



# Hatfield Bowls Club

## Monthly Newsletter

July 2021

### General News

We hope everyone is well and looking forward to life without Covid, if only!

We are now into the 3rd part of our government's rollout plans as of 21<sup>st</sup> June. Sadly we remain with the existing rules until July the 19<sup>th</sup> when we hope the government will lift all restrictions.

On a positive note our Club remains open. Indoors there are tables for 6 people and waitress / waiter service. Once again thank you to everyone that 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 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you to Howard and Michael for stepping in on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Due to Covid regulations we had to cancel Sue and Friends. Good news is that Sue will now perform on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of July, hopefully Covid restriction will be lifted by then and we will see everyone up on the dance floor singing and dancing!

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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 or watching a bowls match.

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”.

Quiz night hosted by Kath and Howard was a great success. Everyone had a great time. There was a lot of laughter especially from some tables, you know who you are! Thank you Kath and Howard for all your hard work and generosity.

### **Bar Opening Times**

#### **Summer Bar Opening Times from 21<sup>st</sup> June-30<sup>th</sup> September**

	<b>Lunch Time</b>	<b>Evening</b>
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-6.30pm	Closed
Sunday	12.00pm-6.00pm	Closed

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

We would like to welcome Josh to our club who will be helping Alun and Sean behind the bar.

The TV will be on for the Euro's in June until the final in July, so if you fancy a drink and want to watch the games, come to the club. **If you are a football fan or not what a great result for England against Germany 2 – 0.** Can England make it to the final!

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

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## Social Events

Bingo 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.

Social events coming up:

**Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>** lunch time Jazz (BSV Jazz Band) Starting at 2.00pm. The bar will be open from 12.00, so come along and enjoy the jazz or watch the bowls match whilst having a drink.

**Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>** The annual Bowls Section V Social Section bowls match, a fun afternoon, will be played at 2:30pm (those playing please be there in time to start bowls at 2.30pm). Please get your names on the team sheets, the social members team list is on the notice board by the bar. This is to be followed by a BBQ. Organised by Gary, hotdogs and burgers will be served at £3 each and a vegetarian option will be available. Vouchers for food will be available from the bar. Advance orders will help in buying food for the event. Last time this attracted 24 players per team and there will a "Spider" (£! Per head before the match). All proceeds in aid of the Club.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July** (Sue and Friends) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will also be a raffle. Ticket prices will be £3.00/person. Hope Covid restrictions will be gone and we can all get up and have dance and sing along with Sue.

**Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>** (Moon Trekkers Band) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm This is a ticket event costing £5.00 / person. There will also be a raffle.

**Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>** (Sue and Friends) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will also be a raffle. This is a charity night 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 25<sup>th</sup>** (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.

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**Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Diane More singing songs from the 40's to present day, starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm This is a ticket event costing £5.00 / person. There will also be a raffle.

**Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>** Spencer as Buddy Holly, followed by rock'n roll so get up and dance. This is a ticket event costing £5.00 / person. There will also be a raffle.

**PYCR Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Christmas special. There will also be a raffle and some food.

**New Years Eve,** Sue and disco £10 including buffet. Always a great night

### 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 soon.

### Bowls

#### Bowls Open Day

What great weather we had for our open day. Thank you to all those that came along to support the day by either playing, making tea and coffee or showing potential new members around. One person must be mentioned for going beyond the call of duty 'Sue Mayhew' for standing on the roundabout at the end of College Lane trying to get people into the club.

On the day we signed up 4 new social members and 3 full members. Well done to all.

#### **Alison Hall and Mary Banks**

Alison Hall and Mary Banks are in the Final of the County Ladies Pairs Competition

Alison Hall is in the Final of the County Ladies Singles at Bishop's Stortford BC on 1st August.

They will also represent Hertfordshire in the National Finals at Royal Leamington Spa later in August.

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Well done Alison and Mary!

Our Ladies team are through to the last 16 in the Ladies County Senior 4s competition to be played at Hatfield on Wednesday 30th June against a team from Northaw and Cuffley. Time to be confirmed. Our Ladies are also in the County 4s quarter final at Herts Bowls Club on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.

### Coaching day

Polishing up your bowling skills



What a valuable way to spend a Sunday morning! A group of 12 Hatfield Bowlers, a mix of seasoned and novice players, came together on Sunday 20th

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June, We were joined by four expert county coaches arranged by Ian. Thank you Ian.

Everyone came away with something and many bowling myths were discarded along the way.

Three themes were explored:

Reading the head;

Finding your line and weight;

Consistency in delivery.

For those who are the strategists, lively debate over the best next shot as the head was built up, was very interesting. The coach experimented with a variety of patterns we could all recognise and demonstrated the likely outcome of different strategies. We all became much more aware of all the different factors to weigh up and the importance of drawing on each bowlers' strengths. A picture was painted of how to get the team to play as a whole.

Then, we moved on to examine the relationship between line and length. We all saw progress following the tips on how to prepare yourself before stepping up to the mat and the impact of increasing the speed of your arm action. I had always been told "don't take our arm so far back" but the key is the pace of your arm. Also, did you know that when waiting you shouldn't hold the bowl in your bowling hand? This can explain why some of us have a better first half than second half – muscle fatigue.

Finally, all feeling a little self-conscious, we each had our delivery style assessed. It was amazing to see the difference a small tweak to our approach could make. We had a variety of corrections to make: making sure you shifted your weight correctly; spacing your feet for optimum balance as you step forward; ensuring your head was lined up with your line of delivery; bracing your opposite leg correctly; not sinking down too low when the green was slow.

The coaches created a very relaxed, fun atmosphere and enthusiastically shared lots of helpful anecdotes. We have gone away with personalised advice as well as some very useful exercises to hone our skills further. No matter how long you have been bowling, sign up for the next session! Thank you Sue Mayhew for the write-up of the coaching event.

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## Men's Team Ten County Match

On Friday 4th June our men played in the 2nd round of this knock out match against Abbots Langley.

After continual rain all day the evening turned out to be dry and quite heavy going on the green. But the determination from our Hatfield players gave them a win and will now go into the next round which will be played on July 2nd at Whitethorn.

Our team

Singles.....Richard Lush.      Marker..... Ian Powell

Pairs.....A Warren & P Crouch

Triples.....M Alcock, J Morrison & R Banks

Fours.....M Williamson, G Kelly, P Harvard & J Loudon

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.

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](mailto: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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 26<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30pm for 1pm**

### **End of Season Luncheon and Presentation.**

End of Season Luncheon and Competition Prize Giving. Make a note in your diary for this Sunday lunch and end of season prizegiving. Roast Beef and trimmings, Apple Pie and Custard, Cheese and Biscuits and Coffee to be waiter/waitress served at £11.50 per head. A list will be on the noticeboard to put your name to reserve your table, monies in an envelope in the indoor green please with your name and guests clearly stated. Please advise if diet requirements.

### **Allotment News**

Cliff Batts allotment.



With the sun and rain all things are growing well.

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All are welcome down the allotment to help out with weeding etc. Any help is always very much appreciated.

Produce can be found in the club house on the table next to the dart boards.

Happy growing!

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