



Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

Monthly Newsletter

January 2022

General News

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmases and we wish everyone a happy heathy and prosperous New Year

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

Sadly Covid is still with us and the new variant is running through the UK. Hopefully if you are fully jab and you catch it, it's 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.

It is a requirement of our Club to sign in guests. This is part of our Club license regulations, guests 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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Teams from other clubs playing matches at our club whether it be bowls / darts etc. are not required to pay the 50p membership.

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 December 4th Bowls Christmas dinner. What a great evening. A fabulous meal was cooked by Ian and served by his team of waitresses. Thank you to all. Christmas dinner was followed by a great evening of entertainment from Sue, as always her voice was in fine fettle she had us up and dancing. We also had a raffle of sorts, master minded by Sue Mayhew great fun. It was certainly anything but ordinary, this raffle where your prize could be taken away by another person if they had the correct card symbol, called out by Sue. Great fun Sue well done.

Saturday December 12th Social Christmas dinner. Yet another great meal prepared by Ian and served by his team of waitresses. Following the meal we played PYCR. Four games, 3 of which went without a hitch, the fourth however one of the audience made a wrong call thinking he had won but it was a LOO LOO. The cards were called out again and then the game carried on, he called

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out again on the next card but this time I was correct but shared the pot with another on the 2 of spades. I felt a bit of a turnip but it was all good fun. A great evening had by all.

Saturday 18th December. PYCR Christmas special. Mince pies, sausage rolls etc. arranged by Carole and the social committee, thank you. Another fun evening at our club, with special thanks to Phil and Michael.

New Year's Eve. Will it won't it go ahead? Well it did and what a great evening! The excellent buffet was prepared by Ian once more and the great entertainment by Sue with as always a great array of music. Also Sue Mayhew getting up on the mic and in great voice. A superb evening.



The total raised as a result of Shena's charity night, Martine's dry November and general giving was £1022.66 for the Isabel Hospice. Well done Martine and to all those that gave, a big thank you.

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Social events coming up:

Saturday 15th January Quiz with Kath and Howard - Plus raffle

Saturday 29th January PYCR with fish and chips – Plus raffle

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

Saturday 19th March St Patricks Day - plus raffle

Saturday 23rd April St Georges Day - entertainment by Andy Reid plus raffle

Saturday 14th May PYCR - plus raffle

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

General

New Lucky Dip Pull Tab machine.

The machine will be located close to the Bar The machine will have 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.

The machine should be installed within a couple of weeks, subject to the tickets being printed.

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

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Darts

The dart league, so far the team has won six and lost four league games and are through to the semi-finals of the Memorial Plaque knockout tournament. Full results can be seen on the darts notice board.

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

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.

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 now installed in the indoor bowls area. This will be for indoors and outdoor bowls. Please let the club know if you require help using the computer.

From Kay:

An iPad will also be available for use by indoor and outdoor bowlers by the bookcase in the dining room for booking your matches. If anyone wants instruction etc please ring me.

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.

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

From Brian Burfoot:

Hi all, those wishing to play in the January matches can you please get your applications in. More names are needed for all the January dates.

If you need help with the online booking system computer at the club please ask any of the team "Captains" on page 14 of the fixtures book to enter your matches for you.

All the very best for your festive times ahead, Brian.

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.

Outdoor Bowls - Ian Powell

The Outdoor Bowls Committee has its first meeting of the new season on 25th January. The February edition of the newsletter will have more information about the 2022 outdoor session.

The Ladies Indoor section

More news in the February edition.

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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

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 January 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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