



Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

Monthly Newsletter

August 2021

General News

We hope everyone is well and looking forward to life without Covid restrictions.

We are now into the 4th part of our government's rollout plans as of 19th July and we have been given the **green light**. All restrictions that affect our Club are lifted but we would urge all our members to still take precautions where necessary. That may mean for you still wearing a mask and keeping those hands washed. Happy times are hopefully here again!!

It is our intention to still offer waiter / waitress service when we are having a function, so please use this when applicable.

It is still a requirement of our Club to sign in guests. This is part of our Club license regulations, guest must 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.

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The booking systems are 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”.

Bar Opening Times

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-6.30pm	Closed
Sunday	12.00pm-6.00pm	Closed

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

Football and Tennis

For those that watched the tennis there were some great games but to mention the British players - didn't young Emma Raducanu do very well. We also had 3 of the 4 players in the mixed doubles final. Well played all.

England and football. Our English team played very well to reach the final so all credit to them and the coach. Hopefully we can win next time. Those penalties yet again. Well done England.

It was good to see the club being used to watch the sport.

Now for the Olympics - good luck to all the GB team! Well done to all those GB team members who have already picked up medals. Lets hope for lots more.

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.

The Jazz band BSV went down very well on Sunday 4th July. All those that came along said how much they had enjoyed it and can we get them booked again. We will look into getting them back.

The annual Bowls Section V Social Section bowls match on Sunday 11th July was a great success, all who played very much enjoyed the afternoon. The weather was kind to us, dry and warm. The BBQ after was amazing and we must thank Gary and his Team for preparing excellent food. Thank you Gary.

As for who won this yearly momentous event, the score doesn't matter, it's about taking part not the winning so they say!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to Martine and Ian for organising the teams.



The spider, well done Mark.

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Saturday 24th July (Sue and Friends)

Oh what a night! “Sue and Friends” belting out a range of favourites. There were a few “star turns” from members of the audience who were eager to take the mic (suitably sterilised for the next crooner). Such a wide range of music genres from “I can’t get no satisfaction” to “Sweet Caroline” through to “Consider yourself one of us”. Floor fillers included “Coconut Airways”, “Dancing Queen” and “Devil Woman”. Martine did a brilliant job in persuading or more accurately dragging the seated “toe tappers” onto the dance floor. Others needed no encouragement. Amazing how many knee or hip problems disappear when you hear the intro to one of your all-time favourites. Thank you Sue for a great evening.

Sue will be with us again on **4th September** a charity night in memory of the wonderful Shena and in aid of the Isabel Hospice, please come and exercise your vocals or strut your stuff! We want to pack the club to the rafters to raise as much money as we can. See you all then.

All donation for this event will be gratefully received, small or large. Please bring them to our club or let Martine / any committee member know. All monies raised will go to Isabel Hospice, thank you.

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Social events coming up:

Saturday August 7th (Moon Trekkers Band) Starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm playing 50's 60's and 70's music. This is a ticket event costing £5.00 / person. There will also be a raffle.

Saturday September 4th (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 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.

Saturday October 23rd 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 20th 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 18th 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

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 4th September, 1pm for 2pm. Outdoor Bowls Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 26th September, 12:30pm for 1pm End of Season Luncheon and Presentation.

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Darts

We have a darts league that plays on a Thursday evening at 8.30pm. Our team is called the Bowls Bees, we are looking for new members to be part of the team. The darts matches are mainly in Hatfield with a few matches in WGC. The fixture list for the new season as yet has not been drawn up. This should be issued sometime in August. We will advise the start date for the new season soon.

Bridge Club

Bridge Club meets twice a week on Mondays and Fridays in the afternoon. For the time being we have restarted on Mondays only at 2 pm. An update will be given when Fridays restart.

Bowls

Annual General Meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Outdoor Bowls Committee will be held in the Clubhouse on: -

SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2021 at 2:00pm

This will be preceded with a complimentary ploughman's lunch at 1:00pm for those that attend.

Purpose of the meeting: -

1. To adopt the reports of officers with regard to the performance of the Club in 2021.
2. To adopt the report of the Greenkeeper.
3. Election of Officers for 2022.
4. Confirm affiliation to the EBA, HBA, HLBA, SADBA & SADLBA and agree which competitions the club will enter next year.
5. To accept items for discussion and vote on matters forwarded to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Members are invited to notify the Secretary in writing (text or email) of issues they wish to raise at the meeting. Changes to our handbook and outdoor rules can be voted upon at the meeting if they are received by the Secretary by **14th August 2021.**

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Bowls news

Alison Hall and Mary Banks

Alison Hall and Mary Banks are in the Final of the County Ladies Pairs Competition Sunday 1st August, at Bishops Stortford BC.

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

There is a BBQ, food and drink all day. A great day out and a great day to support our bowlers.

10.00am Alison Hall & Mary Banks: Women's pairs

12.30pm Alison Hall: Women's 4 bowls singles

Bowling Lane, off Beldams Lane
Bishop's Stortford.
Hertfordshire
CM23 5FE

They will also represent Hertfordshire in the National Finals at Royal Leamington Spa later in August.
Well done Alison and Mary!

Our lady bowlers played Berkhamsted ladies in a 'Top Ten' match on Saturday 17th July.

Thanks to all the supporters who came to watch the game including some who don't play themselves at the moment.

Winning means the Ladies are in the semi-finals against Kings Langley which will take place on Saturday 31st July at Our club 10am. All support will be very welcome.

Also a team of our ladies played a National Top Ten competition at Potten End BC on Saturday 3rd July. They won well done ladies. They then went on to beat Berkhamsted on Saturday 17th July. Their next game is on Saturday 31st July at home against Kings Langley.

We will keep you updated on any progress.

Inter-club championships

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The men have reached the semi-finals of the County Club Championship, played over three rinks. We will play Garston in the semi-final at Potters Bar BC at 10:00am on Sunday 8th August. The final of this competition will be played at 2:30 in the afternoon. It would be great to have some supporters to encourage the team, so if you are available please make a date in your diary.

Congratulations to:

Mervyn Reid, Peter Crouch, Roy Banks and Tim Lee

Barry Mayhew, Gary Kelly, John Morrison and John Neicho

Alan Rickerty, John Lowden, Malcolm Alcock and Richard Lush

Come along and support OUR TEAM.

Details of the Outdoor Bowls Annual General Meeting to be held on 4th September appear in this newsletter. The meeting will be preceded with a complimentary ploughman's lunch. To provide us with an indication of how many people to cater for, please write your name on the list on the club noticeboard.

From the 1st August we welcome the return of our caterer Ian Carroll who will provide a two-course meal following all weekend friendly matches. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served half-way through the match and the match fee will be £5.50. Please advise the Captain of all dietary requirements at least three days in advance.

A poster is now on the club noticeboard for members to reserve their places for this year's End of Season Prize Giving Luncheon to be held on Sunday 26th September. Family and friends are welcome. The menu is Roast Beef, Apple Pie & Custard, Cheese & Biscuits & Coffee @£11.50 per head. Please post your monies in the letterbox in the indoor green with the names of your guests. Please advise the Secretary (Ian Powell) of all dietary requirements at least a week in advance.

A Grounds Working Party will once again take place on **Monday 9th August** at 10:00am. Please come and join us for a couple of hours (we do stop at 12noon) and help with the upkeep of our grounds. You will need a pair of gardening gloves.

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.

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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.

Members thoughts / anecdotes

I am still a relative newbie to bowls and Barry and I have only just started playing in “proper” matches representing Hatfield. Sometimes we surprise ourselves; at other times we come away feeling frustrated that it all didn’t come together on the day. We always turn up to play with the best of intentions. I am sure that many of you share this experience.

One thing we have noticed is the BIG difference it makes when there are fellow bowlers on the side lines keen to offer their support. Whether a nod, wink or gentle applause of encouragement as we sneak a bowl into a good position or..... an empathetic shake of the head or sigh as we just don’t manage to pull it off. **Sue Mayhew**

Please come along to support our bowlers as Sue mentions above, its always good to have support in whatever we do.

Indoor bowls

A message from **English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd:**
Road map out of COVID-19 Restrictions Update.

With the Government announcing that Step 4 of their road map out of Covid-19 restrictions will commence on Monday 19th July 2021, we wish to advise Indoor Clubs of how this would affect them.

This notice is to aide preparations as the formal guidance issued by the Government, which the EIBA uses to shape its guidance has, at this time, not been updated to reflect the announcements earlier this week.

As soon as this guidance is available, we will be able to review and issue more detailed guidance, if appropriate.

From Monday 19th July: -

- There are no restrictions on participant numbers indoors which means that all formats of the Indoor Bowls will be permitted.
- Social Distancing measures will be removed.

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- There is no legal requirement to wear a face covering when entering and walking around the Club. However, the Government expects and recommends that people should continue to wear them in crowded and enclosed spaces.
- There is no legal requirement to collect contact details. However, it is advised that an NHS QR code is continued to be displayed for participants who wish to check in via the app. If a QR code is displayed then a system for collecting (and securely storing) names and contact details for those who wish to check in but do not have access to a smartphone or prefer not to use the app.
- Continue to keep in place hygiene measures to reduce the risk of transmission such as hand sanitisers around the club.
- Maintain the existing cleaning regimes for areas which are touched often and equipment, such as the mats and jacks in between sessions.
- The tradition of shaking hands pre and post match to be left to the individual participants at that time.
- For the bar and restaurant areas there will be no restrictions on numbers allowed to sit or stand in the area and table service is not a requirement.
- Remind members and visitors that if they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms (cough, temperature and loss of taste / smell) they should not enter the club.
- Provide adequate ventilation by ensuring a flow of fresh air through natural and or mechanical sources.

However, with many Clubs already operating limited schedules and or have summer leagues operating under Step 3 restrictions the EIBA believe consideration for these to continue as is until the end of the summer arrangements would be prudent.

Information from Bowls England

COVID Guidance Update

From 19th July, Clubs are not required to enforce any COVID restrictions by law. We are recommending, however, that Government guidance on mask wearing indoors is still adhered to by our Clubs, and that all Clubs continue to utilise the NHS COVID app to ensure the spread of the virus is limited.

We are sure that the bowls community will respect people's personal choices regarding masks, social distancing and their own well-being.

Following the latest Government update, we are working with various stakeholders, including Warwick District Council and Public Health England, to confirm the plans for the Bowls England National Finals and will

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issue an update next week. We made a commitment to ensure that we managed the season safely for all participants and we are determined to see that through. We thank you for your continued patience as we navigate this situation.

Bowls' Big Weekend event, which was very well received. We will share a full review in due course but a few headline figures:

- A total of **693 Bowls England affiliated clubs** signed up to host an event.
- Our total readership for the media coverage we received was **22.3m**. That works out at the equivalent of spending **£267,456** on advertising in newspapers and online. Our **TV coverage was seen by 1.3m people** - not including the BBC Breakfast viewership.
- Our paid Facebook advertising reached **227,000 people** and we had **534 conversions** to people signing up for Bowls' Big Weekend sessions.
- We had **575,000 impressions** across our three primary social media channels. Engagement with our content was up 48% v the previous month.
- At the time of writing, returns from 200 clubs have been received (a response rate of 22%), highlighting a **total of 5,290 attendees – an average of 26.5 per club**.

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Allotment News

Cliff Batts allotment.



With the sun and rain all things are growing well.

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!

General

I hope you all found something of interest in the August edition. If there are any thoughts or issues that you would like incorporated into the monthly news letter please let me or a committee member know.

Richard Collett

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