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OVER 60s LEAGUE

Ramsey Gold 0 v HBC A 7

Great result beating top of league 7-0 having picked our strongest team, Mitch, Jenny & Carol won 25-10. Gareth, David & Pat won 18-11. Me Nicky & Kevin won 19-6. *MERV*

HBC B 2 v Buckden 5

Buckden were just above us but we secured 4 points in a very hard fought fixture and continued our near unbeaten home record. You may remember that we lost 0-7 to St Neots at home last week which put them top, however they then lost at home to Sharnbrook 0-7 on Wednesday. A funny league this one. All 3 Buckden trios were very good and whilst we lost one rink convincingly the other 2 played valiantly to keep us in the hunt to be promoted. Special mention to Stew, Dave S and David B for winning a large number of ends and whilst allowing the opposition a few big end wins they never looked like losing. On my rink had we not been playing 1 shot on the first 2 ends we would have been 11 down after 5 ends. However, we pulled ourselves together, Chrissie and Norman then played one of the best games I have seen them play this year. Never giving the opposition any let up and pressuring their A team Skip into playing shots he did not want to try and usually failed. It was nearly a shame to see him so demoralised towards the end, however he soon perked up with a complimentary beer and was already moving on to his next game. Well done. *JOHN*

HBC D 2 v Needingworth White 5

MEN'S LEAGUE

HBC A 5 v Needingworth 2

7.8.26

A great win that looked doubtful until the last 6 ends. Mitch's rink with Tony, Lee, & Tom another solid performance from start to finish. Win 24-10. Gareth (sub for Brian) with Ray, Jim & David, had a slow start and never recovered. Lost 9-18. My rink with Roger, Ken & Kev also a slow start 5-14 down after 12 ends but then scored 12 on last 6 ends with my last 2 bowls scoring to win 17-16 (the great escape). This puts us 4th from bottom with 37 pts; 2 above Needingworth with a game in hand, 2.5 pts above Eynesbury who we play last game and 7.5 pts above Somersham who we play next week, so hopefully with points from the remaining games we can stay in Div 1.

Somersham A v HBC A 13.08.26

HBC B 6 v St. Ives B 1 11.08.26

Somersham C v HBC B 13.08.26



The club was well represented at the beautiful service for Sue Reynolds. We keep Trevor and family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Amazing news! The Hemingfords Bowls Club has received £46.80 this Donation Day!

A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't joined yet, all your online shopping this year could raise free donations for us - at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up to support us on easyfundraising today, it'll take you two minutes and we could win a £5,000 donation when you join:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/the-hemingfords-bowls-club>

LADIES LEAGUE

HBC Maroon REST WEEK

HAYWARD LEAGUE

HBC Kites REST WEEK

HBC Buzzards REST WEEK

SHOULD THE OVER 60s LEAGUE BECOME A MORNING LEAGUE?

There is currently a lot of discussion around the clubs as to the future timing of the Over 60s League given that this current weather pattern looks set to become the norm. What are your feelings about the league becoming a morning league starting at 10/10.30 or 11? Feedback appreciated.

Does Every Club Have That One Player Everyone Loves Playing With?

Every club seems to have one. They're not always the strongest player. They don't necessarily win every competition, but somehow, everyone hopes they're on the rink with them. They're encouraging when you're having a tough game. They celebrate your great shots as much as their own. They help new players feel welcome without making them feel inexperienced. They remind us that while trophies are remembered, the people we play with are remembered even longer. Those players quietly become the heart of a club and often, they're one of the biggest reasons people keep coming back.

Eynesbury C v HBC C 7 11.08.26

Our first 7-0 win was bestowed on Tuesday night with a historic 75 shots to 44 shots with Neils team delivering a record (for the C team) 33 shots to 10 shots NICE! We are now with in reaching distance (4.5points) of getting ourselves off the bottom of the table with 4 matches to play (incl our first deferred match due to the hot weather). Thank's to Ray, Lee, Julie and John W for helping over all three rinks.

So, what song title comes into your heads on this news then ? Well for me it has to be "Things can only get better" by D:Ream and Howard Jones from 30 years ago. *DAVID.*

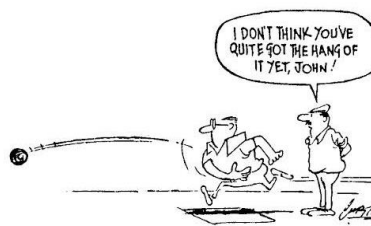
HBC C v St. Ives B 13.08.26

Match conceded due to weather

CAPTION COMPETITION
Prize for best entry goes to Norman Chapman



Earlier edition than normal with news received up to 13.8 as the Editor is having a few nights away. How dare she?!



Thinking of:

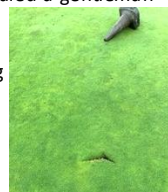
Brian Elliott who is taking a break for the rest of the season. Take care Brian.

David Warbrick-Smith who is now recovering at home following back surgery.

Ian 'Dids' Dawson - going through a lot of dental work which is painful on the mouth and the wallet!

DAMAGE TO GREEN AND THEFT!

Unfortunately, due to a cone being thrown onto our green in the early hours of Thursday 13th August, damage was caused to the playing surface. However, once this was reported by our early morning surveillance team (Kev & Sidney), our trusty Greenkeeper was immediately on the case and very quickly did the repair. CCTV also revealed a gentleman helping himself to one of our bags of compost! Surely folk in 'The Hemingfords' don't need to steal a bag of compost?! Crimestoppers - please be alert. We do not want to see a return of the Phantom Hobnob Thief!



EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

- Good luck to our Stocker teams who play this coming week.
- Keep an eye out for further information about the EBF National Finals at Skegness and the dates/times that our ladies will be playing.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 10-12

Looking for raffle donations from firms, individuals or companies if you know of anyone who might donate.

Some 'big' prizes would be great.

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WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS
TO HELP MAKE OUR COFFEE MORNING A SUCCESS!

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are particularly looking to make this a 'big' raffle with fewer, bigger prizes. Can you donate or do you know of someone who might be able to support us?

CAKES

Homemade or shop bought - all cakes are very welcome!

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

We need bottles for our bottle tombola - wine, spirits, soft drinks and more!

Wilson's Preserves

Any surplus fruits or veg gratefully received from the end of August please.

EVERY CUPPA COUNTS!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
Small Text: All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE
THANK YOU!