The Roll Up ..... NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk Bowling Club Newsletter

Suzanne our editor

Unfortunately, Suzanne is out of action this month I've stepped into the breach to get the newsletter out and apologies in advance if it's not up to Suzannes high standards – she is a 'bit of an act' to follow. We all wish Suzanne well and look forward to seeing her back asap!
Carole Slaughter

Well done!

Many of you I know have been following the Scottish International Open bowls over the last few days and have seen both Wayne Willgress and Aaron Johnson taking part. The World Ranking list following the event was issued yesterday. Aaron is ranked 11 and Wayne joint 20. Well done guys! Good luck to both of your for Potters in January.

Please Help!

We have made several attempts over the last few months to encourage members to help us with roles that are needed to keep the club running. The response on the whole has been very disappointing although we do thank those that are currently undertaking roles. The club (apart from the bar) is run by volunteers - from the management team & various committees to the league stewards and coaches.

We have been looking for

Chairman
Indoor League Steward
Volunteers to help in the bar at busy times

However, many of you will know that Chris Taylor will be standing down from his roles at NBC in December this year.This will leave a huge gap in the administration of our club and we do give enormous thanks to Chris for all the work he has put in over recent years – also to his wife Judy who has helped and supported us too.

The management team are in the process of working out how we can cover these roles to keep the club running on a daily basis and obviously we need to find a solution in the next few weeks – we welcome any suggestions, ideas or support that members can give.

The main areas are

Indoor Secretary : League Secretary : IT Support/General Admin : Bowlr support

Further information on all these roles available from Carole Slaughter - mgmtsec@norfolkbc.org.uk

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Chris Willgress

We recently received the very sad news that Chris had lost his long battle with cancer. Chris was for many years a valued member of Norfolk Bowling Club, a great player, a friend to many and an integral part of the club. Our thoughts are with all the Willgress family.

The Funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 16th November at Breckland Crematorium Norwich Rd, Scoulton, Norwich NR9 4NR and everyone is welcome to join the family afterwards at Norfolk Bowling Club.

Members' Survey – tell us what you want!

Thank you to everyone has taken the time to complete and return a survey form – we have quite a few to look at! We will be busy analysing your responses and will put together a report for discussion by the Management Committee and also for presentation at the next AGM.

SAVE A LIFE



We recently help a very successful **CPR/Defib training session** led by NARS – well done to the members that attended.

We have another session booked with St John's Ambulance on **Saturday 21st November 3.30 – 4.30** and would encourage members to take part in this to either update or learn this most important skill that can really help to save lives. Open to family and friends too.
Sign up sheet on the notice board in the lobby or contact Carole email - mgmtsec@norfolkbc.org.uk

New Kit Update



The White shirt order has been received – if you haven't picked up your order yet please do as asap from the bar.

The Lion Kit order has been placed together with a complaint about the kit issues from the last order.
Delivery is expected at the end of November.

Outdoor AGM

The Outdoor AGM took place on Thursday 29th October. The committee would like to thank those that attended but overall the attendance was very low. The lack of members attending make it difficult to come to decisions for next season but the committee will meet on the 14th November to make plans for outdoor 2027 with the feedback they have from the meeting.

Our thanks go to Brian Holcroft, who has been President for a number of years, for the work and time he has devoted to the outdoor club. Brian is stepping down now and Brenda Whitehead will take over as President in 2027.

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INDOOR NEWS

Men's A team – Ian Wones

A Team Update

A very good start to the Indoor Season for the A Team. The team has a 100% win record after 2 league matches and the first two games of the Denny Cup.

Gallow 'Away' - Friday 2nd October
This has historically been the most difficult game of the season, so to come away with 6 points was a great start to the season.

County Arts 'Home' - Friday 9th October
First home match of the season resulted in a relatively comfortable 7-0 victory.

With the Denny Cup taking centre stage over the next few weeks, the next league game is Friday 6th November at Beccles commencing 6.45pm.

Very early in the season but still good to see the team top of the league

Norfolk CIBA County League 2026/2027

League Tables @ 10/10/2026

Division 1	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts	SD
Norfolk BC 'A'	2	2	0	0	171	101	13	70
Acle 'A'	2	2	0	0	151	96	12	55
Gallow 'A'	2	1	0	1	116	136	7	-20
County Arts 'A'	2	1	0	1	134	158	6	-24
Lynnsport 'A'	2	0	0	2	123	149	2	-26
Beccles 'A'	1	0	0	1	53	71	1.5	-18
Acle 'B'	1	0	0	1	43	80	0.5	-37

Denny Cup v Beccles - Saturday 17th October
The Denny Cup is 4 rinks of 4 players with 2 playing at home and two away. A good tussle throughout, with only 2 shots separating the two sides at 17 ends. NBC, thanks mainly to one rink ran out 80-67 victors. The away rink of Phil Long, Duncan Toyn, Dan Seabourne and Dan Ramsbottom warrant a mention as they won 32-11 away from home.

In the next round on Saturday 31st October, we played Shotford and secured 88-35 win progressing us to the next round on Saturday 14th November against Acle.

Two other competitions commencing in November are:

Egham Trophy - A national mixed competition consisting of 2 men and two ladies in a rink, with 2 rinks playing at home and two away. Our first match was played 1st November Acle IBC, with NBC running out winners 87-54. The next round is Sunday 15th November against Gallow.

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Top Club - A national mixed competition consisting of men's singles, ladies' singles, mixed pairs, mixed triples and mixed fours. Points awarded for each discipline, winner is team with most points. Our first match in this competition is Sunday 8th November at 10am against Gallow with all the matches being played at Gallow.

Please come along and support these matches if you can.

Ladies A team – Jackie Devitt

The ladies A team have had a strong start to the indoor season in the county league winning their first 3 games with a full points tally of 24. The ladies cup competitions are now starting, the first being the Yetton Trophy v County Arts on 31st October where we secured a 71-61 win and we will now play Gallow in the next round on 14th November.

As already mentioned above the Egham & Top Club are getting underway with good progress so far.

The ladies are back in league action against on 7th November against Acle A and my thanks to all who have played so far and to those that are kindly stepping in to help me out when needed.

The national individual competitions are in the very early stages and a further update will be provided in the next newsletter.

Please do come along and support our players in these county and national games

Friendly Games – NBC v Gallow and Norfolk County Presidents Invitation team

A friendly game has been arranged on **Sunday 22nd November** between NBC and Gallow at NBC.
If you are interested in this game please sign up on the white board in the lobby – 3 wood triples

We also have a game against the County Presidents invitation team at NBC on **Friday 11th December** further information will be available nearer the time.

A message from the League Stewards

Cancelled league games
Just a reminder to please **advise the league stewards** if you have to cancel a match so that the rinks can be released for other games. At least 24 hours notice should be given for any cancellation

Club competitions
Please also follow the guidance when booking club competitions on Bowlr – the process is different to that of roll ups etc. Booking correctly allows for the draws to be updated with the dates and times. The league stewards can help with any queries but please follow the user guide which can be found at Bowlr-Club-Competition-Guide.pdf

EIBA Jack rules

EIBA have recently issued some revised rules regarding jacks – please see link below

https://norfolk.bowlr.co.uk/public/documents/NBC-Competition-Rules-Update-Oct-26_1792061764.pdf

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Shining a spotlight on our members



This month we are shining a spotlight on **Jack Norton.**

Whilst a relative newcomer to bowls, Jack is an enthusiastic and skilled player who is known to many members as one of our coaching team as well as a familiar face helping behind the bar.

Learn about Jack's bowling journey by clicking here.

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Lunch

Yes, we know it's early to start thinking about Christmas but why not start your planning by adding the NBC Christmas Lunch to your diary – **Friday 18 December**. Tickets available from the bar.

And whilst on the subject of **Christmas** the Christmas Squares board is up and running in the lounge – 50p - pick your lucky numbers for the chance to win a prize in the grand Christmas draw.
The **Christmas** hamper raffle tickets will also be available from the bar very soon. **Any donations for the hamper would be gratefully received – please leave at the bar.**

Christmas TOY APPEAL

Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils have once again joined forces to spread festive cheer, announcing the launch of their annual toy donation drive.
Norfolk Bowling Club will be supporting the appeal and asking members to please **donate new, unopened toys and gifts** for children and young people. The presents will then be distributed to families across the districts, to make sure that Santa visits as many homes as possible on the big day.

Broadland District Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, Cllr Natasha Harpley, said: Our annual toy drive directly supports the most vulnerable children in our communities. Whether it's a cuddly toy, a craft kit, or a board game, every single donation makes a huge difference, transforming a family's Christmas morning." The Councils are looking for donations of gifts suitable for children and young people including; toys, games, books, toiletries, stationery and art supplies and gift vouchers.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS – there will be a donation point in the Lounge



The long-awaited **NBC Quiz** has been re-scheduled for **Friday 12 February 2027**. Plenty of time to get your friends together to make up a team for a fun evening. Only £6 per head entry fee – snacks included!

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New members!

A warm welcome to our latest new members:

Steven Tuttle
Val Knights
Susan Smith
Jeff Smith
Peter Cybuch
Stephen Bourne
Stephen Moseley
Chelsea Petty
Jayne Moon
Gavin Moon
Anthony Colman
Christine Osbourn
Maria Widdrington



October Winners

£50 Mark Edwards
£20 Judith Phillips
£10 Carole Slaughter

If you wish to join the 200 Club, contact the club



For Sale – a **new and recently updated** list of any bowls items for sale is now available on the club notice board or view the online version by clicking here.

Club Diary November 2026	
Friday 6th	County League Beccles v NBC Men's A – 6.45pm away
Sat 7th	U30's Double rink mixed NBC v Acle 10 am
	County League Ladies A v Acle A 10am
	County League Lowestoft Railway v Ladies B away
	County League Men's B v Shotford 2pm
Sunday 8th	Top Club (mixed) NBC v Gallow (to be played at Gallow) 10am
Tues 10th	Men's 060's double rink v Roundwood
Sat 14th	Yetton Trophy NBC v Gallow 10am
	Denny Cup NBC v Acle 10am
	County League Men's B v Wymondham Dell 2pm
Sunday 15th	Egham NBC v Gallow 10am
Friday 20th	Mason Ladies A v County Arts A 10am Mason Ladies B v County Arts BA 10am
Sat 21st	County League Men's B Roundwood
Sun 22nd	NBC mixed friendly v Gallow 1pm (to be played at NBC)

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