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HBC Buzzards v Somersham B

The Buzzards enjoyed a break from the rain for their home fixture against Somersham. The team made a great start with all three rinks leading at the half-way point before Somersham rallied. Rink 2: Lee, Phil L and Sarah led all the way, surviving late Somersham pressure with Lee giving a fantastic lead performance. Rink 4: Phil B, Richard and John W held out until the 16th end, losing narrowly. The main drama of the evening was provided by rink 3 with Maureen, Eamonn and Tom. 2 down going into the 18th end, they played a blinder with 3 shots on the last, giving the team a 5-2 win overall. Fantastic effort Buzzards!
Sarah

LADIES LEAGUE HBC Maroon Rest Week

Huntingdon 2 v HBC White 3

A great result against Huntingdon with Hemingford winning 3 - 2.
Jacky

HAYWARD LEAGUE

St. Neots 2.5 v HBC Kites 4.5

Kites travelled to St Neots for what turned out to be a hard-fought game and good result. Jim's team were behind for a lot of the game but came back to win by one shot. David's team faced a strong side and had a narrow loss by three shots with David beating himself up through turning an end over. Just remember, if you were nowhere near, it wouldn't have happened! Carol's team were cruising to a win at 9-2 after 4 ends, but oh no, dropped a 2 followed by a 6 to go behind for a large part of the game. Step forward super skip who won the last 4 ends on her own. Points 46-46. We did it for you Kathy!
Stuart



We send our love and very best wishes to Kathy who is currently in hospital. She is tired, as sleeping in hospital is not easy but good progress is being made. She hopes to be back home in the middle of next week. Get well soon
Kathy.

FRANKLIN CHALLENGE SHIELD
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Some sports don't just fill time; they give it meaning That is one of the quiet strengths of lawn bowls. A game can start as something casual; a way to pass an afternoon, a reason to get out, but over time, it becomes more than that. It gives shape to the week; gives people somewhere to go, someone to see, and something to look forward to. That kind of meaning is easy to overlook from the outside, but the people who play know exactly how real it is. That's why this sport matters more than it first appears. It's not only about the bowls, the jack, or the score, it's about rhythm, connection, and those steady parts of life that make people feel grounded. Sometimes that is what keeps people coming back more than anything else.

OVER 60s LEAGUE HBC A 2 v Ramsey Gold 5

Buckden 0 v HBC B 7

Our first clean sweep of the season against a strong team that were 2nd in the league and had just come down from division one. After a rain affected start and an early tea break at 6 games, the rest of the match edged slowly into our favour with trios winning by 4,6 and 7. This should put us in second position with a tie next week against Houghton & Wyton at home; who are the runaway league leaders. All trios played to a high and consistent standard and were rarely behind in any of the games. Well done team.
John

Needingworth White 3.5 v HBC D 3.5

Rule 8 came into force as the match had started but not reached 12 ends before the grounds person decided the green could not be played, The match had to be abandoned and so we shared the points - 3.5 each with no shots Not what we wanted but can't be helped!
Glynn

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Don't forget to let me know if you would be interested in undertaking this training. 2 names so far.

HBC C 5v Eaton Socon Yellow 2

On a day dominated by the weather, when we had thunder, lightning, hail and biblical rain, two rinks won and the third was close, losing by one point. Against a relatively inexperienced opposition, we scored 80 points to 32, with one rink winning 40 to 4. Great credit to everybody for persevering though the weather. Thank you to our green keepers as the green was playable in no time at all.
Eamonn



MEN'S LEAGUE Needingworth 7 v HBC A 0

Buckden 4 v HBC B 3

The B team made the long trip to St Ives last night on a truly wet day, a very closely fought match on all 3 rink's. Stewart, Mick, Phil and Tim were just beaten on the last end with the match poised at 16-16 , finally beaten 17-16. Ken, Jeff, Tom and Chris were battling out a close match but again beaten 22-20 Andy, David, Eamonn and Dave were again in a close match up to the 11 end when we took the lead and took control from then winning 13-19. The match was lost 4-3 but we won the bonus point with the score 52-55 . Well done to all for a match played in the right spirit, with all keeping positive and fully focused.
Dave

HBC C 5 v Eynesbury C 2

I think last night we must have had been humming that hit song from Yazz! (I mentioned in a report two weeks ago) because we won 5 - 2 (70 shots to 39 shots). Respect is our word for this week Respect to Glynn, Richard, Steve and John for holding back Eynesbury's best side to a mere 5 points win. Respect to the other two teams for not just winning but clawing back some of the shots lost on earlier 5 matches. In the words of Arnold Schwarzenegger "You must see it; you must believe it and you must never stop working to make it happen" I believe we do and we have 12 more matches to raise some eyebrows. Thanks to Mandy, Chrissie and Julie for helping us out last night. We have left Eynesbury with the realisation of knowing "We will be back!"
David

Good luck to our members who are playing in The Ramsey Triples on Sunday and to our Durham team.

