

# WELL BOWLED

**A monthly newsletter for members of Northwood Bowling Clubs**

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## **From the Men's President**

We all know when the season is starting to reach the end. The only rounds left to play in the club competitions are on finals weekend, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September. The evenings are drawing in and the shadows start to fall over the green by the changing rooms and the club house just that little bit sooner. Our cars start to be hit by the falling conkers. Well, sadly, it will very soon be that time of the year.

Others will report on our progress in various competitions but there is one result I am certainly going to draw to your attention. It's the Harrow and District Portman Cup. We played the semi-final at the neutral ground of Ladygate and beat The Mill by just 2 points. That was thanks to a 19 point victory in the triples. We know the final will be played at Hendon on 7<sup>th</sup> September but, as I write this we don't yet know the start time. It's the Harrow and District finals day so lots of matches will take place across the day. Our opponents are Pinner, who we know to be a very strong team. Hendon is not exactly close to our club but support for us on the day would be good.

The details of the Annual Club Presentation dinner will be out soon, probably by the time you read this. It's on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at The Blue Check once again. No need to order in advance, orders will be taken at the table, but Paul will need your cheque and seating request in advance. I don't yet have many names on my list for the award of a wrong bias certificate at the dinner so please forward to me any you know of. One name I have isn't even a member of our club! All will be revealed at the dinner.

See you at our game at Hendon, or the finals weekend, if not before.

Nigel

## **From the Ladies' President**

Only another month left. Can't believe where the time has gone.  
The ladies had one or two matches cancelled due to the hot weather.

I hope everybody enjoyed the PRESIDENTS v CAPTAIN day on the August bank holiday Monday. The weather was a scorcher, but we all got through it ok. Congratulations to the CAPTAINS team who won on the day. I would like to thank everybody for supporting the day, also thanks to everybody who helped clear away in the kitchen and generally tidied up after our Fish and Chip supper.

The FINALS are just around the corner. Congratulations to everybody who has reached the finals. Just cross your fingers that the weather holds out for us all.

The ladies will be having a ploughman's lunch on their finals day (10th). Anybody welcome, just put your name on the list in the ladies changing room. Please come and support. Enjoy the rest of the season.

Miriam Dommett

## DIFFERENT HORSES FOR DIFFERENT COURSES

Having seen the newspaper cutting displayed in both Changing Rooms relating to English Bowling Federation (EBF) rules regarding ladies not being permitted to wear shorts on the Green, although men can do so provided they are regulation issue with EBF logo thereon, I thought members might like to know of the existence of other forms of bowling in other parts of the country.

EBF has its own laws, management, competitions and matches not in any way administered by or connected to Bowls England. The Federation was formed in 1945 although its grass roots can be traced back some 50 years previous to that date and is mainly played in the Northeast of England and is now expanded to many counties in the Midlands and East Anglia.

The Ladies Federation came into being in 1957, surprisingly in these gender-equality times, and remains a distinct and separate unit although there is a combined governing body (food for thought at Northwood perhaps?) Whether players from both the above sections and Crown Green for that matter, are interchangeable, I don't know. I would have thought, however, that there is a sufficiency of bowling available to satisfy all needs of the most enthusiastic players

without switching from one form to another.

Therefore, the shorts issue mentioned in the cutting has no relevance to Lawn Bowls and, in fact, Bowls England has approved the wearing of regulation shorts by all members.

My views on the wearing of shorts (regulation or otherwise) are well known and do not bear repetition here.

Gerry Whitmee

### From the Men's Captain

#### Vets A

Deane Park away  
W2 L1 47-47 3 points  
Harrow Weald away  
W2 D1 53-50 4 1/2 points  
Lupton away  
W3 59-38 5 points  
Woodcock Park Home  
L3 43-54 0 points  
Pinner home  
W3 59-35 5 points

Played 13 Won 11 Lost 2. Points so far with one game to play 46 1/2  
Should be in top spot for promotion to Division 1 (Well done to A team players)

#### Bidgood

Hendon away  
13-14 13-18 0 points  
Ruislip home  
15-17 27-5 3 points

Played 8 W2 L6  
7 points demoted back to Div2 Len

### From the Ladies Captain

When you read this it will already be September. I

can't believe how the season is racing by.

September brings the Ladies Finals Days on the 10th and 12th. The finalists have played hard to get there so please give them your support and come along to watch.

We're not doing as well in the Weald League as we usually do but we have a couple of late matches so we can hopefully turn this around. The League match away to Harrow on the 25th July which was cancelled by Harrow has now been rescheduled for Monday 16th September.

On the 20th August Angela organised the Triples competition which was won by Elaine Stevens, Margaret Watson and Jacqui Batchelor. Well done.

Try and support the match between the Ladies and Northwood Vets on Tuesday 24th September (2.00pm) and also the Mixed Pairs on Tuesday 17th September (11.00am). As ever, enjoy your bowling. June Johnson

### From the Vet's B Captain

The Vets B Team was in 4th place and now possibly 5<sup>th</sup> as the match against Eastcote on was rained off and we couldn't re-schedule, so each team got 2 1/2 points. Lost 4-1 to Harrow. Marty

### Centring the Jack

The jack must be between 63

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and 64 millimetres in diameter, near enough  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  inches. So one roll of the jack, therefore, is just under 8 inches.