



# newsletter

## Club competitions completed

The club competitions were concluded in bright sunshine on Sunday 8 October when Peter Newman beat David Woolley to win the Archer Cup, watched by a small number of interested spectators.



*Peter Newman and David Woolley shake hands after the final.*

The Steel Bowl was resolved the weekend before, when Howard narrowly won the semi-final against Jon. This left them having to play each other again in the final, which they did without further ado. The rain fell and the lawn was heavy, but Howard's accurate shooting and good touch made light of the conditions and led to his retaining the trophy.

Many congratulations to the winners, and especially to Peter Newman who won two of the competitions he entered and was runner-up in the other.

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Steel Bowl (Advanced)</b>           | <b>Winner: Howard Bottomley</b><br>Runner-up: Jon Watson |
| <b>Archer Cup (Handicap)</b>           | <b>Winner: Peter Newman</b><br>Runner-up: David Woolley  |
| <b>Ashwell Cup (All England h'cap)</b> | <b>Winner: Eric Audsley</b><br>Runner-up: Peter Newman   |
| <b>De Grey Plate (14 pt h'cap)</b>     | <b>Winner: Peter Newman</b><br>Runner-up: Elaine Newman  |

## Beds & Herts League

The league was won by Enfield, who finished level on points with Letchworth but triumphed by virtue of the fact that when they played each other, the match finishing in a draw, Enfield were the away team. Meldreth took the wooden spoon as the result of losing to Colworth. Wrest Park did considerably better than last year to finish third.

|                   | P        | W        | D        | L        | Pts      |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Enfield           | 6        | 4        | 2        | 0        | 10       |
| Letchworth        | 6        | 4        | 2        | 0        | 10       |
| <b>Wrest Park</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>7</b> |
| St Albans         | 6        | 1        | 3        | 2        | 5        |
| Watford           | 6        | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        |
| Colworth          | 6        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 3        |
| Meldreth          | 6        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 3        |

Eleven players took part in the campaign, several of whom had never taken part in competitive matches before, and, in a pleasant contrast to previous years, we had little trouble in raising teams. The league gives us a welcome opportunity to play against other clubs and we hope the support shown for it this year will continue. For those interested in statistics the records of those taking part are shown below. Many thanks to them all.

|                | Doubles |   |   | Singles |   |   |
|----------------|---------|---|---|---------|---|---|
|                | P       | W | L | P       | W | L |
| Peter Newman   | 4       | 3 | 1 | 4       | 3 | 1 |
| Peter Smith    | 4       | 3 | 1 | 3       | 1 | 2 |
| George Collin  | 3       | 3 | 0 | 3       | 1 | 2 |
| Tim Brewer     | 3       | 1 | 2 | 3       | 1 | 2 |
| Elaine Newman  | 2       | 2 | 0 | 3       | 1 | 2 |
| John Bevington | 2       | 2 | 0 | 2       | 1 | 1 |
| Peter Cox      | 2       | 2 | 0 | 2       | 0 | 2 |
| Gordon Sampson | 1       | 1 | 0 | 1       | 0 | 1 |
| Paul Sharrock  | 1       | 1 | 0 | 1       | 0 | 1 |
| David Parsons  | 1       | 0 | 1 | 1       | 1 | 0 |
| David Woolley  | 1       | 0 | 1 | 1       | 1 | 0 |

## 2000 Annual Dinner

The annual dinner will be at the Leaside Hotel, Villa Road, Luton on Friday November 17th, 7.30 for 8pm. To get to the hotel, drive down Villa Road (see map) and continue down the private road which leads to the hotel car park. Please ring Rod Ashwell (01 582 504536) if you wish to attend the dinner, and it would be appreciated if you could let him know your preferences for starter and main course from the attached menu. Don't leave it too late, as we are limited to a maximum of 30 places.

## Christmas Cracker

This seasonal fun tournament is scheduled for Sunday 10th December. Four one-hour games starting at 9.30 sharp, with a break for mince pies and liquid refreshment, followed by a meal in the Star & Garter at about 2pm. The final format will depend on the number of entries, so if you are interested please contact the

manager, Rod Ashwell (01582 504536) before the middle of November.

## Lawn maintenance

The autumn programme got under way on Sunday 1 October when the autumn fertiliser was applied. A week later lawns 2, 4 and 6 were scarified N-S, and the next Saturday lawns 1, 2 and 3 were scarified N-S and lawns 1 and 2 E-W, the other lawns being scarified E-W the following day.



*George scarifies lawn 2, while on lawn 1 David Woolley considers his options during the final of the Archer Cup.*

All the lawns have therefore been scarified in both directions, and, as a result of all this work, the leaf sweeper is on its last legs and nearly ready for replacement. At the risk of sounding like one of Private Eye's public school calendars I can announce that Vertidrainning will take place on Friday 27 October, and Top Dressing on the weekend of 11/12 November. All able-bodied members (bearing barrows, spades and shovels) will be welcome at the latter ceremony, which will conclude with the ritual of the Drag Mat.

## CA Gold Coaching Course

We have been asked if we can host the above course next year, the provisional date being the weekend of 12/13 May, which is the weekend before our first handicap tournament. The Gold course is devoted to Advanced play and deals with openings, leaves and the triple peel. Tom and Judy Anderson and George Collin all attended the course held in 1999, so get in touch with them if you want more information on the content of the course. George has also produced an excellent set of notes - there should be a copy in the pavilion and extra copies can be supplied on request. Further details will appear in future issues of the Gazette.

## Poulet has bap

No, it's not a recipe for a chicken sandwich, merely a headline in keeping with what follows. While walking up and down behind the scarifier our groundsman has time to ponder life, the universe and the recasting of members' names into less recognisable forms. See how you get on:

Easily crude

Strip theme

Heron H. Jewel

No ruddy jeans

Dane Monstro

College groin

The wordy tombola

Shallow red

Joan Towns

Job N. Vinethong

Service

Wonder Yard

Idol avowedly

## Lost property

Has anyone seen a copy of 'Looking at Heraldry' which I left in the pavilion during the summer?

John Bevington

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