



# BOWLED OVER

## HBC Weekly League Review



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### LADIES LEAGUE

#### HBC Maroon 2 v Needingworth 3

Good result winning 3-2, getting the bonus point with a good comeback from one of our rinks. Good to see Diana Baldwin (ex Hemingford player) who turns 90 in July. *Lynne*

#### Somersham W 3 v HBC White 2

Well done team in getting two points against a strong team on a difficult green at Somersham. *Philomena*

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BUCKDEN BC

We have recently been made aware of a number of incidents occurring along the one-way road at Hunts End. One such incident involved a vehicle driving the wrong way down the road and nearly hitting a child. This is completely unacceptable and we must all do our part to help keep the area safe for everyone. To help avoid any further incidents, we kindly ask that all Buckden Bowls Club members and visitors please use the Village Hall car Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### Dementia Action Week 18th - 24th May

Dementia Action Week is an awareness campaign led by Alzheimer's Society, bringing people and organisations together to act on dementia. Access the link below to discover more:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-action-week>



### HAYWARD LEAGUE

#### Ramsey Emeralds 0 v HBC Buzzards 7

The Buzzards travelled to their first away match at Ramsey on what threatened to be a showery evening. Despite at times bowling in torrential rain and a bitterly cold wind, the resilience of the team shone through as strongly as the sun refused to. Our first win of the season was secured with success in all 3 rinks in a match played in very good spirits. Top job Buzzards! *Sarah*



#### HBC Kites 2 v Houghton & Wyton 5

Cold blustery and wet evening. Teams played with full wet weather gear on and after 12 ends the other Captain wanted to finish early. One of our rinks had a valiant strike back and won on the last end. *Jan*



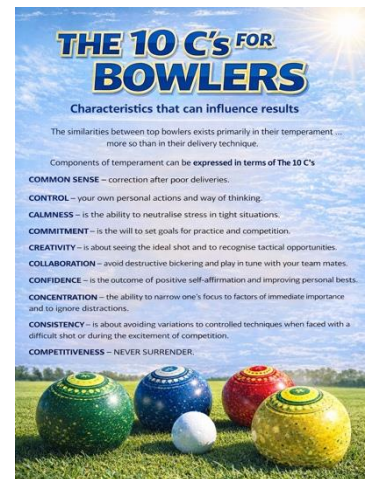
Suggested headwear for those inclement weather matches!

### FRIENDLY v ESSEX TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2pm

Thank you to the following members who have signed up to play:

*Jim, Kevin, John W, Chrissie, Stuart, Richard, Sarah, Tom, Glynn, Gareth, David Bignell, Julie, Merv, Pat, David Brace, Ken, Jenny, Maureen, Roger, Nicky, Stewart, Ray and possibly Teresa.*

We still need a few more players so please sign up. Also, please check that this list is correct as some members signed up a while ago. To ensure efficiency, Gareth will send out one of his wonderful sign up sheets as a double/triple check re numbers.



### OVER 60s LEAGUE

#### HBC A 5 v St. Ives Green 2

We won 5-2, 2 rinks to 1, Mitch 26-13, Gareth 14-23, and Merv 18-8; overall 58-44pts. Mitch with Ken and Roger, a good solid performance always in front from 5th end onwards, winning 26-13. Gareth with Carol and Tim perhaps against their strongest rink with 2 of our former players Malc Dudley and David Peak were out bowled losing 14-23. My rink with Nicky and Kev v Trevor D, Jane B & Sue C, a really tight match through the first 10 ends and then we won the next 8 ends winning 18-8.

A pleasing result. *Merv*

#### St. Ives Red 2.5 v HBC B 4.5

Unfortunately, we didn't play as well this week with 2 teams under performing and losing 9-16 and 12-13 against a team we expected to beat. The losing team of last week, Chrissie, Neil and Bruce came good this week overcoming an initial set back from 1-8 to win and help gain half of the bonus point by winning 25-15; well done. This league continues to be fairly even with no certain results from any fixture so far, although Houghton & Wyton (newly promoted) have taken an impressive early lead. I received a phone call from the opposing Captain today to say how much they enjoyed their afternoon against Hemingford and that they were fortunate to sneak in at the end. The true spirit of Over 60's. Your roving cot reporter *John*.

#### HBC C 5 v Sawtry B 2

At long last a game played in glorious sunshine and at home on a great green. The overall result was 5 to 2 in Hemingfords' favour. All rinks played really well. *Eamonn*

#### Houghton & Wyton C 2 v HBC D 5

D team played away at Houghton and Wyton. Very friendly team but unfortunately, they have had badger problems which has left the green very uneven. However, we won 5-2 and are still 2nd with equal points to the top team. *Glynn*

### MEN'S LEAGUE

#### HBC A 2 v Sawtry A 5

As expected, another tough venue having numerous Adams, Newton & National Finalist players, and we were without David B and Ray W. Of the 3 rinks both Mitch's and Brian's struggled and lost out 5-19 & 8-22 respectively. However, my rink with Kevin, Roger and Tom G, against their rink skipped by Kevin Bowers and with Ian Hamilton, managed a 23-8 pt victory and would you believe we played 10 ends scoring 18 pts before they scored a point! A bizarre and interesting game; they were not happy. So, a bonus scoring another 2 points. *Merv*

### DON'T FORGET

Scorecards in Kevin's pigeonhole after a competition match and book your matches on Bowlr.



#### HBC B 2 v Sawtry B 5

Hemingford B hosted Sawtry B last night; the result never went how I wanted it to with Sawtry winning the match 2-5. Andy Shep skipped for the first in in a league match. He and his team Jeff, Eamonn and Chris started well but got stuck for a few ends on 9 The game ended with a 14-20 defeat. Bruce and team of David M, Tom B and Phil started with the away team getting the roll of the green and losing 1-12 by the eighth end, however, a good come back was on with the match going to the last end. The final score was 15-17. Stewart and team Dave, Pete and Tim fell behind 1-13 by the 11th end but a great come back by all got a very good victory and won 20-13. As mentioned, we lost 2-5 but very unlucky with total shots 49-50. Well done to the whole team for sticking in when needed. *Dave S*

#### HBC C 0 v Fenstanton 7

As we all know this game of lawn bowls ebbs and flows and unfortunately, we appear to be getting all our ebbing out of the way first. We lost 33 to 54 at home to some great characters who were the best Fenstanton had to offer (on account of them only having one team in this league) so we did ok. On the upside it was a beautiful evening, and we received many compliments on how the green played so well. Also, Tony Whitehill was up against a very good lead from Fenstanton and rose to the challenge admirably "well done Tony". Winston Churchill (who was probably a bowler back in the day) once said "Success is not final; Failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" *David B*

When the grass is smooth, so is the game.