



Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

Monthly Newsletter

February 2022

General News

We are now into February and the long days of January are behind us, so we are hopefully looking forward to a great 2022 !

Keep well all, hope to see you at our bowls and social events through February and onwards.

Sadly Covid is still with us but our government have lifted most of the restrictions, cases are falling and we are starting to live with it, which we will all have to do. If you are fully jabbed and catch it, hopefully it is not too serious.

We are suggesting that all our members still take precautions where necessary. That may mean still wearing a mask and keeping hands washed and taking a covid test if you have been with someone that has tested positive or feeling poorly.

Our Club license regulations require guests to pay a 50p membership fee for their visit, what great value that is!! If you are a visiting team or their

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supporters, whether it be bowls / darts etc. you are not required to pay the 50p, even better!

Club Improvement News

We have started to update and improve some of the existing fixtures and fittings within the club house and externally, these include:

New flood lights out side - installed

New LED lights throughout the club house - installed

New emergency back door – installed

Boiler and heating upgrade to be started soon

New indoor vending machine for indoor bowls rink to be installed

BT WiFi being reviewed for upgrade.

From Dee and John Morrison:

Dee and John Saga

As many of you may already know that we didn't get on the flight to Australia on 18th January because the PCR test came back positive for me. Absolutely devastated after all the planning, form filling, clearing of our house and isolating from our family and friends the week before.

This worldwide pandemic has certainly put a lot of obstacles in our way over the past couple of years and this setback is another one we've had to cope with and will get through.

We have now got flights booked for February 2nd so keeping a very low profile till then.

One of the main reasons of writing this is to say how much we appreciated all of your friendships over the years while we have been bowling at Hatfield. Also your support while we were captains as sometimes it was challenging.

We enjoyed playing on the same team but also against you in both friendly and competitive matches. We also realise how many good friends we've made from other clubs in the district and county.

You have been great and will miss you all very much, so thank you.

We intend to join a bowls club in Brisbane and hope we can have the same experience as we have had.....but it's going to be a hard act to follow.

We have a tremendous family waiting for us and know we shall spend the rest of our lives where we want to be and in contentment.

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Stay safe and keep in touch
Dee and John xx

I and all our club members wish Dee and John all the very best for your new adventure and future in Australia. We hope it is all you dreamed of.
Safe journey keep well
Richard C and all members of our great club.

Bar Opening Times

Winter Bar Opening Times from October to March

	Lunch Time	Evening
Monday	12.30pm - 2.00pm	6.00pm -10.30pm
Tuesday	Closed	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 2.00pm	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Thursday	Closed	6.00pm -10.30pm
Friday	12.30pm -2.00pm	6.00pm -10.00pm
Saturday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed**
Sunday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed

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

Times subject to change, dependant on bowls / dart matches and league fixtures.

Social Events

Saturday 15th January Quiz. Thank you Kath and Howard for a fun evening and a great quiz. Everyone enjoyed it especially the riotous winning team you know who you are!!

A note from Kath and Howard

Dear all,

Thank you for supporting the quiz. We are pleased to let you know that £150.00 was donated to the RNIB (in memory of Alan R Jones). Money also

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raised went into the Cystic Fibrosis collection box. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Thank you, Kath and Howard

PS Gift aid added £37.50 to the donation.

Saturday 29th January PYCR. Another great evening of PYCR hosted by Phil (Elvis) and Michael. Everyone enjoyed themselves specially the winners and that lucky winner that won 3 times!! Thank you Phil / Michael and the Ladies doing the raffle etc.

Social events coming up:

Saturday 12th February Valentine's Day - entertainment by ExAct JayDee and Sally – plus raffle

Saturday 19th March St Patricks Day – A fun evening of Irish music and Quiz hosted by Kath and Howard - plus raffle

Saturday 23rd April St Georges Day - entertainment by Sue, Andy Reid, and Friends - plus raffle

Saturday 14th May - PYCR - plus raffle TBC

Saturday 21st May - TBC

Friday 3rd June Queen's Jubilee day - BBQ, games etc. Disco with Sue in the evening – Plus Raffle

Saturday 16th July - Music from duo 'When we had hair' Great musicians and songs – Plus Raffle

Saturday 24th September Spencer as Buddy Holly, back by popular demand - plus raffle

Please attend as many of these functions as you can. We need your support for them to continue.

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General

New Lucky Dip Pull Tab machine.

The New Lucky Dip machine has arrived and is located next to the Bar and is already paying out!

The machine has 4 columns, 2 columns will be 50p tickets with prizes from £1.00 to £250.00, the other 2 columns will have £1.00 tickets with prizes from £1.00 to £500.00.

Alun has the marketing leaflets, so if you would like to know more please ask him.

Darts

So far the team has won seven and lost five league games and are through to the semi-finals of the Memorial Plaque knockout tournament. We played the Sun pub team in the next round and sadly lost.

Full results can be seen on the darts notice board.

The fixture list is on the darts notice board at the club. The fixtures run from Thursday 2nd September to 21st April 2022.

Club Fun Dart Competition

Pairs darts competition, Tuesday 15th February – Starting 8 O’Clock. All club members are invited to enter the club competition. Choose your own partner.

Format – Pairs – 301up – double in/out - best of 3 legs – straight knockout.

Those who lose in the pre-lim/first round will be entered into a second competition.

Sign up sheet will be on the notice board next to the Bar / Lucky Dip Pull Tab machine. Have fun and enjoy.

Bridge Club

Bridge group plays on Mondays between 13.30 and 16.30 and are a group who enjoy playing social bridge. If you have played before and would like to play again, then please contact Geoff on Monday afternoon at the club, or leave a message with Shirley via the clubs email.

There will be an update when Fridays restart in the afternoon.

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Bowls News

As always we need more volunteers coming forward to share some of the responsibilities that help to run the bowls and social club. A starting point could be to shadow one of the roles, to get a feel for what is involved before making a full commitment. Please let Graeme or any of the committee members know if you are interested.

Indoor leagues

The indoor 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". The computer is installed in the indoor bowls area and iPad by the bookcase in the dining room for booking your matches.

This will be for indoors and outdoor bowls. Please let the club know if you require help using the computer or ask any of the team "Captains" on page 14 of the fixtures book to enter your matches for you.

Your indoor bowls programme for this season 2021/2022 is available at the club. It details all the matches to be played and costs. It also gives contact details of indoor bowls committee members, district reps and your Captains. Please get your copy from the club.

The indoor competition draws have been done, please look at the boards in the indoor rink to see who you are playing and when.

Men's Indoor Roll Up

Times:

Monday's 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday's 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Times could change subject to matches being played. All men are welcome to play especially new members. Get there early and pick up a token at the indoor rinks to play.

To all indoor bowls members, when you have finished your sessions please ensure that all lights are turned off, even if you know the rink is being used after you if the next players are not there, thank you. Lighting is a big club expenditure, the more we can save the more we have for other club requirements.

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Outdoor Bowls - Ian Powell

The County had cancelled the usual Men's and Ladies Annual Prize Giving Dinner and Lunch for 2021 due to COVID. They have now announced that these are to be replaced with a luncheon on Sunday 6th March at the Homestead Court Hotel, Welwyn Garden City, 12.45 for 13.30.

This will be a three course lunch @£30 per head.

Posters including a menu are attached to the outdoor bowls notice boards. If you wish to book a place, please use the poster on display in the club and put your payment, made payable to Hatfield Bowls Club in post box in the indoor green.

I will then complete the details and forward to the County.

The Ladies Indoor section

No updates for February news letter

Potters update by Sylvia and Alan Gough

POTTERS 2022

A group of 25 from Hatfield Bowls Club has been booked into Potters Leisure for the Bowls Week from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th of October 2022. Of these 20 are bowlers so we shall have five teams entered into that week's competition. For those who have never been to Potters, the rooms are warm and comfortable, there is plenty of food with a varied menu and, in addition to bowls and the swimming centre, there are many other activities. Potters list 34 activities that are available within the "all inclusive" price as well as 21 others of a more specialised nature. Many of the activities are equally available to those with limited abilities. At the last count there was still some accommodation available for that week (in bungalows or bungalow plus), so we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the group. For further information, call us on 01707 267 289 or put a note in the pigeon holes.

Sylvia & Alan Gough

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Allotment News

Cliff Batts allotment.

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

We're now at the end of the season, so its preparation for next year.

If there is anything anyone would like planting next year, please let us know!

Martine

General

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

Thank you

Richard Collett

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