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LADIES LEAGUE

HBC Maroon 7 v St. Neots 0

This week against St. Neots who were top and lucky for us missing their best players which took to our advantage winning 5 0 with a good shots gain of 38. Now top of the league!! **LYNNE**

Royal Oak 3 v Hemingford White 2

Pleased to gain 2 points against a strong team. **JACKY**

HAYWARD LEAGUE

HBC Kites & HBC Buzzards REST WEEK

HWBF FINALS

SUNDAY 19 JULY at SAWTRY BC

We send good luck to our members who are playing in the HWBF finals:

- 1.30am - Ladies 2B Rinks (Nicky Hastings, Carol Hargreaves, Lynne King)
- 1.30pm - Ladies Senior Pairs (Nicky Hastings, Lynne King)
- 3.30pm - Ladies Senior Singles (Nicky Hastings)
- 5.30pm - Ladies Pairs (Nicky Hastings, Carol Hargreaves)

Please go along and support if you can.

MEN'S LEAGUE

Brampton A 0 v HBC A 7

HBC B 5 v Eaton Socon B 2

St. Neots B 7 v HBC C 0

This was our C teams second meeting this year against St Neots B, and sadly we came away with a similar result of 68 to 35. Captain's choice this week was Sarah Brisbane as she had a very good game and was part of the team that finished the closest of the three by only losing by 5 shots. This is the captain's version of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's quote "The most important thing in the Men's League is taking part; the essential thing in life is not necessarily conquering but fighting well" and we did that once again. This will always be why HBC are so well regarded, received, and remembered. **DAVID**

CLUB CLOTHING

Sincerest thanks to Eamonn & Philomena for the work they have undertaken on our behalf sorting club uniform. They have spent hours on the task of finding a reliable supplier not only for the jackets but previously for the shirts. Hours of their time plus the cost of travelling to suppliers etc. We are so lucky to have volunteers working tirelessly on our behalf in so many ways. Following Kevin's dress code reminder, I will be forwarding our HBC Dress Code to all members as a reminder.

OVER 60s LEAGUE

HBC A 4 v Somersham A 3

Sharnbrook A 5 v HBC B 2

Unfortunately, we lost 2-5 against a very hospitable and friendly Sharnbrook side. The green was atrocious as they have had a major insect infestation and hollows had been filled with sand. The green was fast, bumpy and somewhat unpredictable but the same for both sides so there did not appear to be any home advantage. We were 1 rink up and two level at teatime. Then one rink manages to lose 10 in the next 2 ends after tea, and another didn't win another end until the 17th. Teresa, David B and John led comfortably all the game and presumed they had played their weaker side although all three played well in the conditions. A shame to put a slight dent in our league ambitions but an enjoyable afternoon in just the right temperature some 20 miles from home. **JOHN**

Footnote: the tea break often affects continuity and flow. When can we stop having a mid game break or, do you like it?

John Bacon had his pacemaker fitted last Friday and is now at home resting. It may be that he will not be able to play again this season, but he hopes he can. In the meantime, he will be coming along to the club to support. Take care John.

HBC C 4 v St. Ives White 3

With a win, a draw and a loss we won overall and collected 4 points to 3. A very good result against the top team in the league to go with our win last week against the second team in the league. **EAMONN**

Royal Oak Yellow 0 v HBC D 7

Hemingford Over 60's D team played away at Royal Oak Yellow. They are a very friendly team and enjoy their bowls as we do. The ground is a little unusual as it is not square. The surface on a couple of rinks was not ideal basically due to the very dry weather, but we managed well. We had an excellent result winning 7-0 and 70 shots to 26. This has moved us into 2nd place only 2 points behind with 2 games in hand. Onwards and upwards! **GLYNN**

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

TONY ALLCOCK – MONDAY 20 JULY 11am start Stanton Bowls Club, Bury St. Edmunds, IP31 2DF. Some members will be going along to support if you fancy a morning out in Suffolk.

Apologies, no information regarding the progress of our teams in other competitions.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026

One of the six original sports at the Commonwealth Games, bowls will take on a new format at Glasgow 2026 as it heads indoors for the first time. The sport has featured at every Games bar the 1966 edition in Kingston and is in many ways synonymous with the Commonwealth Games. Having always been played outdoors, it will head inside as the Games return to Glasgow with seven gold medals up for grabs in all – four in bowls and three in para bowls. Bowls will be one of four sports that will be hosted at the SEC Centre. This marks a change from previous editions of the Games where bowls has always been held outside, including at the Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls Centre back in 1914. The action at the SEC will begin on 23 July with a session starting at 9.30am local time before the opening ceremony that evening. The action begins with the men's singles, the women's pairs and the mixed pairs B2-B3 in the para bowls. The medals for those three events will be decided on 28 July before the start of the men's pairs, the women's singles, and men's pairs B6-B8 and women's pairs B6-B8. Those events will run all the way through to 2 August when the four remaining gold medals will be won. Live coverage is broadcast exclusively on TNT Sports and HBO Max, with free-to-air highlights available on Channel 5 and BBC Alba.





ONE DAY:
you feel
UNBEATABLE.



NEXT DAY:
nothing draws
PROPERLY.



THAT'S BOWLS.

DIFFERENT GREENS:

- ⦿ EXPOSE WEAKNESSES
- ⦿ CHALLENGE ADAPTABILITY
- ⦿ PUNISH ARROGANCE

EXPERIENCED BOWLERS LEARN:
YOU NEVER "CONQUER" BOWLS.
YOU SIMPLY KEEP LEARNING.

The green is the greatest teacher.

"In bowls, you don't beat the game... you learn from it."

CAPTION COMPETITION

Winner Norman Chapman again with:
"I'm using bias to the right Mr Burman!"



Who Is This?

Prize for first correct entry

