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OVER 60s LEAGUE

Potton v HBC B

The worms had been turning over the green before our arrival and despite the best efforts of our hosts with numerous swishers, I have never seen so much mud on both the jack and the bowls for the first 6 ends. We even had buckets of water at both ends of the rinks to wash the bowls in! All rinks lost by 4 shots to a very good Potton side. Tony, Bruce & Neil led up to tea but were then seriously affected by the oppositions choice of biscuits. Stu P, David M and Sue led early on but continual good play by the opposing Skip badly affected the end result. Chrissie, Norman and John were 0-9 down after 5 ends and were looking at a heavy defeat until conditions improved and were then briefly ahead after 15 ends before losing again on the last end. Despite a final loss of a 0-7 everybody appeared to enjoy the game and the post match drinks with a very friendly and hospitable Potton side. We did not improve our league position following this game. *JOHN*

All final league tables can be accessed via our website: www.hemingfordbowls.co.uk then via each league page.

HBC D 5 v Houghton & Wyton B 2

My instruction :- just get 1 point & promotion is secured. Captain Glynn was off on vacation it was left to me the V C. Well, thank you very much Captain! However, the team on paper looked strong & Micks team :- including multi finalist Mr Todd -: were delivering but with a worrying hic-up in the middle. Julie's team, down @ the 12th but a glorious run of 4 - 3 - 0 - 5 - 3 - 0 saw them romp home 21 - 9. George's team were beaten but it was their 14 shots that secured the bonus, cos Micks team 'opened their legs & showed their class' with a 21 - 12 win. So more than 1 point Mr Captain, five in fact. Promotion Guaranteed.

PHEW! I thank you. VC DAWSON

CONGRATULATIONS D TEAM ON YOUR PROMOTION!

Well done one and all; a great achievement. Thank you to Glynn for his brilliant, calm leadership ably assisted by the one and only Mr Ian Dawson Esq.



HAYWARD LEAGUE

HBC Buzzards 3 v Royal Oak 4

Our Lady Captain, Sarah & side kick Tom as escort were absent for this last match, however a Medical Certificate was presented to yours truly the V C. Second place was already secured with a very positive shot difference, second only to a star-studded Brampton side with a mega 'S D'. All other teams were in negative 'S D' territory. Pressure off then. Lee, Richard & Andy gave a master class with a stunning 33-4 victory. Eamonn & Tim's outfits lost 14 - 16 & 10 - 15 respectively. Despite this we got the bonus. So, all in all a not too shabby 3 - 4 loss. It was from my vantage, point very satisfying to witness the happy relaxed ambiance still carried on from last year. Proper Job Our Lady Captain Sarah. PS I'll be back playing next year, of that you can have no doubt. Sееееее. Yerrrrr. D. VC DAWSON

HBC AGM
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 7pm Chris
Page Room
Please make a note of the date and time in your diaries. More information to follow shortly.

MEN'S LEAGUE

HBC A 0 v Eynesbury A 7

A disappointing end to the season. That said, my thanks for your effort and support. *MERVYN*

HBC C 4 v Sawtry 3B 3

Our C Team captain said, "we can all give ourselves a pat on the back as winners this year". Not just because we finished the season last night by winning 4/3 (32 shots to 36 shots) and climbing off the bottom slot in Div 3 to avoid the wooden spoon, but because for all but one match in 2026 we managed to field 12 players and fulfilled the objective of ensuring all those men who wanted to play were able to play. Last night's thanks go to Maureen and Julie for helping us field a full team of 12 and secure the second win after Neils team also won 12 to 8. This week the song title is "Good Job" by Alicia Keyes. *DAVID*

The scoreboard only tells you who won, it doesn't tell you how.. Every bowler knows there's a story behind those numbers. It doesn't show the bowl that somehow 4 shots when the head looked impossible. It doesn't show the teammate who kept saying, "we're still in this." when everyone else thought the game was gone. It doesn't show the fight it took to come back from 6-15 down... one end, one shot, one bowl at a time. It doesn't show the toucher, the unlucky wick, the bowl that missed by millimetres, the pressure on the final end or the teammate who quietly held everyone together. The scoreboard records the result, but the bowlers remember the story and sometimes, the greatest games you ever play aren't the ones you win; they're the ones that show you what you're made of.



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
9.30 am

Thanks are extended to Kevin for his hard work in organising our 2026 Finals Day. Everyone welcome. BBQ all day. Bar open from 12 noon.

Please RSVP!

THE HEMINGFORDS BOWLS CLUB
invite you to their
2026 PRESENTATION EVENING

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026
7:00PM - 9:00PM
LIGHT BUFFET
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BY 1ST OCTOBER

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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!

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EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE
≥ **THANK YOU!** ≤

All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support

I will be very happy to accept donations this Sunday (Finals Day) or on Sunday 20th. Cakes on 20th or on the morning please.