



Hatfield Bowls & Social Club

Monthly Newsletter

October 2021

General News

We hope everyone is well. Life without Covid is slowly moving on let's hope it stays that way through autumn and winter.!!

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.

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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	Open only when there is a match.	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

**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.

We are very pleased to let you all know that a new member of the bar staff is joining us. Her name is Ellie and we are sure that it won't take her long to learn the ropes and settle in. No doubt, you will all make her feel very welcome.

Social Events

What a great night it was for our charity night in memory of the wonderful Shena and in aid of the Isabel Hospice. Sue as always played some great music and over £500 was raised on the night for Isabel Hospice. Money is still being donated and we are now over £800.00. Thank you to everyone.

PYCR with Elvis and Michael on Saturday September 25th was a great night as always and the fish and chip supper was very much enjoyed.

Social events coming up:

Saturday October 23rd Diane Moore (<https://dianemooresings.co.uk/>) 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.

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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 food.

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

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

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Darts

The dart league has started and we got off to a great start by winning our first game which was a knock out tournament against the Cavendish. The following week was our first league match, 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 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.

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Bowls News

Saturday 25th was the end of season friendly bowls match at the club. A great afternoon was had by all.



Some joyous moments



Thoughtful moments

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Congratulations and direction from the skip



All enjoying the bowls

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The rowdy crowd looking on.

Finals Day

We enjoyed a successful and enjoyable finals day on Saturday 18th September which was well supported by members who came to encourage our finalists. Many thanks to Peter Crouch for organising the competitions this year and this event. Thanks too to Brian Burford for umpiring and to the ladies for their excellent catering. The results are:

Mixed and Open

Australian Pairs
Mixed Pairs
Fixed Jack
Open Singles
Drawn Pairs

Winner

M.Underwood A Warren
Mary Banks Roy Banks
Roy Banks
Roy Banks
Tony Ross John Morrison

Runner up

M.Reed M.Williamson
Peter Crouch Sue Swain
Dee Morrison
Mary Banks
D.Morrison M.Underwood

Ladies

Maryland
Two Wood Singles
Handicap
Championship

Martine Underwood
Alison Hall
Alison Hall
Mary Banks

Dee Morrison
Sue Swain
Mary Banks
Joyce Terry

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Men

Two Wood Singles
Handicap
Richardson
Championship

Malcolm Williamson
John Loudon
Malcolm Alcock
John Loudon

Peter Crouch
Gary Kelly
Peter Crouch
Peter Crouch



Ladies singles champion Mary Banks



Men's Singles champion John Loudon

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Further honours received this year. Congratulations to Alison Hall on winning both the Hertfordshire County and St Albans and District Ladies Singles titles.

And to Alison and Mary Banks as Runners Up in the Hertfordshire County Ladies Pairs.

It is a great achievement which saw them representing Hertfordshire at the National Finals for which Alison, Mary and this club can be proud.

The 2021 Women's County Luncheon on Sunday 24th October and Men's County Dinner on Wednesday 17th November have been cancelled. The county is working to replace them with a shared Luncheon and Prizegiving in the New Year.

Entry forms for next year's County Men's and Ladies competitions are now on the Club Noticeboards. If you wish to enter yourself or a team in the Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours please put your name / names on the appropriate sheet and put your monies (£3.50 per person for each competition) in the letterbox in the indoor green, clearly marked.

There will be no County Handbooks next year as this will appear on-line. Entries with monies MUST be received by the Club by 15th December.

All National Championships and County Competitions will be run over the following format.

Singles (including Junior Singles) - 21 up

Pairs (including Junior Pairs) - Four bowls 18 ends

Triples – Three bowls 18 ends

Fours (including Senior Fours) – Two bowls 18 ends

Two-bowl singles – Two bowls 21 ends

Next year's National Finals will be held on Thursday 25th August to Sunday 11th September at Victoria Park, Birmingham.

Entry forms for next year's St Albans and District men's competitions are now on the noticeboard. If you wish to enter yourself or a team in the Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours please complete a form and post it with your monies in the letterbox in the indoor green. The cost is £2 per person for each competition. Each player will also require a handbook at £2. Only one handbook is required per person regardless of how many competitions you enter. Entries MUST be received by the club by 14th November.

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It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Ted Calvert. Ted was a long-standing member and regular bowler who made many friends at the club.

This year's End of Season Prize-Giving Luncheon was attended by 61 members and their guests. It was great that we could end the season on such a high. Ian Carroll provided a very nice meal and we all enjoyed ourselves. Following the presentation of prizes, a special award of Life Membership was made to Richard Lush in recognition of his long period of service to Hatfield Bowls Club. Since the mid 80's Richard has fulfilled the posts of President and Club Captain for both Indoors and Outdoor Bowls on many an occasion, weekend and mid-week. He has contributed too to the upkeep and maintenance of the fabric including being the Green Ranger for many years and is on the Board of Directors.



Richard Lush receiving his Life Membership Award from President Ian Powell

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Annual General Meeting (outdoor bowls)

The AGM was held on Saturday 4th September and attended by about 30 people the full report will be issued to all.

Thank you to our Ladies for providing lunch.

Also a big thank you to Ian Powell for all the hard work he has done and the many “hats” he has been wearing. We all really appreciate Ian’s hard work and I am sure he is being his normal modest and polite self, when he says he is “happy to do it”.

It would be great to see more volunteers coming forward to share some of these responsibilities. A starting point could be to shadow one of the roles, to get a feel for what is involved before making a full commitment.

Men’s Indoor Roll Up

Men’s indoor roll up starts 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. Should you wish to play indoors before the 4th October you are welcome to do so.

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”.

Potters

Potters October 2022 – If you are interested in going to Potters please see the notice on the notice board next to the changing rooms. This is a great week away for bowlers and non-bowlers.

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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, we don't have much coming up now, the odd cabbage may appear.

Chris has been working hard preparing the beds for the winter months. So far, winter onions and garlic have been planted.

It's been a good season overall, and we thank everyone for their donations towards the allotment. All proceeds have gone towards items we need to keep the allotment going, as well as for next year.

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

We're happy to try everything.

Martine

General

I hope you all found something of interest in the October 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.

Richard Collett

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