

WELL BOWLED

A monthly newsletter for members of Northwood Bowling Clubs

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From the Men's President

At the time of going to press Nigel was tied up with Court duties but he did let me know that together with Paul Lewis he is organising a Charity Fun Day for Bank Holiday Monday and that a poster giving all the details will be prominently displayed on notice boards and sent to everyone.

Ed

getting 6 to play. There is much arm twisting and begging – which I do not like to have to do.

We had a very successful mixed match last Saturday with some very high scores.

I was looking at the Well Bowled for August last year and my final comment was “JUST HOPE FOR SOME SUNNY DAYS” !!

Have a good month

Gill Lewis

From the Ladies' President

Here we are now into August and the season passing quicker than ever. By the time you read this I am sure you will all be aware of the change to our Bank Holiday President v Captain's match.

This year Nigel is taking the plunge in organising a Charity Fun Day. So to make it a success we will need lots of support from you all. A lot of work will go into making the day go well, so please let's raise a nice sum of money for the charities while having some 'fun bowling'.

The green is looking and playing so well this year considering the very hot weather, it really is the best in the District. Many thanks to the Men's Club for all the hard work they put in to keep it to such a high standard.

Enjoy your bowling and keep your fingers crossed for fine weather on Bank Holiday Monday.

Ann Jenkins

From the Vet's B Team Captain

The Vets' B Team have now played 7 matches, have won 3 and are at present down 7 points overall. We have 5 more matches to play and the next one is away at Deane Park.

We have lost a few players through illness and injuries but are still managing to get teams together. However, we are presently short of players for two away matches (22nd August Harrow and 28th August at Stanmore) and will need to do some phoning to get players. The Harrow & District website is about 3 – 4 weeks behind in showing our team as having played only twice and lying 4th out of the 7 teams.

Marty Berg

From the Men's Captain

Vet's League Results:-

Harrow Weald at Home:-
won 69 – 42 5 points

Stanmore at Home:-
drew 45 – 45..... 3 points

Century at Home:-
won 54 – 50 3 points

Bidgood League Results:-

Ruislip B Away:-
won 33 – 3 3 points

Friendlies:-

Bushey Away:- won 77 – 36

Denham at Home:- won 113 – 54

The match against Herts was cancelled

Len Batchelor

From the Ladies' Captain

In the Weald League we are still doing very well. It was a great achievement to beat Stanmore who now have 120 members. A couple of clubs have shut down and Stanmore have benefited with some very experienced players joining them. Why can't we have such luck? Anyway at Stanmore one rink had an excellent win and the other rink drew, so 3 ½ points out of 4. Well done ladies.

I am still having great difficulties even

Competitions

The Club is still in two knockout competitions, The HDBA Vets Cup Quarter Final playing Century away on the 2nd August, and the Portman Trophy (singles, pairs and triples) Semi Final against Uxbridge at Ladygate (neutral green) on 18th August, having been given a walkover in the Quarter Final by Century who couldn't field a team.

We have no representatives left in the Middlesex competitions, but Cliff Short reached the Quarter Final of the Middlesex Unbadged, losing 21 – 17 to a player who has moved from “Unbadged” to playing in the inter-county Middlesex team.

In the Harrow & District we have two teams left in the Quarter Finals of the Triples: Cliff Short, Len Batchelor, Dave Mann and Nigel Shock, Mark Pomiankowski, Emmanuel Aharoni. We wish them well; they are in opposite sides of the draw, so we might just get a “dream final” of a Northwood Team versus a Northwood Team!

Cliff Short

League Positions

Biggood League. Div. 2.

Our 4-0 win over Stanmore at home last Tuesday gives Northwood a total of 15 points. This takes us into 2nd. place, just a half point behind Harrow ‘B’ with both clubs having played 5 matches.

Vets League Div. 2

In our last 2 home matches, the ‘A’ team lost 2-3 to Stanmore, but defeated Century 3-2. This gives us a total of 26 points and currently puts the Club into 2nd. place just 2 points behind the leaders Century. However, we have played more matches than our rivals at this stage.

Div. 3

Having completed half the number of scheduled fixtures, the ‘B’ team lie just one place above the bottom. However, all the teams above us have played more matches, so a few wins should see us soaring up the table.

Roland Paes

Clifton Cup

This is a triples competition for the men which this year was held on July the 9th. The entrants had been put into teams of roughly equal bowling ability. This year there were 24 bowlers making 8 triples. Gerry Whitmee stepped in at the last minute when one bowler had to drop out. Roly had done his usual great organisation and on arrival bowlers could readily see who they were bowling

with, who their first and subsequent matches were against, and even which rinks they would be playing on. Each match was played over 6 ends and the result was recorded on a display sheet. The plus or minus score for each team was recorded and a running total of the shot difference shown. Lunch was taken after the first two matches. This was a splendid free buffet put on by Eric White and his wife Georgie assisted by an Indian friend who had made some delicious samosas. A further three matches were played in the afternoon and the winners of the Cup with the highest shot difference were David Mann, Keith Gibbs and Gerry Whitmee. The runners-up were Derek Pacey, Barry Aarons and Tony Sunderland.

A splendid day. Thanks Roly .

Ed

100 CLUB (In It To Win It)

The second draw of the season was made on July 6th after the first Friday League. The winners were:-

£40 Adrian Parker

£30 Eithne Adderley

£20 Alan Brumham

£10 Val Butler

£10 Trevor Sherling

Geoff Tomlins

Members may be aware of the passing away of Geoff Tomlins after a long bout of ill health and hospitalisation. His funeral was held on the 16th July at Breakspear Crematorium and refreshments were taken afterwards at Northwood Golf Club: Geoff was fond of a drink or two. The service was well attended by members of both clubs who gathered to pay their respects to a longstanding player of some 25 years.

Geoff was one of a breed of all round sports nuts, of which there are many like minded current members. Geoff played local club cricket with Harrow St. Mary’s prior to taking up bowls. What is not widely known is that while doing his National Service in the RAF up north, he was selected to play League Football for Grimsby Town F.C.. The Manager at that time was none other than the late Bill Shankley who later rose to fame as Manager of Liverpool F.C. who Geoff described as “a bit of a tartar”! Geoff was never short of a few sporting words and had numerous anecdotes of his sporting past which he was keen to relate to all and sundry at short notice. A truly lovely gentle guy who will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Gerry