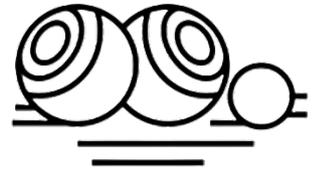




# The Roll Up .....

## March 2026



Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk BC newsletter.

### Club News

We start March with the days lengthening and at last some sunshine and double figure daily temperatures. Also, March sees the final full month for the indoor season and culmination of the end of season national, county and club championship finals.

Once again, many club members have secured a place at the EIBA finals to be held at Nottingham between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April, [click here for the full day by day schedule](#). Our full list of individual club qualifiers is shown later in the newsletter, and we must also mention the team qualifiers in the Yetton Plate semi final 14/3, Top Club and U30 Double Rink.

The **Indoor Section AGM will be held at the club on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** commencing at 7pm. Notices, nomination and motion forms have been placed on the noticeboard or [you can click here for additional information](#). As a reminder this will be the first AGM following the merger of the Ladies & Men's committees and therefore **ALL** committee positions and team captains for 2026/27 will need nominations.

All outstanding domestic indoor league games have now been rescheduled and a sheet for each team captain with match dates is available for collection from the bar. Alternatively, the lists are available on the website or can be viewed in Bowlr which has been updated.

Entry forms for the summer 2026 and winter 2026/7 indoor leagues will shortly be available, please check the website and noticeboards for updates.

There are many roles undertaken voluntarily to keep the club running as best we can for the members to be able to enjoy playing bowls. Unfortunately, despite the sterling efforts of a relatively small number of people we are beginning to find that we are becoming unable to keep up with the demands of the club. We are therefore appealing to our members to come forward and help with the following roles, [please click here for details](#)

All minutes of club meetings, and both the indoor and outdoor section rules, can now be viewed via the "Club Info" tab in Bowlr (you will need to logon to view documents).

..... did you spot the new club badge logo?



### New members

Welcome to our new members

- Mark Riches
- Charles Evans

# 200 CLUB

## March 2026 Winners

£50	Liz Boon
£20	Bob Read
£10	Gloria Hill

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

**Outdoors** – the opening day for the outdoor season is **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**.

Preparations are already well in hand but any member wishing to take part in the leagues are asked to add their names to the lists which are on the indoor noticeboard (Outdoor section).

Please keep an eye on the website and noticeboards for more details about the outdoor programme in the coming weeks.



## Dates for your diary (please see noticeboard for more details)

March	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yetton Plate SF v Gelding & District @ Huntingdon midday start
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Friendly Norfolk BC v Norfolk Men's &amp; Ladies Mixed Team County Pairs (Men) semi finals to be hosted by club (6.30pm)</b>
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Club <b>Club Finals – Men's Fours Final (6.30pm)</b>
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Indoor AGM 7pm see website and noticeboards</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yetton plate final (*) Top Club semi-final v Solihull @ Nottingham (final 29 <sup>th</sup> )

April	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday – Easter Drive 2pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOCIAL – Bingo &amp; Race Night (see newsletter article)</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Domestic Leagues last date for games to be played</b>
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of season lunch, keep your eye on website for more details</b> <b>Club Finals – reserve date see website</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Finals – reserve date see website</b>
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Finals &amp; Presentation Night</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Bar Closes
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	U30 Double Rink semi-final v Egham @ Nottingham (final 18 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Outdoor Green Opening Day</b>

(\*) - subject to earlier round result

**Note:** County Leagues Games for Ladies & Gents shown on Bowlr and website diary.

**EIBA Finals** – the indoor national finals will be held at Nottingham IBC between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April, [please click here for full schedule of games.](#)



Listed below are our confirmed club qualifiers, and there are also a few Area Finals still to be played which could mean more representation at Nottingham, we wish them all the very best of luck.

Competition	Qualifier(s)
Ladies Singles	Ellie Johnson
Ladies 2 Bowl Singles	Bex Willgress
Men's Triples	Aaron Johnson, James Segolo, Wayne Willgress
Men's Fours	Aaron Johnson, Richard Summers, James Segolo, Wayne Willgress
Men's 2 Bowl Singles	Wayne Willgress
O60 Singles	Ian Wones
O60 Pairs	Ian Wones, Bernie Perrett
Family Pairs	Adrian Field, Wayne Willgress

We wish the Yetton Plate, U30 Double Rink and Top Club teams the best of luck in their respective semi finals.

Also, to Bex Willgress, Aaron Johnson & Wayne Willgress the best of luck as they represent England in the Senior International Series to be held in Belfast during March.



**Men's A Team** - since the beginning of the year the A Team matches have been limited to County League since their disappointing departure from the Denny Cup in the round before Christmas.

Fielding a full team has been a challenge as these games have clashed with Nationals, England Trials and Potters. A big thank you to all the players who have helped out.

The results this year have been excellent, but Gallow still remain favourites with 2 games in hand.

17th Jan	Wymondham Dell @ home	Win 6-1
30th Jan	Beccles @ home	Win 7-0
7th Feb	Lynnsport @ home	Win 5-2
14th Feb	Acle away	Win 6-1
21st Feb	Gallow @ home	Win 7-0

County League Table (21st Feb)

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>SD</b>
<b>Norfolk BC 'A'</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Gallow 'A'</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>111</b>

The next match will be Friday 6th March at County Arts when the team hopes to continue its good run – report from Ian Wones

**Ladies Development Group vs Diss Bowls Club** - the Ladies in the NBC Sunday Morning Development Group enjoyed a friendly match at home against Diss Bowls Club on Valentine's Day, in what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable morning of bowls.

The fixture was arranged to encourage newer and less experienced members from both clubs to play together, gain confidence, and enjoy competitive match play.

Played in great spirit, the match was boosted by fantastic support from members of both clubs, creating a warm and encouraging atmosphere throughout. There were plenty of closely contested ends, with the overall score reflecting just how tight the game was.

A big thank you goes to everyone who helped behind the bar and provided refreshments for supporters and players during and after the match. In the end, our NBC ladies came out on top with a 34-27 victory with every rink competitive and hard fought.

We now look forward to the return fixture in Diss – report from Pat Headland

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## Focus on Federation

Whilst most of club events and matches at Norfolk BC come under the control of the EIBA and Bowls England, there is another code which is very popular in Norfolk, namely Federation.



The game is broadly similar in format, but with some interesting rule differences which some would say bring an additional challenge and benefit to the game.

On Sunday 8th February Lynnsport Indoor Bowling Club hosted the Norfolk EBF County Indoor Finals. The hosting of these finals is rotated between clubs that have entries and for the first time Norfolk BC entered some of these competitions and were represented in three of the finals.

Mixed Pairs - L.Blake and I.Wones Lost 16-12 to S.Flowers and M.Turner (C.Arts) Mixed Rinks - J&D.Ramsbottom and I.Wones Won 32-10 against R.Fox, L.Mills and D.Lamb (Acle) Mens Singles - I.Wones won 21-12 against L.Cook (Acle)

In all there were 11 competitions, mixed, men, ladies, junior, open, senior, singles pairs and triples. All the winners qualify for the National Federation Finals at Lincoln IBC commencing 21st April.

Full results are available from either the Facebook page 'Norfolk Federation Bowls' or website [Norfolk Federation Bowls](#)

Entries to these competitions for anyone interested is via your outdoor club. You need to be a member of an outdoor, affiliated EBF club. If anyone would like further clarification or understanding of how to enter, please contact Ian Wones (07944 353165).

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**Social Events** – the last indoor social for this season will be a Bingo & Race Night on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April (see posters and website) tickets are available from the bar.

There will also be the annual end of indoor season lunch on Tuesday 14th April details to be published shortly please check website.

During the summer season there will be a number of social events, and details of these will be shared via the newsletter, noticeboards and website/Facebook.

**Bar opening times** - as a reminder the new bar opening times are now Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10.30am to 2.30pm, then 5.30pm to 9.30pm. On Tuesdays the bar will open 11.30am to 2.30pm, then 5.30pm to 9.30pm.



Saturdays: Bar opening times dependent on the county league or national club competition games. Sundays - Volunteer(s) will sell teas/coffees during winter months and for national club competition games the bar will be staffed.

We have introduced new brands of coffee and tea, new Latte and Cappuccino options as well as a decaf coffee option added to the vending machine. Rolls are available or can be ordered when the bar is open - if you cannot see any on display, please ask a member of staff as usually, they can be made on request.

You asked for the times to be extended, and they have been, so please take advantage. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to support the bar team, full training will be provided, please contact Brian Holcroft or Janet Burtenshaw.



**Club Cleaner** – we are still looking for a cleaner for a minimum of 2 hours per week, ideally on and Monday and Thursday morning, but days/hours are negotiable

This role could be undertaken by a member who is able to volunteer to help the club or someone who would be interested in this as a part time role. Alternatively, if anyone employs their own cleaner that might be interested could they pass their details on to us

Please contact Brian Holcroft at the club for further information

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**Coaches corner** - Our coaching team of Trevor, Jack and David are always available for new or experienced players who may need to brush up on their game.

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**For Sale** – a list of any bowls items for sale is now available on the club website, [please click here](#).

if you have an item you wish to appear on this list, please leave the item(s) details and your contact info at the bar for the attention of Carole Slaughter

**Please do not put up additional notices**



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To make sure you stay up to date with all the club news and activities make sure to check the club website

[www.norfolkbc.org.uk](http://www.norfolkbc.org.uk)

or join our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/norfolkbowlingclubnorwich>