



## Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk Bowling Club Newsletter

Flaming June has arrived and the outdoor season is now well underway. Players have coped admirably with a wide spectrum of weather conditions throughout May ranging from hail and miserably cold temperatures to temperatures tipping the 30-degree mark by the end of the month. Well done everyone!!

The more sensible amongst us (only kidding!) have seen the start of the Summer Indoor Leagues which have got off to a flying (if rather cold) start and it is good to see a bit of life return to the indoor clubhouse.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the **Bingo & Race Night** on **13 June** and also enter your team for the **NBC Quiz Night** on **11 July**. Full details below, tickets available at the Outdoor Clubhouse - book now to avoid disappointment!

## Outdoor News



### Ladies

The season got off to a fairly slow, cold start but county competitions are now starting to get going. The NBC ladies are doing well at present and Jenna O'Hagan's block are through to the quarter final of the fours to be held on 3 June at Aldiss Park. We wish them luck. The county finalists will qualify for the national finals at Leamington Spa in August. The triples, pairs and singles are progressing through the early rounds at present.

We have a good number of ladies who have been selected to represent the county in the John's trophy which is an inter county event comprising 6 rinks of 4s'. The first match is against Suffolk on 6 June 11am County Arts. Please come along to spectate and cheer the ladies on. It is a good insight into county bowls,

We also have a number of ladies who have been selected to represent the county in the Walker Cup inter county competition on Sunday 31 May at Haughley in Suffolk. This competition comprises 1 rink of 4's, 1 of triples and 1 pair and they compete against three other counties on the day to attempt to reach the national

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finals representing the East.

Our members are Rebecca Willgress, Harriet East, Ellie Johnson, Louise Knights, Jackie Devitt, Shannon Tucker, Jenna O'Hagan, Suzanne King and Christine Rednall. We wish them all well.

The first county friendly was held on the 12 May against a Federation team and the EBA ladies just came out on top. Congrats to Jill Carr, Carole Slaughter, Christine Rednall and Jackie Devitt who got the top winning rink.

The ladies Top Club and Webb Trophy inter club competitions begin in mid-June. Any ladies interested in playing in these competitions, please put your name on the lists that will be put up in the outdoor club house by the end of the week. Also, we will be putting up forms to enter the outdoor club competitions soon and it would be great to get as many members as possible for these events.

Please keep an eye on the calendar on the website and come along and support the club when they are playing matches at the club. It can be a lovely way to spend an evening watching some bowls in the sun (we hope) and perhaps with a glass in hand.

We also have a drive on Tuesday afternoons run by Gloria Hill; this is a nice social afternoon and a chance to try out outdoor bowls (1.45pm arrival for 2pm start).

**Report from Jackie Devitt**

## Men

### A Team

A great start to the season for the A Team in what has historically proved to be a challenging month on heavy greens. This year is no exception, but results have all gone in our favour. Four league games and four victories in April and May sees us top of the league. The final match of May away to Acle will be included in the next newsletter.

**Wootton Park (Away)** 8-2 victory on what has proved to be a tricky fixture in the past.

**NBC 'B (Away)** 7-3 victory, nip and tuck throughout the match.

**Downham Market (Home)** 10-0 victory against last season's runners up

**Wymondham Dell (Home)** 8-2 victory following a couple of late call offs before the match

In addition to the league, the A Team have progressed in the following:

**Top Club** - played at County Arts on 21 May saw the team get over the line with a 3-2 victory. Both singles disciplines won as did the fours. The team reached the National QF last season so looking to progress a step or two further this season with a very strong squad. The next round is to be played by 7 June and will be a home tie against Acle (date tba).

**Double Fours** - first round played at Downham Market against their B Team resulting in a comfortable 36-12 victory. The next round is to be played on 6 June at 6.30pm away to St Lawrence.

**Bales Cup** - the club received a bye in the first round so no results to report. The next round sees the team travelling to Hingham Rec on 12 June. This will be followed by the traditional curry for players and supporters.

**Report from Ian Wones**

### Yare League

The start of the season saw a very busy week with three matches in four days....

On Monday we travelled to play St Marks. Bumpy green and cold conditions didn't do us any favours. We lost 6-1. On Tuesday we played Heartsease St Francis, a very strong team, very disappointing, we lost 7-0 at home. On Thursday we played R G Carters at home and won 3 rinks and drew the other which gave us a 6.5-0.5 win.

The following week, on Monday, NBC had an away fixture at Heartsease St Francis, losing a hard-fought

match 7-0, but coming close to picking up a couple of points. Tuesday, we played Heath House Exiles in the 1st round of the Howlett Cup. We achieved an easy victory 95 shots - 40. Winning 3 out of 4 rinks.

**Next match Tuesday 2 June at home v Sprowston in the league.**

| Premier Table w/e 22/05/26 |                 |        |   |   |   | Shots |     | Points |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---|---|---|-------|-----|--------|
| Position                   | Team            | Played | W | L | D | F     | A   |        |
| 1                          | Heartsease S.F. | 4      | 4 | 0 | 0 | 358   | 220 | 25     |
| 2                          | Thorpe Rec      | 5      | 3 | 2 | 0 | 352   | 308 | 22     |
| 3                          | R.G. Carters    | 5      | 3 | 2 | 0 | 333   | 327 | 18.5   |
| 4                          | N.B.C.          | 5      | 2 | 3 | 0 | 311   | 364 | 13.5   |
| 5                          | N.B.C. Lions    | 3      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 192   | 190 | 13     |
| 6                          | St Marks        | 3      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 202   | 200 | 12     |
| 7                          | Sprowston       | 5      | 1 | 4 | 0 | 309   | 352 | 11     |
| 8                          | Hethersett      | 4      | 1 | 3 | 0 | 242   | 285 | 9      |
| 9                          | Freethorpe      | 2      | 0 | 2 | 0 | 119   | 172 | 2      |

### Report from Phil Richards

### Cavaliers

Well done to the Cavaliers who have played two games so far, both against Saxon Bowls Club who now play out of Wymondham Dell. Away we won 47-27 and at home we won 37-25.

### Report from David Snelling

### Charlie Boon Memorial Tournament

Please come along to the Charlie Boon Memorial Tournament on **Saturday 18 July** when we will be fundraising for The Big C. We are seeking sponsors for this event and any members who are interested in offering support or who have contacts with a business that may be interested, please contact Wayne Wilgress ([wwdecorating@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecorating@gmail.com)) or Ian Wones ([ianwones@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwones@btinternet.com))

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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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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.

## Shining a spotlight on our members



This month we are shining a spotlight on **Ray Lewis!**

A player for over 40 years, former Men's A Team Captain and the current Chair of the Indoor Section Committee, Ray has kindly agreed to share his thoughts and memories about bowling. Read all about it by [clicking here](#).

## Help Required Please!

We are still 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.

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### June 2026 Winners

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| £50 | Chris Taylor   |
| £20 | John Hills     |
| £10 | Mike Hipperson |

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

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## Social Events

### Ladies' B Team



Here is the Ladies' B Team enjoying an end of season lunch at The Feathers at the beginning of May. Looking forward to next season everyone!

Pat Headland

### Dates for your diary

Norfolk Bowling Club  
Saturday 13th June 7pm  
**BINGO** & **Race Night**  
Last Bingo game £100 jackpot!!!  
RAFFLE  
Outdoor Clubhouse Tickets £12 per person  
AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR  
Ham, new potatoes & salad

NORFOLK BOWLING CLUB  
**General Knowledge Quiz Night**  
SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026 7:00 PM  
8 ROUNDS + TABLE ROUNDS  
TEAMS OF 6 PER TABLE  
**£6 PER PERSON**  
(£36 per table - table nibbles included)  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OUTDOOR CLUBHOUSE  
Please purchase early to avoid disappointment  
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### NBC Open Day

We will be hosting an Open Day on **Saturday 26 September**. We'll be offering newcomers the chance to meet the coaches and have a go. In order to ensure the future of the club we need to continue to attract new members and, in the past, open days have resulted in a good batch of new bowls converts (the editor of the newsletter to name one!). Please tell your family and friends and generally spread the word. If you are able to add the date to any local Facebook groups that would be great too.

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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

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

| June      |  |
|-----------|--|
| Mon 1st   | 2pm Anglia League Cavaliers v Great Plumstead                  |
|           | 6.30pm County Comps – Men’s Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> round        |
| Tue 2nd   | 2pm Afternoon Drive  |
|           | 6.30pm Yare League NBC v Sprowston Home                        |
| Weds 3rd  | 2pm Pensioners League NBC Boudicans v Hellesdon Rollers A Home |
|           | 6.30pm County League NBC A v County Arts A Home                |
|           | 6.30pm County League NBC B v Wootton A Away                    |
|           | 6.30pm NBC C v County Arts B Away                              |
| Thurs 4th | 2pm Anglia League Roundheads v R G Carters Home                |
|           | 6.30pm County Comps Men’s Triples 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round        |
|           | <a href="#">7pm NBC Management Meeting</a>                     |
| Fri 5th   | 6.30pm County Comps Men’s Singles 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round        |
| Mon 8th   | 2pm Pensioners League NBC Boudicans v Hethersett SBC Away      |
|           | 6.30pm County comps Men’s 2 Wood Singles 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round |



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