



The Roll Up

May 2026



Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk Bowling Club Newsletter

It's over! Yes, the Indoor season has drawn to a close and the results are in! Please see below for details of club competition and league winners – well done all! Meanwhile, the Outdoor season has got off to a flying start with a successful Club Open Day on 25 April, followed by a County Tournament hosted at NBC on Monday 26 April; both events enjoyed in wall-to-wall sunshine!

Well you bowled.....



Congratulations to Wayne Willgress for bringing home the National 2 Wood Singles title. Also, well done to Ian Wones, Danny Ramsbottom and Adrian Field who are the new Men's County Triples Champions.



More success at the National finals with the Norfolk Ladies County Team winning the Atherley Trophy, retaining the trophy for another year.



The NBC Under 30's team did well too, reaching the national final, narrowly losing out to the winners, Solihull.

Club Finals & Presentation Night



The annual indoor Club Finals and Presentation Night on 16 April was a lively evening. We were entertained by two Ladies' Finals, the singles and the triples. Bex Willgress took the crown in the singles after a thrilling game against Ellie Johnson and the triples victors were Chez Shuter, Nicola Segolo and Brenda Walters (pictured above).

We were joined by Lee Ladbrooke and Josh Cooper from our sponsors, Specsavers, who were put to work handing out prizes to the winners and runners up of both the indoor competitions and also the indoor leagues. Results were as follows:

Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Ladies' Singles	Bex Willgress	Ellie Johnson
Ladies' Pairs	Shez Chuter & Connie Dowe	Ellie Johnson & Nicola Segolo
Ladies' Triples	Nicola Segolo, Chez Shuter & Brenda Walters	Jenna O'Hagan, Carole Slaughter & Louise Knights
Men's Singles	Wayne Willgress	Dan Ramsbottom
Men's Pairs	Wayne Willgress & Paul Minns	Ian Wones & Dan Ramsbottom
Men's Triples	Danny Ramsbottom, Ian Wones & Adrian Field	Ian Catchpole, Paul Crisp & Ben Harper
Men's Fours	Aaron Johnson	Dan Ramsbottom
Open Veterans Singles	Adrian Field	Bernie Perrett
Open Handicap Singles	Adrian Waters	Chris Ramsbottom
Open Aussie Pairs	Adrian Field & Bernie Perrett	Phil Long & Bex Willgress
Open Sets Pairs	Adrian Field & Bex Willgress	Tom Cooper & Shannon Tucker
Open Matchplay Singles	Tony Headland	Shez Chuter

League	Winner	Runner Up
Monday Morning Open	David Jobber	Phil Long
Open Sets 4 Wood Pairs	Bex Willgress	Nick Slater
Single Triples D1	John Colcombe	Marty Ellis
Single Triples D2	David Goodwin	Judith Phillips
Afternoon Open	Peter Walsh	Ray Lewis
Afternoon Aussie Pairs D1	David Staff	Phil Richards
Afternoon Aussie Pairs D2	Colin Knights	Tony Talby
Evening Aussie Pairs D1	Bex Willgress	Wayne Willgress
Evening Aussie Pairs D2	Phil Crosthwaite	Marty Ellis
Friday Morning Open	David Staff	Phil Long
Open Sets 2W Triples	Phil Long	David Staff
Development League	Saturn - Richard Matthews	Mars - Peter Butcher

Our roving reporter (i.e. Suzanne Edwards!) was on hand to capture the evening and please [follow this link](#) to view her attempts at photography under the news section of the NBC website for 28 April.



On Finals Night, we also said a fond farewell to our Chairman of many years, **Peter Chapman**.

When Peter joined our club nearly 30 years ago, he was helpful from day one. He formed a beginners' drive, did coaching, at the same time as bowling in all domestic leagues plus at national level. Joining various committees, he willingly organised teams both indoors and outside. He took over as indoor league secretary, a job which, until recently, was done manually and was quite a task.

Whilst serving on management, he became Chairman for the first time and remained in office for several years, taking on much of the club's administration work when we no longer had a steward. He stepped up again as chairman three years ago.

Throughout these many years Peter has been fully supported by his wife, Pippa, who also bowled and served on committees, and was ladies President of the outdoor section. Then, becoming an artist took over her life!

Peter will miss us all, I'm sure, but we will miss him much more. We all wish him a long and happy retirement free from all his duties. Peter has been presented with a small gift from all members as a note of appreciation. **Val Whitehead**

Help Required Please!

Whilst Peter will be a difficult act to follow, we are keen to hear from any member who would be interested in taking on the role of **Chairperson** for the Club. This is an interesting role and duties will include chairing the Management Committee meetings and various Annual General Meetings as well as attending various games and events throughout the year as the Club's figurehead. The Chairperson would also be expected to steer the management team and members to help develop a sound strategy for the future development of Norfolk Bowling Club.

If you are interested and would like to discuss the role further, please contact Carole Slaughter or Brian Holcroft.

Also, we are still seeking **volunteers to support the bar team**. Full training will be provided. Please contact Brian Holcroft or Janet Burtenshaw if you're willing to give this a try.

Don't Forget!

There's still time to get your entries in for the next Indoor Winter season.
The offering will be:

Monday Morning Open Triples Evening Open Sets 4 Wood pairs	Tuesday Evening Single Triples Division 1&2
Wednesday Afternoon Open Triples Evening Aussie Pairs Div 1 & 2	Thursday Afternoon Aussie Pairs Div 1&2 Evening Aussie Pairs Div 1 & 2
Friday Morning Open Triples Afternoon Open Triples Evening Open Sets 2 Wood Triples	

*Please note that, in an attempt to avoid a repeat of the high number of game cancellations we had this season, we would ask that for each team there are at least three players in a pairs team and four players in a triples team registered.

Entry forms for all of the above are available in the lounge or can be downloaded by [clicking here](#)

***Closing date for entries for Winter 2026/7 now extended to Sunday 31 May – don't miss out! ***

The Sunday Development League will continue over the Summer and will run next Winter too. No need to complete entry forms for this league as this is organised separately by Trevor Goddard (please contact Trevor if you require further information.)

The Summer Indoor Leagues will commence on **Monday 11 May (Triples)** and **Thursday 14 May (Aussie Pairs)**. Good luck everyone!



If you need to stock up on tokens, please note these are available to purchase from the Outdoor club house, weekday evenings from 5.30pm or from the Indoor club house Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-10am.

Save your corks and help the club!

We need your corks!! Whilst the club does not, of course, encourage irresponsible drinking, we are appealing for members to donate corks from wine bottles to help fill the ditches surrounding the outdoor green. Please save them up for us and drop off at the outdoor clubhouse. Thanks!

Outdoors



The Outdoors Season is now underway and there is still time for you to sign up if you wish to be involved! We have two teams in the Anglia Outdoor League, The **Roundheads**, captained by David Jobber and The **Cavaliers**, captained by David Snelling. In addition, there is the Yare League, where, again, we have two teams taking part; **NBC**, captained by Phil Richards and **NBC Lions**, captained by Steve Johnson. Please contact the captains if you wish to join in.

There is also the **Pensioners League** with a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard for anyone interested.

Don't forget the **weekly roll up** open to all 1.30pm for a 2pm start every Tuesday!

Also, why not come along to support the **County Fundraising Day Pairs Tournament** on **14 May 10am – 3pm**.

Ladies' Outdoor County President



We are very honoured that Jackie Devitt is the Ladies' Outdoor County President for the 2026 season.

In this role, Jackie will be attending all county functions such as inter county competitions and friendlies, county events and finals where she will be the figurehead for the county, welcoming everyone to the events and presenting prizes etc. Here you can see her with the winning team, Watton, at her first event, a County Tournament hosted by NBC on 28 April.

Jackie will also be in attendance for the national finals in August supporting our county representatives.

Jackie has a nominated charity for the season which is the local MND association and she will be raising funds for them mainly at her President's Day in August. In addition to all this, there is also a Ladies' County Tour at the end of the season which Jackie will arrange and this year the group will go to the Isle of Wight. Lots of fun and hopefully playing in the sunshine! To become county president Jackie had to put her name forward and get support from the club. A president does a three-year term, firstly as junior vice president, then senior and lastly as president. Jackie was motivated to get involved in order to give something back to the county after enjoying many years of playing.

Shining a spotlight on our members

This month we are introducing a new element to the newsletter – '**Shining a Spotlight on...**' where the plan is to feature profiles of members at the club – top players, long standing members, committee members etc – the idea being to put a face to a name and to learn about the wide range of talented members we have. So where better to start than with Jackie!

Jackie has been playing bowls for over 45 years and has been a member at NBC for the last 13 years. She is best known as the current Captain of the very successful Ladies' A Team. [Click here](#) for an in-depth profile of Jackie and her thoughts about the sport of bowls.

Other News...

Men's A Team

Congratulations to the Men's A Team who finished top of the Premier League.

Men's C Team

Trevor Goddard is stepping down from his role as Men's C Team captain and we thank him for his hard work in running the team so well. From September, David Willoughby will be taking on the challenge of replacing Trevor as captain – good luck David!

Ladies' Development Group vs Diss Bowls Club

The NBC Sunday Morning Ladies Development Group travelled to Diss Bowls Club on 11th April for a friendly return fixture, enjoying a morning of competitive yet sociable bowls.

Although NBC were defeated overall, the match was closely contested, with many encouraging performances and positive play across the rinks.

Following the match, the NBC ladies received a warm welcome from their hosts and enjoyed refreshments kindly provided by the Diss team, bringing a thoroughly pleasant morning of bowls to a close.

Both clubs expressed their enthusiasm for arranging further friendly fixtures next season, continuing to strengthen the friendly relationship between the two sides. **Match report from Pat Headland**

Sad News

We are very sorry to hear of the recent deaths of the following, both members of NBC for many years:

8 April - **Derek Jessert** (former C Team Captain)

12 March – **Danny Leech**

Our thoughts are with their families and friends at this sad time.

The logo for the 200 Club, featuring the number '200' in a large, dark red serif font, with the word 'CLUB' in a smaller, dark red sans-serif font to its right. The text is centered between two horizontal dark red bars.

May 2026 Winners

£50	Tim Dennis
£20	Richard Wells
£10	John Hills

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



For Sale – a list of any bowls items for sale is 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

Dates for your diary



NORFOLK BOWLING CLUB
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CHARLIE BOON Memorial Tournament

Saturday 18th July 2026
9am start
Open tournament for 24 teams
Round Robin
Entry fee - £20 per team
Payment via BACS, at the club or by cheque

Raffle
Please bring a prize

All day BBQ Refreshments & Bar

Prize money **£500**

Proceeds go to **The Big C charity**

Contact: Wayne Willgress 07792580019

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Save the date for the
NBC Quiz Saturday 11 July
at the Outdoor Clubhouse,
full details in June's newsletter

Club Diary (please see website for further updates throughout the month)

May	
Tue 5th	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 6th	2pm Pensioners' League NBC Boudicans v Chedgrave AWAY County League 6.30pm NBC A v NBC B; NBC B v NBC A; NBC C v Norwich
Thu 7th	6.30pm Howlett Cup; Lions v Horsford
Fri 8th	6.30pm Bales Cup 1 st Round; Yare League NBC v St Marks AWAY
Mon 11th	2pm Pensioners' League NBC Boudicans v Hellesdon Rollers B, 6.30pm Yare League Lions v NBC; Yare League NBC v Lions
Tue 12th	2pm Anglia League Cavaliers v Saxon AWAY; Afternoon Drive 6.30pm Yare League Lions v Sprowston AWAY ; Yare League NBC v Heartsease SF
Wed 13 th	2pm Pensioners' League NBC Boudicans v Mitre; 6.30pm County League NBC A v Downham A; NBC C v Freethorpe; NBC B v Wymondham Dell A AWAY



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