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LADIES LEAGUE

Needlingworth 0 v HBC Maroon 7

Shots gained 28. Another great result which should keep us at the top of the table. *LYNNE*

Hemingford White 3 v Papworth 2

Papworth only had 5 players but gave us a good game. We had a good win on one rink 20 - 8. The other rink was struggling against 3 players who were 'on it', but by swapping positions, we improved ending up with a score of 15-20 and getting the bonus point. Good result. Well done team! *JACKY*

Sometimes the best things about bowls go far beyond the score. Yes, there is the skill, the competition, and the challenge of a good game. But there is also the fresh air, the social side, the routine, the laughter, the focus, and the simple joy of having something meaningful to look forward to. For many people, bowls is not just a sport; it is exercise, connection, friendship, community, and a chance to switch off from everything else for a while. That is why this game means so much to so many. The benefits are not only physical; they are social, mental and emotional too. Bowls has a quiet way of improving the day, the week, and sometimes even the stage of life you are in.



HAYWARD LEAGUE

Houghton & Wyton 2 v HBC Kites 5

An enjoyable evening with good company on a green that played far better than it looked. Thanks to Ken for stepping in at the very last minute for Glynn who was delayed at the airport. Pete & Carol's teams both won despite being down at one point during the match. Heroes of the night were Tony, Julie & David who at one point were 19-4 down after 13 ends and came back to lose 16-19 and secure the bonus point. David is never down and tonight he was never out. Well done to that rink. *STUART 44 points to 52*

HBC Buzzards 7 v Ramsey Emeralds 0

The Buzzards hosted Ramsey for a very enjoyable and sociable evening of bowls ending in a 7-0 win. Tim, Fran & Lee secured an awesome 6 in the 4th end and never looked back, leading all the way. After being behind early on, Kathy, Eamonn & John W put in a fantastic performance resulting in an 11-point win difference. Gary, Dids & Sarah despite being behind early doors, came strong to lead for the last half of the match, although it felt a lot closer than the score suggested! Shout out to Kathy, joining us this week from the Kites to enable us to field a full team. Fabulous team effort as always! *SARAH*



There are 2 new bins in the clubhouse. They are labelled 'general' (yellow) and 'recycling' (green). Please place your refuse in the correct bin. Thank you.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

DILLEY – unfortunately, our team lost to Eynesbury in the semi final.

TONY ALLCOCK – we await the results of the Essex match to find out who the next opponents are. Watch this space!

STOCKER CUP – players wanted for the HBC B Team playing away at Sawtry on Wednesday 19 August at 6.15pm. 9 men and 3 ladies. Please respond ASAP to smpeel8159@gmail.com if you are interested.



Not a competition but something you don't see often, Mr Dawson all spruced up - what a smart gent!

OVER 60s LEAGUE

St. Ives Green 4 v HBC A 3

HBC B 7 v St. Ives Red 0

In the absence of Captain Wilson, we were led by Stewart against a very friendly but competitive team. Neil, Helen & Tony were ahead throughout, although St. Ives did close the gap. Dave, David & Stewart had a very close game but managed to pull away with a good win. Teresa, Stuart & Sue were neck and neck throughout and were 10-11 down on the last end. Teresa & Stuart knew they were holding 1 with a tight measure for 2. Sue was summoned to the head to have a look; she walked back, delivered and got shot so definitely 2! On the measure it was 3 so the rink won by 2. A fabulous afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Well done team!

Sawtry B 2 v HBC C 5

Away to Sawtry we won on two rinks with a bonus point, so 5 points to 2. The losing rink had a topsy-turvy game, recording a score of seven on one end but not enough to win against very persistent opponents. Thanks to Julie Bignell and Tim Porter for stepping in to ensure we could field a team and for winning on their rink. *EAMONN*

Thinking of:

Steve Williams – hope to see you back soon.
John Abbot – miss seeing you at the club John.
Don Costello – hope you are improving.



Who Is This?

It is Carol! Well done Kathy for being the first correct entry. How did you know it was her?!

HBC D 5 v Houghton & Wyton C 2

53-39 points

HBC D 3 v Chatteris Blue 5

Over 60's D team had 2 matches this week as part of our catchup for matches postponed both were at home. First match verses Houghton and Wyton C played in the normal very friendly manner. We won 5 - 2. Leaving us in 2nd place 2.5 points adrift with 2 games in hand. The 2nd match was verses Chatteris Blue again a very friendly team although they were concerned as to why we couldn't provide a tea break. We provide water and a quick break which completely though us! We successfully achieved a 3 - 5 result which was an improvement over the earlier match away at Chatteris and will have taken us into top spot by 0.5 points and still have a game in hand. Special thanks to Stuart Peel for stepping in at the very last minute and to Sue for turning the car around on their way home! Onwards and upwards. *GLYNN*



MEN'S LEAGUE

HBC A 2 v Sawtry A 5

Sawtry B 2 v HBC B 5

Hemingford B played away against an in-form Sawtry team and came away with a good 2-5 victory, total scores very close at 45-50. The reverse fixture we lost 2-5 with another close score 49-50. Phil, Jeff, Gary and Tim got a good start but an after an enjoyable match were finally beaten 19-12. Ken, David, John B and Chris started badly going behind 9-0 but a tremendous fight back saw them win their match 16-22. Stewart, Mick, Eamonn and Dave were involved in a tightly fought match coming out on top winning 10-16. A big thank you to John Batter for filing in at short notice. *DAVE*

Fenstanton 7 v HBC C 0

So, the school holidays are now upon us and my first thought for this past week was how we could put a team together with so many on holiday. Well thanks to the ladies Sue, Mandy, Lynne, Teresa and Philomena we did it. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, which left us with two lingering memories.

-The thousands of flying ants in pockets all over the green simply evaporated as we started to play.
-Their green lost us the match 59 to 30 (7-0)

Signing off with a joke this time "that reflected the captains evening" *DAVID*

"A bowler delivered a terrible bowl that went nowhere near the jack.

Without missing a beat, he nodded seriously and said, "Just checking the green."

His teammates agreed it was the most confident bad shot they had ever seen."