



**Spring 2025**



**Monday 27th January 2025**  
You are cordially invited to a  
**POST CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH GET-TOGETHER  
AT THE CLUB HOUSE**  
**12 for 12.30pm**  
**BRING FOOD TO SHARE**  
**(HOT OR COLD, SWEET OR SAVOURY)**

Despite the strange weather brought to these shores by storm Herminia, 23 people managed to make it to the clubhouse for this event. Some arrived in bright sunlight, others with menacing clouds

and gusty winds and Eileen Goodall made it from central Harrow through thunder and lightning. A number of members who regularly attend such events were unable to make it due to ill health or holidays.

A very tasty selection of food accompanied lots of chatter as we caught up with each other after our winter separation.



I always thought Jeanette and Mary were hot and dangerous!!



Peter, I hope that thumbs up is not because this may be Ian's last social before he moves from the area.

**Congratulations to Gary Norton and Herbie(?) for their recent nuptials**



## **Harrow v Herga match**

This was a fun and friendly encounter although as usual Herga put out a strong team. The final score was 129 to 103. However Harrow won on 4 rinks and lost on 2. So maybe we can claim a victory.



Perhaps not!



Thanks to Mary Warner, who was one of our cheerleaders, for the following photos.

Firstly our leader Grant (a recent convert to indoor bowling) in action.





The skips wait

Some pose for the camera

but still play brilliantly

(according to an opposition member)

Some pose more shyly.



Some contemplate



Good to see a full house at Herga.





A crowded green.

## **More on indoor bowling**

- A number of HBC members reached the semi finals in Herga competitions.

Andrew Georgiou was in 6 semis so had to play 1 on the Friday and another earlier.

Prakash Kotecha was in 3 finals. One being played on the Tuesday before the semi final week end.

Pradip Tailor was in 2 semis finals. One against Prakash and one against Andrew.

Vivian Vallance was in 3 semis.

Jim Waller was in 1 semi as was Grant Rickells who has had a very successful first indoor season.

Gary Norton despite his matrimonial responsibilities got to 1 semi.

Mort Mascarenhas, in addition to organising the whole event so well was in 1 semi and in the final of the 4s. In the latter competition he will play against my team (SZ).

Kamalpreet and I were straight into the semi finals to play against Jo Driver and partner. Jo was in a second semi as well.

I was in 2 other semis, one against Prakash.

5 HBC members were also involved as markers. Peter Lee, Gerry Musgrave, Jim Waller Dawn Allwood and Marios Z.

There were a number of semi finals taking place at Herga even before the semi final weekend started on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

On the Friday, Pradip Tailor and Prakash Kotecha were contesting the singles handicap. They both had a handicap of 5.





Despite Prakash playing some excellent woods, Pradip proved more consistent throughout and eventually won.



Andrew Georgiou played in the over 60s competition against Steve Flain.



Having gone 4 down in the 2<sup>nd</sup> end, Andrew played an excellent 12<sup>th</sup> end to reclaim the lead 11-9. Andrew eventually won 21 to 12.

Friday was notable for the number of HBC members who came to support. Tony Paulley, Jim Hughes, Jim Waller, Grant Rickells, Kamelpreet Loyal, Gerry Musgrave, Marios and Shelagh Z and of course Mort Mascarenhas who was running the whole event and was acting as umpire for this session.

Having lost last year to Jo Driver and Pam Gollop, Kamalpreet and I were delighted to win through to the finals, thanks partly to a tactical suggestion made by Roland.

In the same session, Andrew Georgiou partnered by Harry Leonidas narrowly beat Prakash partnered by Lawrence Pinkus.

In the Men's championship Mort Mascarenhas won through with some very impressive bowling. This despite the efforts of running the competition and serving in the bar!



In the last Saturday session, 2 HBC bowlers were in action against each other in the Classic singles. Andrew was involved in his second match of the day and lost to Vivian Vallance.

Gary Norton was also in action in the over 60s singles but lost to Sue Robb.

On Sunday, we had a number of winners. Andrew and Dawn Allwood won the mixed pairs semi, Vivian won both the Handicap and the 2 woods and Mike Keller deputising for Steve Flain (who pulled out with a bad back) won the men's pairs putting out Pradip Tailor. Andrew had a walkover in the Championship against Steve Flain.

Losers on the day were Jim Waller (who was playing an in form Harry Leonidis), Grant Rickells (who did well to reach the semi on his first season) and Shelagh Z (who lost a close fought and enjoyable game against Pam Gollop).

Good to see Brian and Kathy Elbourn down at Herga.

Mort posted the **finals day** information on the HBC what's App group.

There is HBC representation in each session.

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10am. Vivian Vallance, Prakash Kotecha and Andrew Georgiou

2pm. Andrew G, Pradip Tailor and Vivian V

4.30pm. Mort Mascarenhas and Shelagh Z.

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

10am. Mike Keller, Andrew G, Dawn Allwood and Prakash K.

3pm. Kamalpreet Loyal, Shelagh Z, Vivian V, Mort M and Andrew G.

It would be good to see lots of HBC members there to support or even boo!!

**Congratulations** to Tony Paulley for running a very successful club night.



## Short mat



Meanwhile, back at the ranch (or HBC clubhouse!) the short mat competitions were being held.



The triples were won by Mick Ridsdale, June Lavers and Peter Lee.



The pairs' winners were Geoff Ham and John Barrett.

Finally Roy Wake displayed his artistic talent again at Potters. Will he offer it to the auction of promises if that is held again this year?



## **Reminder**

**Check email/post for joining instructions from Mary Warner.**

