It was good to see Val Yates at the club again looking well after the rigorous treatment she's been through over the past 18 months and we look forward to when she is back playing on the green.

Sad loss of June Boosey who was a member for many years an excellent club member and was international bowler for England.

Mary Gay also passed away in May. She was a long standing member who in recent years played in doors.

Both will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to their families.

Bowls

The social section verses the bowls section fun day will be held on 11th of July. Information on how to enter will be issued soon.

Application forms for selection of 5 separate Men's St Albans & District (SADBA) Outdoor friendly matches have been placed on the St Albans & District noticeboard in the canteen area (above the book shelf) of the clubhouse & are available for all fully paid up men's outdoor club bowlers.

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The draw for the Hatfield Bowls Club Outdoor competitions (Men & Ladies) took place at the club on Thursday 27th May at 10.00am, the draw is now available on the Hatfield Bowls Club Website. Please ensure you play your matches on or before the play by dates stated for each round.

Some great news:

Alison Hall has reached the quarter finals of the county singles and is playing at Welwyn Garden City on Wednesday 2nd June in the evening.

Also Alison and Mary Banks have reached the quarter finals of the County Pairs and are playing at Royston on Thursday 3rd June in the evening.

Please come along and give Hatfield all the support you can. Good luck and good bowling Alison and Mary.

The men's roll up sessions are Mondays and Fridays starting at 12.00. To confirm your place to play, please text or email (text preferred) Ray Collins on 07970125556 / raymondcollins123@icloud.com You must also sign in using your app or the signing in book and wear a mask in the club house.

As a reminder to all, it is a club rule that jeans are not allowed on the bowling green during matches / friendly matches / roll up sessions or your own private roll ups. Please respect this club rule.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday's 7th and 14th June, 10am to 12 noon.

Grounds Maintenance Working Party. For the past couple of months, a small group of volunteers have been carrying out some much-needed maintenance of our grounds. From clearing the ditches, sanding and treating the benches, weeding the paths and under the hedges, repairing the fence, planting the pots etc. there is much to be done to upkeep the fabric of our grounds to make it a welcoming environment for our members and visitors. Without the funds to employ contractors to keep this under control we are grateful to those who can spare a couple of hours to lend a hand and as they say, "More hands make light work". If you can join us, we would like to see you and your help would be much appreciated. Bring along a pair of gloves and some garden tools.

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Sunday 20th June 9.30am to 1pm

Coaching Event. A team of County Coaches will be at the club to run master classes on a range of bowling skills. The more members attend the more coaches we will have and wider choice of activities available from a Delivery Clinic, Measuring and Marking, Reading the Head, Shot Play, Line and Length, playing as a Team and Ballistics (No I do not know what the last one is either!). **Please mark your attendance for this event on the Match On-Line Booking System ASP.**

Saturday 4th September, 1pm for 2pm.

Outdoor Bowls Annual General Meeting. The Men and Ladies have joined forces this year in establishing a joint Outdoors Bowls Committee whilst maintaining their own section committees. This year we propose to hold one AGM of the Joint Committee and to include the AGM of each section. We propose having a buffet at 1pm prior to the start of the AGM at 2pm. Please make a note in your diary. More details will follow and perhaps there is something you would like to bring to the meeting.

Sunday 26th September, 12:30pm for 1pm

End of Season Luncheon and Presentation. To repeat an extremely popular event held in 2019, our caterer will be serving a three-course meal with table service. Tickets at £11.50 will be available in July with confirmation of the menu. The meal will be followed by the presentation of prizes for this year's Club Competitions for which there are over 150 entries.

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Allotment News (Martine)

Cliff Batts allotment.



The allotment has had a bad start, due to losing most things to the frost, so everything will be a bit later this year.

We currently have radish that is coming up into the club, as well as some flowers, but they're usually gone very quickly.

This year with garlic & onions they will be bought up to orders as they went very quickly last year. If you'd like some onions or garlic, please let Martine know.

We'd also like to thank Alan Radzikowski for everything he has done for us on the allotment and donations of wood, polytunnel, and making lots of things for us.

We appreciate any help on the allotment with weeding in beds, as everyone is now back at work.

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If you pop down, you'll see it's had some huge improvements. We'd love to see you popping your head down there and having a look!

Happy growing!

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