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OVER 60s LEAGUE

HBC A 4 v Royal Oak A 3

Houghton & Wyton A 3 v HBC B 4

A good win this week against a team that were top of the table. Especially as it was a 4-3 win away and they have done well at home. The league promotion race is close with 4 teams in contention. We have 3 to 4 games in hand but are 10 points adrift at present and two have only 1 game to play. A very good result against bottom of the table Gamlingay on Friday could help steady our nerves somewhat. **JOHN**

HBC B 0 v Gamlingay 7

A 'quiet' match on Friday afternoon with all to play for. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be although 2 rinks were neck and neck up to the last end with one losing through the oppo skip firing the jack into the ditch and gaining 2 shots and the other losing by just 1 shot. Special mention to Helen for saving the day more than once!

HBC C 5 v Needingworth Red 2

With some significant ups and downs on the last few ends we managed a 55 shots to 49 win. Tom's rink were consistently in the lead all the way through, winning by 8 points. Eamonn's rink had a 5-point victory which was less than it should have been having been 13 up until the last two ends. However, Sarah's rink cut the deficit on the last three ends to ensure we got the bonus point. **EAMONN**

HBC D REST WEEK

MEN'S LEAGUE

HBC A 6 v Papworth A 1

A great win last night beating the league leaders/winners 6-1. A really tight game from start to finish. My rink with Kev, Roger & Matt, 9-5 down after 6 ends, and 15-11 down after 13, won the last 5 ends to win 20-15. Mitch's rink with Tony, Lee & Tom, were 10-4 down after 8 ends and 19-12 after 15 but managed 4 on the last to draw 19-19. Then finally Gareth with Ray, Jim & Dave B were 8-1 up after 8, then 10-10 after 14, 13-13 after 17 and won the last with a 2 winning 15-13. A really great win. **MERV**

HBC B TEAM

Last week Hemingford B played two matches. Tuesday evening, we hosted St Ives B and came out with a very good 6-1 win. Stewart, Jeff, Tom and Chris won a closely fought match 18-15. Bruce, Andy T, Andy S and Ken made a very good comeback to draw their match 17-17. Dave, Gary, Tim and Phil had a comfortable win 25-7. The total shot score was 60-39.

Thursday evening, we played away at Somersham and were beaten by 5-2. The home side were assisted by many of their B team players whose match was called off. Bruce, Mick, Andy & Ken lost 25-16, a comeback looked on at 17-4 down when they pulled back to 17-14 but couldn't progress. Stewart, Jeff, Pete & Chris were involved in a close game at 11-11 then lost the final five ends resulting in a 18-11 defeat. Dave, Gary, Tim & Phil won their game 16-10. Looking at the positives over the two matches we won 8 points. Well done to all. **DAVE**

I was pleased to say we raised £620 for Addenbrookes cancer research. My thanks to any member who donated. Trevor

LADIES LEAGUE



HBC Maroon 3 v Ramsey 2

Great win 3 to 2. With one rink decided on the very last bowl, just losing by one shot, we have now won the league with a game in hand. Well done team, a great achievement. **LYNNE**

CONGRATULATIONS AND A HUGE WELL DONE TO OUR LADIES MAROON TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2026 LADIES LEAGUE



EBF FINALS SKEGNESS 2026

Good luck to Nicky, Lynne and Carol as they compete in the EBF National Finals at Skegness next week.

2.15 Monday senior pairs – Nicky & Lynne

3.15 Tuesday 2 wood triples - Nicky, Lynne and Carol

3.15 Thursday senior singles - Nicky

HAYWARD LEAGUE

Eynesbury 7 v HBC Kites 0



HBC Buzzards 7 v St. Ives 0

The Buzzards welcomed St. Ives on an 'availability challenged' week. Thanks go to Mandy and Teresa for their second Buzzards appearance and Kevin and Merv for their very last-minute call up. A 7-0 win was secured which was particularly satisfying given with one match remaining it secured second place in the league. Shout out to Phil & Eamonn, Fran and Lee for their continued commitment and some mighty fine bowling on the night! **SARAH**

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

STOCKER A Unfortunately a defeat away to St. Ives.

STOCKER B A very close match against a strong Sawtry team. A win, a draw and a loss and an overall defeat but only by 9 points: 53-44. Well played all team members. A particular mention to Stuart who was on fire and had his own personal singles match with Tom, the opposing lead!

SYKES A Buckden conceded the match with one rink leading 13-36 after 18 ends and the other, 11-14 after 16 ends. Well played one and all.

Warboys 4 v HBC B 3 and

HBC B 5 v Warboys B 2

HBC B had two planned matches this week, both games were against Warboys. The first match on Tuesday evening was the rearranged fixture and Warboys won this match 4-3 with Hemingford picking up the bonus point as overall scores were 51-53. Bruce, David, Andy & Ken had a good battle but lost 18-12. Dave, Gary, Tim & Phil were well beaten 25-15. Stewart, Jeff, Tom & Chris won their match comfortably 7-26 giving us the bonus point. Thursday evening Hemingford got their revenge by winning the match 5-2 with an overall score of 51-41. Stewart, Jeff, Tom & Ken won a tough match 15-11. Bruce, David, Andy & Ken were beaten 13-20. Dave, Gary, Andy T & Phil won their match comfortably. So, to recap the week, the team played well with a points tally of eight. Well done to all; just one more game to go next week at St Neots. **DAVE**

Sawtry B 7 v HBC C 0

Good news:

John Bacon has been given the 'all clear' so he will be back bowling asap.

HOW DID YOU VIEW THE ECLIPSE?

Any captions gratefully received!

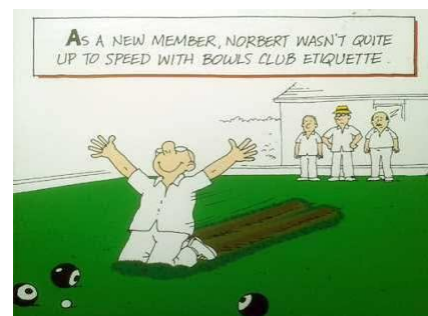


PRESENTATION EVENING

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 7pm



Following the success of our Presentation Evening last year, we have decided to follow the same format. An invitation to the event will follow shortly but please make a note of the date in your diaries.



What is one thing you never expected lawn bowls to teach you? When most people first see lawn bowls, they think it's all about rolling a bowl close to the jack. Then they start playing. Before long, they realise the sport quietly teaches things that reach far beyond the green. Patience when a bowl doesn't finish where you planned. Respect for opponents who become friends. Confidence that grows with experience. The value of staying calm under pressure. Many players say they joined for the sport. But they stayed because of the lessons, the friendships, and the community. Sometimes the greatest reward isn't becoming a better bowler. It's becoming a more patient, thoughtful, and connected person.