



# BOWLED OVER

## HBC Weekly League Review



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### LADIES LEAGUE

**Ramsey 0 v HBC Maroon 5**

Won both rinks but very close games. 36 to 33 points with both rinks making a good comeback in the last few ends. *Lynne*

**HBC White 5 v Houghton & Wyton 0**

Fantastic result winning all 5 points with a 'nail-biting finish' for one rink who just won on the last end! *Jacky*

Not every lesson in sport comes from a speech or a big moment. Sometimes it comes from a teammate who tells you to keep going after a bad shot. A club mate who reminds you the next end is a fresh start. A game that teaches you patience, composure, and the confidence to trust yourself again. These sports may look calm from the outside, but they build resilience in a very real way. That is why encouragement matters so much here. A few words, a bit of support, and the right people around you can change how someone experiences the whole game. Sometimes the best thing sport gives is not just competition — it is the belief to keep showing up, keep improving, and keep enjoying the journey.



### HAYWARD LEAGUE

**HBC Kites Rest Week**

**Royal Oak 0 v HBC Buzzards 7**

The Buzzards travelled to Godmanchester this week for their fixture against Royal Oak. On a difficult small green against very good opponents, the team were victorious 7 - 0. All 3 rinks were tight at various points of the evening. Lee, Andy T and Maureen overcame an early 5-point deficit to win by 7 points. Phil B, Julie (on loan from the Kites) and Tim were in charge for all of their match, winning by 6 points. Gary, Tom and Sarah's rink went down to the final end in a nail biting finale, securing victory by 1 point. Overall, a fantastic result and most importantly fabulous teamwork, laughter and a real togetherness. *Sarah*



### CAPTION COMPETITION

Prize for best entry.  
Closing date  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

### RAMSEY TRIPLES

15 members played in the annual Ramsey Triples on Sunday 14 June and enjoyed a great day of bowls, fun and friendship. Whilst no team made it to the final, everyone played well and had many wins.



### FRIENDLY v ESSEX VICE PRESIDENTS TOUR GROUP TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2pm

If you are free and not playing, why not pop along to enjoy watching this friendly match.  
Bar open before and after the match.

### MARKING

As it is the time of year when markers are required, I have attached a guide to marking as a refresher or as information for those new to marking.



### OVER 60s LEAGUE

**Royal Oak Green 5 v HBC A 2**

**HBC B 7 v Houghton & Wyton 0**

This was a battle at the top of the table. H&W had amassed a commanding lead of 7.5 points above us in the league in the same number of games. They had won 3 games by 7-0. All our trios were hyped up (as far as those in the 70-80 year group could be, without complications) and the concentration and will to win was palpable in the bar. Well done all of you and especially to Tony and Stu P who apparently played a blinder according to a squad member overseeing the game from the balcony with a double g'nt. *John*

**Needlingworth Red 5 v HBC C 2**

What a contrast in weather with last week. It was a beautiful summer's day, but we came up a bit short against a very experienced Needlingworth team. Thank you to Andy S for stepping in to help out. Unfortunately, he Maureen and Pam came up against the variable geometry of Needlingworth's rink three, which left them in need of a still drink afterwards. On the other two rinks we had highs and lows with fours and sixes being scored for and against and unfortunately only came out on top on one. *Eamonn*

**HBC D Rest Week**

Some of the Friday morning crew were treated to a very tight County pairs match today. 17-17 on the final end then Nicky popped one in. Well done Lynne and Nicky. On to the next round.

### MEN'S LEAGUE

**HBC A 7 v Somersham A 0**

**HBC B 3 v Somersham C 4**

**St. Ives B 7 v HBC C 0**

Unfortunately, we suffered our most resounding loss so far this year by dropping 75 shots to our 26 shots. We also could not help but notice that next door we were not alone, as on rinks 4-6 Ramsey were also suffering similar losses. At times like this, our Tony Whitehill always reminds me that every game is different so this week I am going to quote Muhammad Ali (with an obvious underline modification). "Only a **team** who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win, is a testament to resilience and learning from setbacks" *David*

Another top class HBC event took place this afternoon when the club hosted the H&DBL 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary match between Hunts players and Cambridgeshire. The green and surrounds were looking superb thanks to our brilliant grounds team, and the catering was once again excellent thanks to Mandy. Thanks are extended to her willing team of helpers who did a great job in the heat. Many compliments were received and those there felt proud to be part of such a fantastic club and facility.

### EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

**DILLEY CUP v Buckden**

Friday night saw HBC beating Buckden by an overall aggregate of 52 - 47 pts. Whilst they were not at full strength, they had 2 first teamers on each rink. My rink with Nicky, Jim & Roger won 22-9. Brians rink with Matt, Lee & Tony, lost 13-16, and Gareth's rink with Tom, Mandy & Ray lost 17-22. Overall, an aggregate win, a real boost. *Merv*

**DURHAM v Brampton**

Very close all through the game but unfortunately the opposition were just too strong even with only 11 players. Lost by 7 shots. *Kevin*

**TATMAN CUP B v Huntingdon B**

With some serious talent spread throughout our three rinks, we had a significant win against Huntingdon B. Merv's rink finished 21 ends and at that stage the opposition captain called time (threw in the towel) with the other two rinks having only played 18 ends. The overall score of 72 to 28 was a significant repost to last years result in this fixture when we lost by one point. *Eamonn*

### CAPTION COMPETITION WINNER

**Overwhelming winner was Chris Scott with:**

"We were holding three now we are three down!"  
Thanks to all who took part in this bit of fun. Luckily no injuries and Gareth has now dried out after 'wearing' a pint of lager! Best from Ramsey was: "we're going to need a bigger bench".

And .... this morning, I rolled my first bowls of the season.... She's back!