

# Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

# Monthly Newsletter November 2021

# **General News**

We hope everyone is well and looking forward to Christmas and with Christmas only two months away, let's hope the media doesn't start spreading news that there is a shortage of turkeys and toilet rolls!!!! Sadly we are still not rid of COVID hopefully the NHS can stay in control of the increasing cases.

In line with government guidelines and bowls England we have now removed the Covid barriers at the bar and other restrictions.

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.

Teams from other clubs playing matches at our club whether it be bowls / darts etc. are not required to pay the 50p membership.

The carpets and flooring from the indoor bowls area through to the changing rooms have all been thoroughly cleaned by a local contractor and are looking far better. The dining room and bar chairs have also been cleaned. An excellent job by our contractor.

We are looking at getting a new pigeon hole system to replace the existing one. It will go on the wall in reception on the right as you come into the club. We will let you know when we have acquired it and when it will be installed. The old pigeon hole system is temporarily located by the pool table.

# **Bar Opening Times**

### Winter Bar Opening Times from October to March

	Lunch Time	Evening
Monday	12.00pm - 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 -10.30pm
Saturday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed**
Sunday	12.00pm -7.00pm	Closed

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

Ellie has settled in well behind the bar and pulling some great pints.

# **Social Events**

Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Diane Moore sang songs from the 50's to the 90's, and had us up dancing after 6 or so songs, a great entertainer and a great night. She engaged with the audience all night, Elvis (Phil) in particular!

Next its Buddy Holly. Get your tickets from behind the bar.

### Social events coming up:

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.

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> Bowls Christmas dinner with entertainment from Sue after the meal

Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> Social Christmas dinner with fun and games

PYCR Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas special. There will also be a raffle and mince pies, sausage rolls etc.

New Years Eve, Friday 31st December Sue and disco £12 including buffet. Always a great night.

Saturday 15th January Quiz with Kath and Howard - There will also be a raffle

Saturday 29th January PYCR - with raffle and fish and chips

Saturday 12th February Valentines Do – plus raffle

Saturday 19th March St Patricks Day Do - plus raffle

Saturday 23rd April St Georges day Do - 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.

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

#### General

#### Darts

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

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

# **Bridge Club**

Bridge group has now restarted they play on Mondays between 13.30 and 16.30 and are a group who enjoy playing social bridge. Recently they have been running 2 tables so there is space for more players. They cater for players of all standards but do not teach the game from scratch. 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.

### 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". For those without access to the internet the club will be putting a computer in the indoor bowls area to allow you to book your matches. All bookings once the system is installed are to be online. This will be for indoors and outdoor bowls. There will be a session on the use of the computer and booking once installed

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.

#### Men's Indoor Roll Up

Men's indoor roll up started on Monday 4th October 2021.

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.

#### The Ladies Indoor section

The Ladies Indoor section are playing Riverain BC on Saturday 6th November in the National Yetton Trophy which is 2 rinks away and 2 rinks at home at 10am. Good luck ladies.

# **Potters**

Potters October 2022 – For all those interested you should have received a form to complete and return with your deposit to Sylvia & Alan Gough. The forms were placed in the pigeon holes that are located at the moment by the pool table.

# **Allotment News**

Cliff Batts allotment.

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

We're now at the end of the season, so now its preparation for next year Chris has been working hard preparing the beds for the winter months. So far, winter onions and garlic have been planted.

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 November 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