



From the President

Since I wrote my contribution for the April Newsletter we have enjoyed a visit to Cyprus where we bowled in warm, sunny weather. Following our return, with the restrictions of Covid behind us, it has been great to see so many people, including many relatively new members, enjoying the bowling on what must be one of the best greens in the area.

Our Big Bowls Open Weekend at the end of May was very successful and helped to introduce a good number of new members to the Club. The various Trophy events such as the Ted Skeffington, Willbourne and John Scott have been well supported and the bowling and socialising much enjoyed by all who took part. Susan and I particularly enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee barbecue and entertainment which was attended by many members and also graced by our replica Queen.

It never ceases to amaze me that so many of our members volunteer significant time and

talent to run the many aspects of our Club, often with no expectation of recognition or thanks. So...a very big thank you from me for everything you do! Without you our Club would not function as successfully as it does.

My charity, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, is being well supported and I am grateful for all the donations made by members, including those who have inadvertently bowled a wrong bias,

as I have on a number of occasions. I am currently organising a charity raffle to be drawn on President's Day (13 August), with members able to purchase tickets prior to and during this event. I hope that this will raise a large sum for the amazing and vital work that the Noah's Ark Hospice does for children in our area of north London with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

Mike Laurie

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The Club celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style on the Bank Holiday, Thursday 2 June, with the John Scott trophy competition and barbeque.

The trophy was won by Wendy Goodman, Margaret Reynolds, Freddie Williams and Sheila Snelling shown here with the other finalists, our President Mike Laurie and a distinguished royal guest.

Bowls, BBQ and band

Jubilee Celebrations kicked off at the Club with bowls, a barbecue and a band.

Forty-eight bowlers competed for the John Scott Trophy, divided into 12 teams of four, playing in two leagues ending in a six-end final. A photo of all the players, regaled in various combinations of red, white and blue, is a record of the occasion. The winners were Wendy Goodman, Margaret Reynolds, Freddie Williams and Sheila Snelling.

The food was not served as quickly as we would have hoped but it was very good, in particular the burgers.

The evening entertainment was excellent with the hall fully decked out in Union Jacks for the royal occasion.

A local group, The London Bonneville's, provided our evening's entertainment; a group difficult to describe playing a mixture of skiffle and original comedy songs, but they were of course excellent musicians who provided a great night for some 95 people. Although the Club House was packed many people still found some room to do a few jigs.

Alan Jarvis



Cyprus Hot Shots

A 'hot shot' means that a team has scored the maximum number of points possible in an end.

This team of four, Di Hine, Mike Laurie, Pam Waller and Sandra Wright, playing two bowls each, scored eight points in one end during their match in Cyprus against the Sussex Bowling Club (actually from Cleethorpes). Confused?

Read the full account of the Cyprus holiday on page 10.



Chairman's Notes and changing room update

We are now well settled into the 2022 season and have enjoyed a busy time with competitions and social events. Following our very successful Open Weekend it is good to see several new members and our excellent Jubilee celebrations saw our Club House full to capacity for a most enjoyable evening.

We are making progress with the new changing room project even if it is more slowly than we would like.

The sub-group responsible for steering investigations into the building choices consists of Wendy Goodman, Bob Gowlett, Ron Wright, Dave Waller and myself. To date we have made three visits to Passmores (the proposed suppliers of the wooden prefabricated option) in Rochester and had three meetings with our architect to discuss the brick built

alternative. I am pleased to say that we have now defined the size and construction of both alternatives.

We also have a builder lined up to give us total costs but are being held up by the structural engineer who has to do more work to finalise the plans. I suppose that it is not surprising but, at our last meeting, the architect warned us that building costs have risen considerably in the last 12 months.

I anticipate that we should have indicative costs for you during August.

Lastly, a big thank you to Sheila Cude and Paul Young for the content and very professional presentation of their first WHBC Newsletter.

Mick Hine

Bowls and bridge

A bowls and bridge competition may seem to be an improbable combination but members of our multi-talented Club were able to rise to the occasion.

A match against Grovelands Bowls Club consisting of a game of bowls followed by a game of bridge seems difficult to judge.

However, by agreeing a method, used in bridge, of converting a bowls result to international match points (IMPs), an overall result is possible. (There are some clever people about.)

This annual match started in 2021 and this year we had a trophy to present – named the Bert Davis Trophy. This has been donated by Joan Davis, a member of Grovelands, in memory of her husband. It will be presented each year to the winning club.

The match is held at alternate venues. This year eight players from each club met at Winchmore Hill on 10 May to play two full rinks, followed by 16 hands of duplicate bridge.

Between the two games a meal was enjoyed by the players thanks to a team of volunteers, Pat Burn, Val Ovenden, Carol Valentine, Sally Woolley and marshalled by Sue Jarvis. Thank you ladies, I am sure you

enjoyed the meal as much as the players.

As in 2021 the victors this year, winning both the bowls and bridge, were Winchmore Hill. Roll on 2023.

Alan Jarvis



The winning bowls and bridge team with the new trophy (left to right) Alan Jarvis, Cliff Woolley, Pam Waller, Mick Hine, Phil Mayo, Lionel Reisman, Peter Pinnock and Philip Broodney

Bowls Big Weekend



Inexplicably Bowls England chose the weekend of 28 and 29 May to hold this year's Bowls Big Weekend. This was the start of half-term week for most schools and four days prior to Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

We decided to increase the leaflet drop area this year to include every household in the N21 Winchmore Hill area together with those parts of Enfield and Palmers Green that were closest to the Club.

The entire Bowls Big Weekend at the Club was a wonderful team effort; from the meeter/greeters who welcomed our guests, the coaches and their helpers on the green, to the tea and coffee makers who kept up a constant stream of hot drinks from the kitchen

for both visitors and helpers. We must also remember the bar staff who served us drinks, the cake makers who kept us fed with a delicious choice of pastries and the backroom team who provided general help where needed. No one was kept waiting and nobody went away without someone speaking to them. Everyone got to try some bowling which is what it was all about.

Bob and I saw what felt like a constant stream of people and we had visitors still arriving half an hour before our finish time on the Sunday.

At the time of writing we have signed up nine new bowlers and I am still taking calls from people who saw the leaflet, but were away over the weekend, and are interested in finding out more about joining the Club.

I would like to add my special thanks to my predecessor Bob for his advice and assistance over the weekend and to Pam for coordinating the coaches and helpers.

Well done everyone; we could not have done it without you.

I know that we will give a big WHBC welcome to our new players. Remember, to them it will be like the first day in a new job, so if you see anyone who you do not recognise, and they look a little lost, please offer to help.

Chris Daly

Membership Secretary



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Our Jubilee ramp

The old wooden ramp had rotted away; a replacement was needed to get our heavy equipment in and out of the work shed.

Our Green Team members tackled the problem with enthusiasm. Some cement was mixed up and the new ramp was topped with slabs and suitably inscribed.



Outside league competitions

The Club takes part in a number of outside competitions each year and we are including details of some of these for anyone who is not familiar with them.

At Winchmore Hill Bowls Club we try to balance competitive play and fun play so all members can enjoy the game of bowls at the level that suits them best.

This includes our Club nights, internal competitions, friendly matches with other clubs and outside leagues. Some of these are specifically for men or women, although more bowls competitions are being played as mixed games as gender does not have a big impact on play.

Vets League		Men
Participating Clubs		
Arnos	Bishopswood	Broomfield
Bounds Green	Bury Lodge	Bush Hill Park
Cockfosters	Finchley	Grovelands
Holtwhites	North London	Oak Hill
Potters Bar	Selborne	
Format		
Three triple rinks. Clubs play each other once.		

Tripartite		Ladies
Participating Clubs		
Cockfosters	Selborne	
Format		
Two triples at Cockfosters Two triples at Selborne Four triples at home		
<i>The ladies joined the competition about eight years ago and have won every year except one.</i>		

Tripartite		Men
Participating Clubs		
Bush Hill Park	Selborne	
Format		
Three triples against Bush Hill Park Three triples against Selborne		
Away matches require nine players in three triples against the hosting club.		
<i>At the away fixtures our best rink is presented with three small bottles of whisky.</i>		

Brigg League		Ladies
Participating Clubs		
Bury Lodge	Bush Hill Park	
Grovelands	Holtwhites	
Northaw and Cuffley	Oakhill	
Potters Bar	Selborne	
Whithern		
Format		
Triples Teams play each other once – either home or away between May and August.		
<i>One of the founding clubs, Winchmore Hill won this league for the first time in 2019 having been runners up in the past. Sponsored by Brigg Sports.</i>		

Sunday League		Mixed
Participating Clubs		
Bounds green	Broomfield	Cockfosters
Grovelands	Holtwhites	Oakhill
Winchmore Hill		
Format		
Three mixed triples. Each team plays once a year – home and away on alternate years. Points are awarded for winning rinks and overall winners on the day.		

Froude Shield		Men
Participating Clubs		
Enfield Town		
Format		
Four triples <i>Winchmore Hill have won the shield every year.</i>		

Top Club		Men		
Participating Clubs				
A national competition which consists of five rinks.				
Format				
Singles	2-wood	Pairs	Triples	Fours

Bill's Bar

On 10 July Club members gathered together to remember Bill Lorman a much-loved and distinguished member of WHBC.

Special guests for the occasion were Frances and Sam Hurst, Bill's daughter and son-in-law. Mike Dady opened the proceedings and invited Frances to say a few words.

Others then shared their memories of Bill, including his wonderful shows, his enthusiasm and generosity. His last legacy to the Club was a gift in his will of £10,000, used to refurbish the bar, which will now be known as Bill's Bar.

Joan Duparcq summed up the feelings of Club members with the words:

"I would like to say from us all, thank you Billy for your friendship. You will always be in our thoughts when we have a drink at Bill's Bar.

New members will say 'Who's Bill?' and we will be able to tell them that he was a very kind and generous member of our Club".



Frances and Sam Hurst with the commemorative plaque which will be placed on the wall by the bar



Bill Lorman with his wife Rosemary (left) and Doreen King, winners of the Ted Wright Salver, awarded for the best ladies pair on August Bank Holiday 1999



Club members at the event on 10 July (Apologies to David Valentine who didn't quite make the picture – Ed)

Canasta sessions

New league launched



The Friday afternoon canasta sessions continue to be well attended and are open to anyone who would like to play.

Everyone is also welcome to the evening sessions, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, which will continue throughout the summer. The introduction of Rummikub, a tile-based game for two to four players combining elements of rummy and mahjong, has added an extra dimension to these evenings. Thanks to Brian and Anne Waters for introducing us to the game and showing us how to beat them!

Canasta League

A new venture this year has been the inauguration of a Canasta League for those players wishing to test their skill (or luck!) against

others, with the bonus of a cash prize for the winners.

Nine couples have joined the Summer League which is proving very popular. Couples get together to arrange matches as it suits them, either during the general sessions, or at each other's homes. We feel that it adds to the social side of canasta as couples meet up to play others they may not have met before.

The Autumn League will begin in October, and anyone is welcome to join in.

Just contact Sue Crane to put your name down.

Barblah

The bar goes from strength to strength. Southwold Best Bitter has gone down a treat with the first barrel of 88 pints emptied inside 10 days.

Stella Artois lager sales are slightly lagging, despite Cliff Woolley achieving sales person (gender neutral) of the week.

Even better is the price of draught beer and lager at £3.00 per pint,

which is the same price as last year.

The bar aims to cater for all tastes and a range of quality guest bottled beers, non-alcoholic lager and 0.0% Guinness is now available.

For the more discerning, a number of quality wines are available in 187ml and 75cl bottles. If you are feeling peckish we have crisps, nuts and mini-cheddars all at 60p.

The introduction of the new cash register and the Sumup credit card reader has been warmly embraced

with the majority of volunteers enjoying the clear displays and the ease of use.

Thank you all for your time behind the bar.

As the longer days approach, bar sales are increasing and Nick Castro and Andy Place achieved £153 in sales one Friday. It had nothing to do with their sales patter, but it was one of the hottest days of the year.

Many thanks for all your support and keep quenching.

Mike Griffin

Friday Club night

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after the roll-up

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Merry Berries v Paul Hollyhocks Cake Baking Wars???

It seems that the pandemic uncovered many hidden talents among Club members. More and more people are playing canasta or bridge and the Art Group's artistic skills go from strength to strength.

But perhaps the best of all, (from the consumer's point of view at least), is the Tuesday Green Team's passion for home baking.

Ron's birthday strawberry cream gateau was memorable (it was his birthday), and Bob's Auntie May's Scottish shortcake and Colin's fruit cake were not to be missed.

During the Open Weekend however, home baking entries reached new highs and lows. Bob's brownies,

entered for the cake category, were disqualified as illegal as they were clearly biscuits.

Mike's ginger cake was judged to contain illegal substances and the Met is undertaking a major investigation, although it is unlikely to reach a conclusion.

The judges, after many tastings and much chewing, concluded that Freddie's doughnuts were the ultimate winner.

The gauntlet has been thrown down to all would-be bakers.

Mike Griffin

A view from the Green

For this edition of the newsletter I was asked to disclose some of the trade secrets to successful green maintenance so that you too can have a stripy lawn at home.

In order to achieve the best results you must begin with the propagation and cultivation of an essential requirement, a species called the 'Green Team'. Like all exotic plants they do require careful nurturing and special nutriment. I have found that a generous, weekly application of cake will keep them in peak condition. Of course they do need watering as well with a liquid feed. This is a special concoction brewed by Roger Goodman which he assures me does not contain gnat's pee despite the fact it occasionally looks like it.

Any variety of cake with different ingredients has the same effect, but the inclusion of additional supplements such as cookies, brownies, flapjacks and florentines has produced spectacular growth results, particularly in the girth of the trunk.

Bob Gowlett did experiment with the introduction of an alcoholic version called 'Guinness cake'. Initially this had some staggering results, but I would not recommend its use as it produced some off-putting wavy lines on the green.

I much prefer the use of organic, home-baked cake over the inferior shop bought versions but I have to say that Freddie Williams has achieved great success with a synthetic product manufactured

by Sainsburys called 'Donuts'. Experts are still debating whether the ring or jam filled variants produce the better results but initial studies show much improved frost resistance during the winter months.

Now that we approach the peak of the stripy lawn season with the start of Queen's Club and Wimbledon, I have included the recipe (see page 9) for a particularly nutrient-rich preparation called 'Wimbledon Fortnight Gateau'. This has been described by Nigella, the Green Team's Madonna with the big recipes, as pure strawberries and cream indulgence. It is guaranteed to produce satisfactory results.

Ron Wright

SUNDAY MORNING ROLL-UPS

Arrive by 10.15 for 10.30 start

Open to all – no rink booking necessary – but check diary for availability

Cakes & bakes

Wimbledon Fortnight Gateau

Ingredients

For each sponge layer;

3 eggs

3 oz castor sugar

3 oz self-raising flour

Fresh strawberries

Strawberry preserve

1 pint double cream

(whipped to firm peaks for piping)

Quick setting gel for glazing

Serves 20 approx



Method

Heat the oven to 200°/180°C Fan.

Grease and line the base of a 10inch round cake tin.

Using a food processor with the whisk attachment, whisk the eggs and sugar on maximum speed until very pale and thick. Remove the bowl and carefully fold in the flour being careful not to knock out too much air.

Pour the mixture into the cake tin and tilt so that the mixture runs to the edges. Do not spread with a spatula.

Bake at 200°C for 7-8 mins or until the sponge springs back when touched. Turn out and allow to cool.

Repeat this process twice more to produce three sponge layers.

To assemble the gateaux, place a sponge layer on a suitable board or plate and cover the top with a generous layer of strawberry preserve (you can also add a layer of sliced strawberries if you wish).

Spread a layer of whipped cream on the base of the next sponge layer and place on top of the bottom layer. Repeat the process of spreading the preserve and strawberries on top of this layer. Then repeat spreading the cream on the base of the final layer and place this on top.

Decorate the top of the cake with concentric rings of whole strawberries, pointing upwards or

use halved strawberries, lying flat to produce the same effect.

Using a piping bag, pipe cream swirls around the outer edge of the sponge to contain the strawberries. Then glaze the strawberries with a red quick set gel. This may require two sachets to fill all of the gaps.

Finally spread the remaining cream around the edge of the gateaux and decorate with chopped nuts, chocolate sprinkles or hundreds and thousands.

Refrigerate the gateaux until required but note this cake does not keep well and should be eaten on the same day.

Enjoy.

Ron Wright

Cyprus 2022



It was 5.30am on Saturday 26 March when 23 members met at Winchmore Hill Bowls Club to embark on our journey to Cyprus. We had been waiting for this for the last two years, but finally the time had come to find some sun, sea and bowling. We landed in Cyprus in sunshine and the long-range weather report was very good. We arrived at the hotel raring to go, but of course the inevitable happened and some of us were not happy with the rooms we had been allocated. Despite a few hiccups on the first night we all changed to better rooms where we were to spend the rest of our holiday.

The first morning found most of us on the bowling green trying to get to grips with the speed of the rinks. Some managed better than others but it was quite challenging at first, especially as the rinks had a huge bias on one side which took a lot of getting used to. Some of us did not manage to crack it for the whole fortnight!

We always have a few dramas on our trips and the first was Ron Pye who ended up with a brief stay in hospital. Unfortunately, he got whisked off before any of us knew where he had gone. Let's try him on his mobile phone we said, however we found out later he had left it at home in England. Eventually we tracked him down and he said he would be back the next day. Now he says he had a problem with his leg but the day before he had had quite a shock. A young girl in a very brief bikini bent over in front of him and he came over all unnecessary. We think his heart missed a beat

or two and he had to get it sorted out. He joined us the next day for our mini-golf and pitch and putt competitions and was obviously feeling much better as he won the mini-golf competition. Wendy won the pitch and putt, despite the very challenging course which had just been scarified and the grass left all over the fairways. A special mention for Marsha Reisman who managed to beat Lionel in the mini-golf competition and has been presented with a certificate so she can prove it to everyone.

Our second casualty was Philip Broodney who did not come to the golf as he was feeling under the weather. Yes, you have guessed it, later that day he tested positive! It was decided to keep things quiet and Philip kept to his room. Good job he had a balcony. Adrienne did a good job getting him a few snacks to nibble on, a favour that he returned when she caught it a few days later. Next in line was Vicki Gowlett who came down with it followed by Bob. A big thank you to both couples, however, who acted responsibly and kept themselves to themselves and did not spread the virus to anyone else in the group. Unfortunately, since our return a few people have gone down with it but I am sure it's unrelated to those four members.

'I fancy going paragliding' says Garry and 'So do I' says Ron Pye. With that they decided to book a flight and Ron and Sandra Wright joined them. They booked with Stavros Flatley of Britain's Got Talent fame who had set up just along from the hotel.

Unfortunately, the hoard of spectators who went to watch them and record it for posterity, only saw a speck on the horizon as they were whisked away a few miles along the coast before they set off. They said they enjoyed the experience and came back in one piece although we have no evidence to substantiate their claims!

Jacqui and Gary Thompson joined us on Saturday evening and the rest of the group, six in all, joined us on Monday evening. We were all out on the green on Tuesday morning having our scheduled roll-up. The teams were changing day by day as apart from C...d a few people had picked up injuries during the first week.

Wednesday morning a few of us went to the mini-golf course not far from the hotel. Despite the lack of water in the bunkers we all had a good time. Congratulations to Dave Waller who went round with the lowest score and also congratulations to his team of Pam, Sandra and Ron who went round as the lowest scoring team. It was ice creams all round afterwards followed by a saunter back to the hotel where it was back to sunbathing. Well, someone had to – what a hard life!

Thursday was a free day and people chose to do different things. Some of us continued to roll up as we needed the practice to try and beat the Cyprus team the next day. Unfortunately, Friday was a very windy day and the wind blew a gale across all rinks. If we thought the bias was bad before, it was impossible now to control the direction of the bowls. However, we did manage to win on one rink, congratulations to Pam, Mick Hine, Chris Sibthorpe and Ron Pye. Another rink only lost by one shot and overall, we lost 59 shots to 96 which was better than we have done in the past. Maybe next year will be our year.

The next day we played our Cyprus challenge and with Philip just coming out of isolation I thought he would be rusty, but he wasn't and played a blinder. The overall winners were Philip, Mick Hine and Lynn Ames. Many thanks to Lynn who stepped in at the last minute as Bob still had not recovered enough to play. Runners-up were Wendy, Mike Laurie and Garry.

The next day 12 of us played against a team from Sussex, or so we thought. You would think that having a name like Sussex Bowling Club meant they came from Sussex but oh no, they actually came from Cleethorpes – nowhere near Sussex! They were all very nice but the icing on the cake was winning on all three rinks by quite a margin. The team comprising Pam, Sandra, Di and Mike Laurie had a 'hot shot' (all our eight shots counted on one end) and certificates will be applied for and presented when they arrive.

A special mention for Cliff Woolley, who played for Cyprus against us as one of their team did not turn up; played for Sussex as they were one short and eventually played for Winchmore Hill. He also managed to sneak a WHBC pen being on the opposing side. I drew the line at giving him two.

Cliff also organised a sweepstake for the Grand National so congratulations to Julie Daly who won. There was also a substantial donation for the President's charity. Wendy also organised a nightly card school for those wishing to play bridge, canasta or cribbage. Thanks to both of them.

After presenting all the prizes and awards for the various events etc. my special award of the week went to the following couple. For those on the trip you will appreciate its content.

The Odd Couple(s)

My award of the week now goes to a pair
Who like a good laugh and are up for a dare?
They both got engaged but not to each other
But the girls ran away back home to their
mothers.*

They both took flight on a paraglider for two
Now it's off to the parlour for a discreet tattoo
They are Little and Large, Abbott and Costello
Stan and Ollie or maybe just Odd Fellows.

Yes, you have guessed it my work here is done
My award of the week goes to Garry and Ron!

**Actually it was husbands but it didn't rhyme*

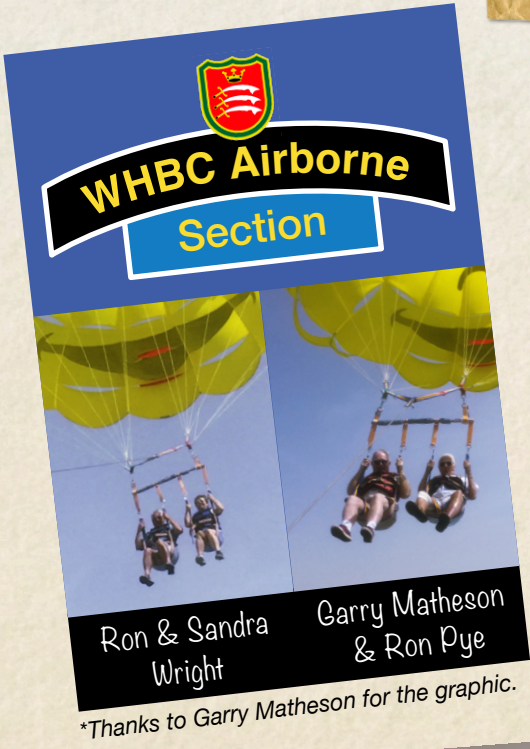
My thanks to everyone who went on the trip and made it a great holiday. Despite all the C...d problems we all enjoyed ourselves in our own ways. Bob and Vicki said it was like a second honeymoon. I can't think what they meant!

For those that haven't been with us to Cyprus before we have a great deal of fun so hopefully you will give it some thought for next year.

Thank you to Sue and Alan who made all the arrangements, but unfortunately couldn't make the trip. There is always next year to look forward to.

Pam Waller

Scrapbook



...in the hotel lounge Cyprus



Left to right, Ron Pye, Ron and Sandra Wright and Garry Matheson with Stavros Flatley



Left to right, Doreen King, Lesley Taffe, Cliff Baxter and Joan Duparcq at the Jubilee celebrations



Vicki Gowlett & Sheila Snelling (the bunting babes!)



The London Bonneville's at the Jubilee barbecue



Wendy Goodman, in red, white and blue for the Jubilee

Marking your card

On a warm and sunny Thursday morning in April 15 Club members attended the Introductory Markers course led by Mike Dady. He was ably assisted by Ron Wright and Colin Crane, although they were rubbish in getting near to the jack during the trial ends 😊.

Mike described how a marker should prepare for the big day as well as the equipment they would require to perform the task. He provided many anecdotes to emphasise the various rules of what and what not to do. "Never move the woods until the players have agreed the outcome of an end." "Keep the play moving along".

At the finish – having progressed from a Club level module to a National level module we were all very close to achieving International status. If only it was that easy!

Sufficient to say we all learnt a bit more and hopefully can put this new knowledge into practice during the season.

Many thanks to Mike and Ron and Colin for the demonstrations. An enjoyable and informative time.

Mike Griffin

Laws of the sport of bowls

These are currently set out in the 'Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Third Edition' (Version 3.1) This incorporates revisions approved in December 2016 and April 2018.

A copy of both Version 3.1 and a document containing the Revisions can be downloaded from the 'Laws of the Sport' section under the 'Laws & Umpiring Link' on the World Bowls website: www.worldbowls.com

Marking is an art – yes or no?

Marking a game of singles has changed out of all recognition since I started bowling in the early 1980s.

Someone once said to me, "Anyone can mark." "Yes" I said, "anyone can mark, just as anyone can perform first aid. But wouldn't you rather have that fracture treated by a qualified first aider...you get my drift?".

Marking is an art. A bad marker can ruin a game; a good marker can make it.

Gone are the days when just a 'yes' or 'no' answer would do – followed, I dare say, by another question. Markers are there to assist the players, to act as extra eyes and ears; but it is the players' game.

Now we will put it to the test! Let's assume it's finals day at our Club and you have been selected to mark a final. In the match, player 'A' is holding two shots. Question from the mat, "Am I holding one?" There are at least five answers to this question.

- (i) "No"
- (ii) "Yes"
- (iii) "You are holding two"
- (iv) "Can you rephrase the question?"
- (v) "Can you come to the head and have a look for yourself?"

Let's say you answered "No" to the question. This could be followed by, "How many is my opponent holding then?" Answer from the marker, "He isn't". Confused player 'A' on the mat, "If I'm not holding and my opponent isn't holding, then who the bxxxxy well is holding shot?" Fits of laughter and you will be embarrassed.

You would of course be perfectly in order to answer "Yes" and that is probably what 90% of new markers would give. But may I suggest the answer is actually "You are holding two".

After all, the answer is no different to player 'A' asking, "What is the position?" answer "You are holding two." In this way, none of the players or spectators are confused and the marker has not put himself in a potentially embarrassing situation.

The game is all about the players not the marker. Keep the game flowing. Don't hold back information and use common sense.

Mike Dady

When to use wedges and the '30-second' rule

Taken from the Laws of the Sport (with thanks to Mike Dady).

23 Deciding the number of shots scored

23.1 The process of deciding the number of shots scored must not start until the last bowl required to be played in an end has come to rest, or 30 seconds after that if either skip or opponent in Singles asks for this 30-second period (for example, to see whether or not a bowl lying at an angle will fall of its own accord within that time).

23.2 If either skip or opponent in Singles has asked for a 30-second period, no bowl which is likely to fall must be secured during that period.

Men's Captain's Report

We are now over two months into our 2022 season and there is plenty of bowls activity taking place.

The season started with a few friendlies which helped us to get used to the green and we have now moved on to the Men's Competitions. There were a considerable number of entries for each of these and we are now coming to the end of Round Two, with plenty more games to be played. There have been some surprising results so far which could lead to some interesting finals in early September.

In the **National Mens Top Club**, we came extremely close to beating Bounds Green. The match ended in a tie (2.5 – 2.5) so an extra end had to be played by our Triples Team. They were already in the Clubhouse and had to get changed back into bowling gear. Tony was skipping and with his penultimate bowl, he drew the shot resting eight inches behind the jack. Unfortunately, the Bounds Green Skip, with his final bowl of the game, rested on Tony's shot bowl and Winchmore Hill just lost out.

In the Mens **VETS League** we have played three of our 14 games and have won two and lost one so we are still in with a chance of finishing in the top three.

The **Mens Middlesex and Finchley & District competitions** are also continuing and we have individuals and teams still progressing through the rounds. Hopefully we will have some good news to report in the next newsletter.

In our **Prentice Cup** group, we have so far beaten Arnos 6-0 but unfortunately lost 0-6 to a very strong Bounds Green team.

On Monday mornings we have been coaching the newer bowlers and I am pleased to say that they are all improving and have been signed off to attend Club Nights. Many thanks to Ron Wright, Pam Waller and Jacqui Thompson who have assisted with the coaching that has helped to integrate the new bowlers into our Club.

A final word of thanks goes to the Green Team who have worked miracles on our green. Those who have bowled on other greens will appreciate how well our green performs. Long may it continue.

Lionel Reisman

Ladies Captain's Report

We have had a reasonable start to the season with both successes and disappointments.

Middlesex Double Rink

Our ladies won their quarter final against Rosedale Park but unfortunately lost in their semi-final to Cambridge Park.

Friendlies

WHBC won our friendly mixed games against Whithern and Grovelands but lost to North London. The ladies won their game against Potters Bar.

WHBC played Grovelands in a bowls and bridge match which, I am delighted to say, we won on both counts.

Sunday League (mixed)

WHBC won our games against Grovelands and Broomfield but suffered a heavy defeat against Holtwhites and lost on two out of three rinks against Oakhill. However, we are currently second in the league table.

Brigg League (ladies)

We lost our first game this season against Potters Bar but won our second against Bury Lodge and drew our third against Oakhill. We are now fourth in the league.

Ladies Top Club

WHBC has been drawn away to Grovelands. This competition will be played on Saturday 9 July.

Individual successes

Sandra has received her Middlesex colt's badge. Only another 20 points to go until she gets her full badge!

Sandra and I were both selected for the Middlesex John's squad. This squad is formed from the top 24 lady bowlers in Middlesex who either have their full badge or colt's badge.

Unfortunately, we lost our first match against Surrey in a knock-out competition so hopefully more luck next year. We both continue to play in County friendlies on a regular basis.

Internal Competition Winners

Ted Skeffington

Carol Valentine, Stav Partou and Margaret Reynolds.

Willborne

Ron Wright, Colin Crane and Mary Castro.

John Scott

Wendy Goodman, Margaret Reynolds, Freddie Williams and Sheila Snelling.

Well done to the above winners and also to all those who took part to make the days a success.

New Bowlers

It is lovely to see some of the newer bowlers, who only joined last year, really get stuck in and compete in many of these competitions. They are showing great promise and enthusiasm and already have become a great asset to the Club, not only in bowling but in other ways too.

A few more new bowlers have joined us this year and hopefully they will get involved in the Club as the previous contingent have done.

The most important thing is to enjoy playing,

whatever your level, and to get involved with the wider aspects of the Club in order to get full value out of your membership. There are many things you can do, just ask.

Thanks to the ladies who have volunteered to cater for the competitions, where needed, this year; your help has been much appreciated. Thanks to the cake makers who have supplied cakes for certain events.

Wednesday and Friday Club nights seem to be running well and the £3 Wednesday voucher has been gratefully received. Thanks to Di for continuing to supply the bread and cheese etc. on a Friday night. At £2/head now it's still good value.

Enjoy the rest of the bowling calendar and make sure you put your name down for games. It's all good experience!

Pam Waller

Webbs Trophy

On Saturday 2 July 48 players, divided into 16 trips teams, took part in the Webbs Trophy Competition. Divided into four groups, each team played a preliminary round of three matches of six ends.

The teams with the highest points total went through to the semi-finals and finals, also six ends.

Results

Semi-finals		
Stav Partou	v	Graham Keating
Jeff Hopwood		Di Hine
Vicki Gowlett		Garry Matheson
Score 8		Score 3
Margaret Reynolds	v	Mick Hine
Andrew Chase		Cliff Woolley
Denise Rolland		Caroline Lawson
Score 1		Score 11

Finals		
Stav Partou	v	Mick Hine
Jeff Hopwood		Cliff Woolley
Vicki Gowlett		Caroline Lawson
Score 3		Score 10

Grateful thanks to Peter Pinnock for replacing the original Webbs Trophy cup which mysteriously disappeared.

Congratulations to Mick and his team who emerged as the final winners.



Winners Mick Hine, Caroline Lawson and Cliff Woolley with Peter Pinnock



Runners up Jeff Hopwood, Vicki Gowlett and Stav Partou