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LADIES LEAGUE

Brampton 0 v HBC Maroon 3

Brampton were unable to field a team and conceded the fixture.

HBC White 0 v Royal Oak 5

Valiant effort against a strong team on a blistering hot evening. *Philomena*

HAYWARD LEAGUE

HBC Buzzards rest week

Buckden 0 v HBC Kites 7

A really good evening despite the thunder and lightning but thankfully no rain. Carol's rink took the lead after the 14th end to finish 12-17. Jim's rink were 10-4 down after 10 ends but came back to win 11-18. Dave's rink took an early lead and carried it through to win 9-19. Would have done better with a bit more encouragement from Dave I thought! Good evening, good people, good spirit. *Stuart*

"a great evening and lovely people"

"well played everyone, a great evening all round"

"great game to watch"

OVER 60s LEAGUE

Brampton A 7 v HBC A 0

Another tough week on the green. Over 60's Av Brampton last year's runners up and a full men's team out to play, and they did! On all 3 rinks we struggled from start to finish, losing by 5, 7, & 13 points. Another 0-7 defeat. *Merv*

HBC B 6 v Eynesbury 1

Helen, David B and Tony lead all the way, only allowing their opposition to close on the 12th end before continuing their impressive performance to win 20-13. Stew, Dave S and Bruce were always in the lead and insured their dominance with a 6 and later a 4 to win 18-9. John, Dave M and Norman had more of a tussle being 0-5 down after 3 ends but rolled the jack through to take a much needed 6. Again, we allowed them to increase their lead to 5-9 after 7 ends before a timely 5 restored the balance. After then taking the lead by 4 eventually we succumbed to 19-19 on the last end. A nervy game but encouraged by the scores on the other 2 rinks. *John*

White Hart, Warboys 5. v HBC C 2

Firstly, thanks to those who stood in to help us field a team. On a very difficult green all rinks found it hard to find the line. Ken's rink scored a welcome victory. Richard's rink held the lead for 15 ends and then were disappointed to lose by three shots. Phil's team were up against a really strong team, suffice to say it is one they will wish to forget!

HBC D 7 v Fenstanton Blue 0

Unfortunately, St Neots White were unable to provide more than 4 players and therefore conceded the fixture. They already have 2 games rearranged and felt they couldn't add another. Not the way we wanted to gain 7 points and 15 shots but that is the rule. *Glynn*.

In a week that we said "goodbye" to Judith Chalmers it's fitting to remind you of the term 'Judith' meaning 'wish you were here' when a short bowl is delivered!



MEN'S LEAGUE

Buckden A 4 v HBC A 3

Men's League v Buckden (top of the League) -- we managed to rescue 3 points missing the bonus point by just 2. Mitch's rink, with Jim, Gareth & Matt, led from start to finish all playing really well winning 25-12. My rink, with Kev, Roger & Tom were 2-12 down after 7 ends but managed to peg back to secure a draw with my last bowl on the last end 17-17. Brian's rink with Tony, Lee & David were under pressure from start to finish where young Sam Brugnoli (England Jnr) was very accurately firing to break up well built ends. All in all, a good team performance and a valuable 3 points. *Merv*

HBC B 2 v Eynesbury C 5

Hemingford B hosted Eynesbury C team with a very strong team, however we never got the result we had hoped for losing 2-5. John W, Ray, Tom & Andy won their match 16-12, always in front but a tight game. Bruce, David, Ken & Phil were ahead most of the match but hit a lull losing 5 ends in a row allowing Eynesbury back in. This match was decided on the last end, finally losing 18-21. Stewart, Dave Tim & Chris bowled poorly and were trailing 11-0 before deciding to turn up! Another comeback was on the cards but were finally beaten 13-16. Full credit to Eynesbury who turned up with a scratch team who in my opinion played very well. *Dave*

Eaton Socon B 5 v HBC C 2

So, in last week's report all you keen followers of our reports may have noted we quoted our past PM, Churchill as saying, "Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts" And it did count because we got our first 2 points on the board! Overall, 65 shots to 40 shots with one rink delivering a 21 to The C team Captain is not seasoned enough in this game to know who Eaton Socon's top players are in order to know if our other two teams took all the flack for one team to come through with a win. What matters is we got our first two points and we left smiling. So, in the words of the 1988 hit from Yazz, "The only way is up!" so be ready Hemingford B next week.... *David*

**THURSDAY 4 JUNE 6.15 pm
CLASH OF THE B AND C TEAMS**



If you are free, pop along to The Pavilion to watch this crunch match between our B and C teams.

FRIENDLY v ESSEX

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2pm

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to play in this friendly match against the Essex Vice Presidents Bowling Association as part of their 2026 tour. EVPA are a mixed association with good level players. They are looking forward to this friendly 6 rink game as well as socialising during the afternoon.



The Competition section on the Bowlr Portal gives a view of how each Club Competition draw is going so you can see the results as each match is completed.

Gareth

WHY I LOSE AT BOWLS

MY TEAMMATE	51%
THE LAWN	25%
THE BALLS	15%
THE SHOES	8%
MY FAULT	1%

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 10am

D&D Drawn Pairs

Followed by sandwiches and the dedication of The Franklin Challenge Shield