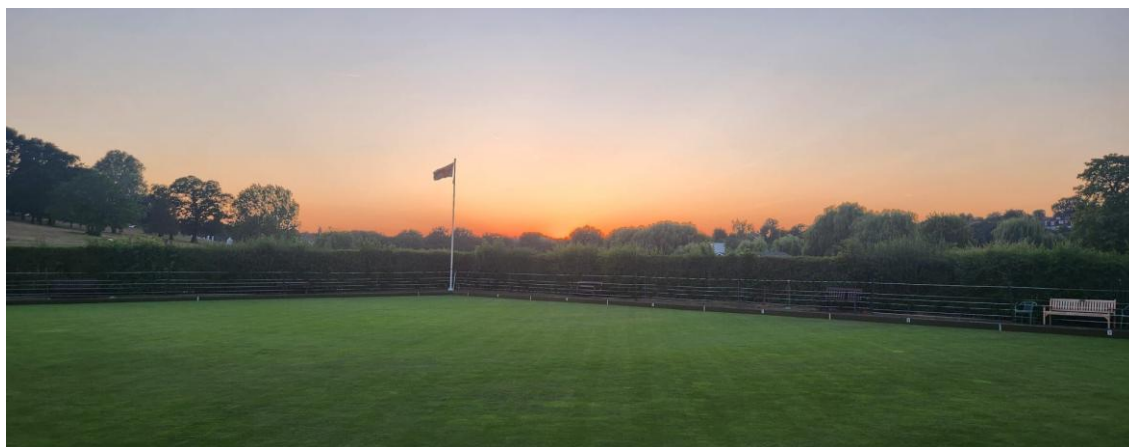




Oak Hill Bowls Club

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The season is now reaching its conclusion, so here is the latest newsletter from your club, with a summary of events so far and details of our club finals weekend.

Membership

Since our last newsletter we have had four further associate members join the club. Three of them – Ashwin Haria, Vinay Shah and Irving Lancer – also come regularly on a Saturday morning.

The fourth new member - Michael Lillywhite – has joined the club through our U3A initiative. We continue to have between four and eight attending our U3A sessions on a Friday afternoon, and we are exploring the possibility of starting a similar group indoors at Glebelands during the winter, in the hope that this will encourage even more members to join Oak Hill next season. We are hugely indebted to Pete Headland for getting this initiative off the ground and for his work maintaining contact with many of our new members.

Our playing membership now totals 71 – with 54 full-playing members (including 3 life members) and 17 associate members.



External Competitions

In the Herts County League, our men failed to qualify for the area finals, by just one shot. We managed to beat both the clubs who did qualify – St Albans Townsend and Harpenden, but lost a crucial match away at North Mymms.

We qualified for the semi-finals of the Prentice Cup, but lost to Finchley in the semi-final. The green at Finchley was in a very poor condition and, as a result of our complaint, the finals of the Prentice Cup and Finchley & North London President's Cup were held at Broomfield. For the first time we were the eventual winners of the President's Cup, so congratulations to our team of Rhys Lewis, Matthew Tang, John Abson and Terry Doe.



With just one match left in the Day Cup, away at Cockfosters on the 11th September, we are in with a chance of winning this competition, if we can beat Cockfosters. We are in a similar position in the Enfield & District League, needing a good win in our final match against Bounds Green.

In the Vets League, a disappointing defeat at Bounds Green in our final match meant that we finished fourth, behind Bush Hill Park, Broomfield and Bounds Green. In the Henry Rose Cup we lost the semi-final by just 2 shots to Bounds Green, the eventual winners.

One achievement was our first win in the Coronation Cup organised by Friary Park bowls club. Our team of Louise McKie, Paulette Cowan and John Abson won the trophy, a first for Oak Hill.

Club Competitions and Finals Weekend

With just one exception, the club competitions are now at the final stage and the finals will be held over the weekend of the 13th / 14th September. The line-up is as follows –

Ladies' Championship - Sian Allen v Paulette Cowan

Men's Championship - Terry Doe v Martin Woodrow

Ladies' Handicap Singles - Louise McKie beat Lynn Wallis (played on 5th September)

Men's Handicap - Erol Hussein v Jason Laurence

Men's 2-wood Singles - Martin Williams v Matthew Tang

Ladies 2-wood Singles - Sian Allen v Louise McKie

Junior Singles - Paulette Cowan v Bill Germaney

Vets Singles - Bill Germaney v Terry Doe

Novice Singles - Vernon Raymond v Chris Burvill

Men's Pairs - Terry Doe & Mike de Campi *or* Liam Murphy & Julian Shulman v Rob Petty & Brian Usher

Ladies Pairs - Paulette Cowan & Lynn Wallis v Sian Allen & Ines Asis

Mixed 2-wood Pairs - Martin Williams & Vernon Raymond v Matthew Tang & Chris Burvill

Mixed Triples - Erol Hussein, Sian Allen & Yin Man v Damian Treanor, Louise McKie & Julian Shulman

The Aussie Pairs competition, played on the 18th July, was won by Mike de Campi and Rob Petty, with Louise McKie and Mike Levy as runners-up. The Bob Sawyer Trophy, played on the 31st August was won by Wing Yuen, Paulette Cowan and So Ha Liu ... with Sheila Solbe, Louise McKie and John Abson runners-up.

We hope that a good number of members will come along on the 12th and 13th to support the players and to enjoy what should be a feast of good bowling. A schedule for the weekend will be published shortly.



Club-nights

We have managed to provide some form of food and /or entertainment on Thursday nights throughout the season, so many thanks to all those who have provided the food or organised special events. Particular thanks are due to Annika and Julian, who have managed the bar and also arranged the film night and the quiz.



It is good to see a good number of members bowling at the club on Thursday evenings. We have been running the **Acorn trophy** over the last couple of months and, with just a couple of sessions to go, Vernon Raymond is in the lead, by just one point from John Norman.

50/50 Club

Members can still purchase numbers for the final draw of our new 50/50 Club scheme, to raise funds for the club, from Kay Comer. The winners of the draws so far have been - John Abson (May) – Tom Hobden (June) – Rhys Lewis (July) and Erol Hussein (August). In the draw at the end of September the winner is guaranteed a prize of at least £80 – more if additional members take part.

Open Triples League

Our open league on Tuesday mornings is now nearing its conclusion. Unfortunately, one team has had to withdraw, but the competition among the other 15 teams is strong. With just 3 further weeks to go, the “Oak Hill Nomads” (Derek Broomfield’s team) lead the first division, closely followed by the “Scorpions” (Terry Doe’s team) and the “Rock and Bowlers” (organised by Colin Pink from Broomfield). With these teams still having to play each other, the lead could still change.

The standard of bowling in the league has been very high and it is lovely to see the green full every Tuesday morning. The final games on the 22nd September will be followed by a buffet lunch when we will present the trophies and prize money to all the competing teams.

England Call-up

Rhys Lewis was selected to represent England in the 4-nations para bowls tournament in Ayr Scotland, from the 22nd to 24th June. He had a successful tournament, winning most of his matches – both singles and pairs. He also qualified for the national para-bowling finals at Leamington Spa and, playing with Aaron from Harperbury, they lost the pairs final on an extra end – a wonderful achievement.

Many congratulations to Rhys for his successes throughout the season.



CIO application

Our solicitors have eventually heard back from the Charity Commission about our application for the club to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The commission had a few further queries which we have answered and hope that we will hear shortly with a decision about our application.



We will keep you informed of progress as we know it.

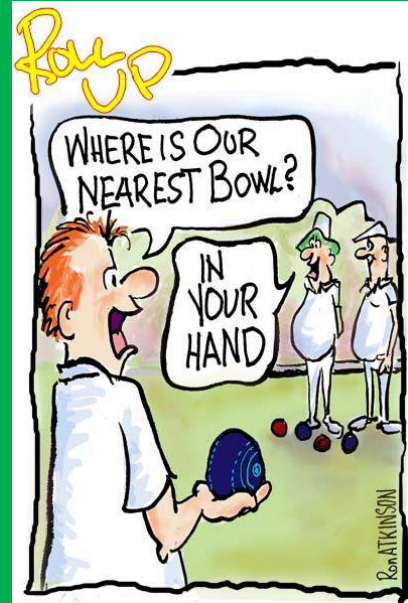
President's Day

The final event of our season will be our President's day on the afternoon of Saturday 26th September, when we will organise a short game of bowls, followed by a cold buffet and the presentation of awards for the various club competitions.

In conclusion, we hope that all our members have enjoyed their season's bowling. In some ways it has been a difficult season, because of the extreme weather, but we have come through it, enjoyed some successes and some near-misses, and are eager to start again next April.

Fun afternoon

On Saturday 19th September we will be organising a "fun afternoon", with a number of bowls-related activities for members to join in.



The emphasis will be on the fun, so please come along – at 2pm for a 2.30 start. Dress is casual, the more colourful the better.

