

WELL BOWLED

A monthly newsletter for members of Northwood Bowling Clubs

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From the Men's President

Well we tried! We reached various stages of the Singles, Pairs and Triples in the Harrow & District competitions including the semi-final of the Portman Cup. This last competition is decided on the aggregate score of the Singles, Pairs and Triples played at the same time. Whilst we won the triples, we lost on the other two rinks, and our triples win was not enough to make up the deficit. Poor old Mark Pomiankowski got the shortest of the straws. He played in the Singles against the somewhat legendary Atillio Ciampini. Rather Mark than me.

We have had several members new to us in the last year or so, who are clearly going to be very good and it would be nice to see a larger contingent in the Harrow & District games next season. For anyone who thinks they are too new to bowl in them, you aren't. That was my feeling when I

first entered but I got through two or three rounds in the Singles in my first entry. Not everyone who enters is a Ciampini.

We had a surprise visitor to the club recently, Richard Graham. He is getting about a lot more now and, whilst he will not be bowling this season as rightly he doesn't want to do too much too quickly, I have no doubt we will be seeing more of him. How have we managed without him doing trial ends and then telling us which the turning hand is, when we have just done our own trial ends on the same rink?

Once more the season starts to draw to a close. I have often in the past heard members moaning about how wet it has been, but I have only had to wear a waterproof jacket once this season and then only for half an hour. The problem has been the heat not the wet. The grass has held up well and we will keep pestering the council to make sure they keep up

with the work schedule they themselves have set.

The annual dinner is only just around the corner, after the finals weekend, and then it will be the AGM and the Christmas party at the club house. I had to get Christmas in somewhere didn't I?

The club operates via a committee, which is made up of various posts, in other words jobs that must be done. We don't meet all that often in a year and I try to keep the meetings on track and cut out the waffle that can so easily go on at such meetings. I write that because its your club as much as mine. We need some of the newer members to come forward to take on this work. Don't be surprised to find someone bending your ear in the weeks before the AGM about joining the committee and doing your bit to help.

Nigel Shock

From the Ladies' President

September brings the Finals Days of both our clubs. The finalists have played hard to get there so please give them your support and come along to watch. Lunch will be on hand for all days so you will not go hungry.

Christmas party tickets will be on sale soon. I can hear you all groaning but come the end of the month we are not in touch quite so much. The date is Sunday December 9th so look out for the poster for all the details.

The outlook is for fine weather so enjoy what is left of the season.

Ann Jenkins

This completes our Bidgood matches giving us a total of 30 points and promotion to Division 1, so well done to all those taking part.

Vets A

Harrow Weald at Home
N/wood 68 – Harrow Weald 44 ..4 pts

Harrow Weald Away Northwood
63 – Harrow Weald 35.....5 points

Lupton Away

N/wood 43 – Lupton 46.....1 point

Century at Home

N/wood 54 – Century 50.....3 points

We have two remaining matches at home against Pinner and West Harrow. We currently have 32 points and are in 4th position

Len Batchelor

From the Men's Captain

Bidgood League

Harrow B at Home
N/wood 30 – Harrow 25.....3 points

Lupton at Home
N/wood 42 – Lupton 27.....4 points

Kingsbury at Home
N/wood 42 – Kingsbury 20....4 points

Cavendish at Home
N/wood 39 – Cavendish 22....4 points

From the Ladies' Captain

At the moment we are top of the Weald League. We did win it last year so we are hoping to keep the cup. Would you believe it, the one day of rain this season was so heavy that we cancelled with West Harrow, but have managed to reschedule it.

We had a very good mixed drive on Bank Holiday Monday with plenty of players and guests for tea and money was raised for both the captains' charities.

Good luck to all those playing in the finals and we look forward to seeing everyone at both the men's and the ladies'. Those who wish to have a ploughman's lunch at our finals on Tuesday 11th September just put your name on the list in the ladies' changing room.

This is the last edition of Well Bowled for 2018, which for us ardent bowlers, it is rather sad that the season is coming to an end. We still have a month left, with many more matches, so will make the most of it.

It is now a typical English Summer – don't know from one day to the next if it will rain or shine.

Continue enjoying.

Gill Lewis

Competitions

Harrow & District Knockout Competitions

Our last two triples teams have been eliminated so there will be no Northwood representative at the finals this year.

Cliff Short reached the Quarter Finals of the Middlesex Unbadged Singles competition for the second year running, but was defeated 21-17 by a new (young) County player.

In the Coronation Shield we reached the Quarter Final before losing to Harefield, and in the Portman Trophy we reached the Semi Final before losing to Uxbridge. Although we lost overall in these competitions we did have a winning rink in both of them and it was a very creditable performance.

In the Vets League Cup we lost heavily away to Century in the Quarter Final on their outdoor carpet; a surface that suits neither outdoor nor indoor bowlers, and is almost universally hated across the District.

Cliff Short

The Laws Of Bowls

A question I have been asked by Tony Sunderland concerns how to measure if the jack has been delivered the required minimum distance of 23 metres from the front of the mat. Should the measure be taken to the nearest point of the jack (ie the front of the jack) or to it's centre (ie the middle of the jack)?

The answer is clearly given in Law 23.1.3 which states:-

“The jack has been improperly delivered if it comes to rest at a distance of less than 23 metres from the mat line, as measured in a straight line from the centre of the mat line to the nearest point of the jack, after the jack has been centred”.

So that is absolutely clear. The measure is taken from the front of the mat to the front (nearest point) of the jack.

Ed

New Editor Needed – Volunteers Please

My wife Barbara has done the laying out of the copy for Well Bowled since July 2006 (62 issues) and I have been editor for the last 6 years (having taken over from Helen Brumham). We are now handing over and this issue will be our last.

If you value this newsletter as a means of knowing what is happening in the clubs, how we are doing in competitions, forthcoming events, obituaries etc. etc. then please consider taking on the role of editor and let either Nigel Shock or Ann Jenkins know of your interest.

I would like to put on record thanks to Barbara on behalf of the clubs for all her excellent work in making Well Bowled look so professional over the last 13 years.

Ed

The Benefits of Wine and Bowls

Silvio, an 80 year old Italian, goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape Silvio is in and asks “how do you stay in such great physical condition”?

“I have a glass of wine every day and play bowls three times a week.”

“Well says the doctor I'm sure that helps. How old was your father when he died?”

“Who said he was dead”?

“You mean you're 80 and your father is still alive. How old is he”?

“He is 100”, says Silvio. “This morning we went to watch the naturists on the beach and then had some vino. He's Italian and a bowler too.”

The doctor said, “I'm sure there is more to it than that. How old was your Grandfather when he died?”

“Who said my grandfather is dead?”

Stunned the doctor asks “Incredible, how old is he?”

“He is 118 years old” says Silvio.

“So I guess he went bowling with you this morning too.”

“No no. He couldn't bowl this morning because he is getting married today.”

The doctor by now is close to losing it. “Getting married! Why would an 118 year old man want to get married?”

“Who said he wanted to?”