



# THE ROLL UP .....

## JULY 2026



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

July already and the holiday season is upon us. The June weather continued to deliver a mixed bag of cold, rain and then extreme heat to keep outdoor bowlers on their toes, but fingers crossed things will settle down for the coming month if we're lucky.

**The Charlie Boon Memorial Tournament** is a full day event starting at **9am on Saturday 18 July**. Please pop along to the club and support this worthwhile charity event. An all-day BBQ including bacon rolls in the morning and burgers and sausages throughout the day will be available. **Please note it is a Cash Only BBQ.** (Further details below.)

Sadly, the **NBC Quiz scheduled for July 11** has been postponed owing to low ticket sales. We thank those who supported this event by entering teams and a full refund will be available to them on application at the bar. It is hoped we will be able to re-schedule the quiz for a new date during the Winter season. Our thanks to Trevor and Tina Goddard for all their hard work so far in putting this event together.

### Ladies County Indoor AGM

The Ladies County Indoor AGM has been re-scheduled for **10am on Monday 6 July at County Arts**. Please do try to attend if you can as it is important that NBC offers support to the Committee to ensure the continuation of County Leagues and competitions. There will be the opportunity to discuss matters relating to County Leagues and also the possibility of County Finals, as well as the election of committee members for the coming year. Please email Annette Hazell [annettehazell.67@gmail.com](mailto:annettehazell.67@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

### Guidance for play during inclement weather

With the recent extreme weather we have recently experienced, it is a good idea for all members to consider the important guidance on playing in such conditions. While common sense should always prevail, the following advice is offered to assist further:

- **Hydration is Key:** Ensure you stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Please avoid dehydrating beverages such as alcohol and caffeinated drinks. Kitchens in the clubhouses will be open to allow members to obtain cold water.
- **Outdoors Seek Shade and Protect Yourself:** Whenever possible, remain in the shade. Try to avoid strenuous physical exertion during the hottest parts of the day (11am-3pm). Always remember to wear a hat and apply sun cream.
- **Indoors:** It is permissible to open fire exit doors, for ventilation, provided that the access to or through them is not obstructed. However, no Fire Door (as marked with a sign) must be propped open. Please ensure any fire exit doors, which have been opened, are fully closed when leaving the building.
- Consider if the match must be completed at that time or could be delayed, as **player welfare should always be the priority** in the face of unusual conditions owing to inclement weather

## New Kit



We will be placing an order for Lion branded kit (shirts, hoodies, trousers and shorts) and also for Club branded white shirts in **August**.

**Lion Shirts £25**

**Trousers £32**

**Shorts £29**

**Hoodies £40**

**White Shirts £30**

Please let us know if you wish to order items either by calling in at the club and speaking to bar staff or by email:

[newsletter@norfolkNBC.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@norfolkNBC.org.uk)

## New Club Handbook

Our latest revised Club Handbook has been published and can be found at the following link:

<https://norfolkNBC.org.uk/files/NBC---Club-Handbook.pdf>, and is also available on the club website under Club Info > Handbook.

The on-line edition replaces the old, printed handbook we had prior to the introduction of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and COVID.

The handbook covers the following topics and it is certainly worth having a browse to ensure you are up to date – particularly prior to the commencement of the Winter Indoor Season:

- Club history
- Club Contact details and location
- Club officers
- Section rules
- Indoor League Rules
- Indoor Competition Rules
- Bowlr Guide for booking rinks (Indoors)

Please note that the updated handbook does not include membership contact details owing to the GDPR restrictions but a full member list can be found on Bowlr.



## Shining a spotlight on our members

This month we are shining a spotlight on **Ellie Johnson!**

One of our youngest and most successful players at NBC, Ellie has represented England, and played around the country and the world in her bowling career so far. Read about what inspired her to take up bowls and have a look at an array of photographs documenting some of her many successes by [clicking here](#).



### Ladies

The NBC ladies are now well into their club, county and national competitions with a good number through to the later stages.

The following are through to the county semi-finals and just need to win one more game to get to the National Finals at Leamington Spa in August.

- Jenna O'Hagan's block in the fours
- Suzanne King's and Brenda Whitehead's blocks in the triples
- Bex Willgress and Jackie Devitt in the 2 wood singles

There are also a number of players through to the county quarter finals in the 4 wood singles, pairs and senior 4's.

Ellie Johnson is in the **Under 24 Singles Final**.

The ladies have also played their first games in the **National and County Top Club** competitions and have had a good start to the season in both. The ladies play their next National Top Club game against the Borough of Eye club at home on the evening of Tuesday 30 June.

They also start in the double rink **Webb Trophy** on Thursday 25 June @ 6.30pm against Gorleston. One rink home and one away.

A number of ladies are also in the **County John's Trophy** squad and team and they play their last group match against Essex on Sat 11 July at Hadleigh in Suffolk. They have won their games against Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and the winner of the Essex match will go into the national quarter finals. We wish them luck for this.

As always, we are keen to have as much support as possible for home matches so do please keep an eye on the club diary and come down to the club to watch next time we are playing and maybe enjoy a drink in the sunshine too!

### Report from Jackie Devitt

### Men

#### A Team

'A' Team for all seasons. June has thrown us everything, from torrential rain and hail to a heatwave but the team's positive start to the season continued throughout the month.

In the league:

27 May - **Acle** (A) won 8-2 against the team that currently sit second in the league. Very tough game with only 7 shots separating the teams.

3 June - **County Arts** (H) won 10-0 in a rain interrupted match.

10 June - **St. Lawrence** (A) won 6-4 with only one rink winning but covering the other rinks on a tricky green.

17 June - **Wootton Park** (H) won 8-2 to maintain the teams 100% record in the league.

The final match of June against the **B Team** will be included in next month's report.

# COUNTY LEAGUE - 1 - Premier

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Pos	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Norfolk Bowling Club A	8	8	0	0	489	364	65
2	Acle St Edmund A	8	6	0	2	454	358	59
3	Wootton Park A	8	4	0	4	402	412	43
4	St Lawrence	8	4	0	4	382	401	38
5	Norfolk Bowling Club B	8	3	0	5	371	436	30
5	County Arts A	8	3	0	5	403	414	30
6	Downham Market A	7	2	0	5	346	359	29
7	Wymondham Dell A	7	1	0	6	298	401	16

## National Double Fours

A tough draw for the team with 2 rounds in June and all games played away.

**St. Lawrence** - Away - comfortable 42-20 victory.

**Downham Market** - Away - saw the only loss in the month 34-33 played after the Middleton Cup.

## Top Club - 2 rounds in June

**Acle** - Home - resulted in a 3-2 victory in atrocious weather. At 2-2 it all came down to the 4 bowl singles with Wayne coming out on top of a high-class match. Other victories were the Triples and Pairs.

**Wymondham Dell** - Home - resulted in a 4-1 and relatively comfortable victory.

Next round sees the team once again being drawn away to Downham Market. A difficult task in what promises to be another close match between the two teams.

## Bales Cup

The much awaited first match of the season resulted in an 88-14 victory away to **Hingham Rec** on a very good green. The match was followed by a traditional team social curry in Wymondham attended by 22 people.

The next round which is the quarter final will be played on 17 July against **Wymondham Dell**.

**Middleton Cup** - played on a round robin basis with 13 players from the A and B teams representing the County. An excellent draw away against Essex with manager Rick Summers in charge for the first time. The second match was away against Cambridgeshire and resulted in a great 21-1 victory. The final match of the league is at home to Suffolk on 11 July at County Arts. A victory will hopefully see the team progress through to the quarter finals.

## Report from Ian Wones

## Yare League

Latest League results:

Tuesday 2 June v Sprowston Sports at Home resulted in a 6-1 win 74-55

Tuesday 16 June NBC travelled to Thorpe Recreation Club gaining a 6 1/2 - 1/2 win 66 shots to 55

Friday 19 June we travelled to Freethorpe Lost 2 1/2 - 4 1/2

Monday evening 22 June 2nd round of the Howlett Cup resulted in a 66 shots - 71 loss (Howlett cup is all about total shots).

Tuesday 23rd June we welcomed Thorpe Rec to NBC and we gained a 7-0 whitewash 92-44

Next match is **Friday 3 July** away to Sprowston Sports.

Premier Table w/e 12/06/26						Shots		
Position	Team	Played	W	L	D	F	A	Points
1	Heartsease S.F.	7	7	0	0	595	389	42.5
2	Thorpe Rec	7	4	3	0	515	428	30.5
3	N.B.C.	6	3	3	0	385	419	19.5
4	R.G. Carters	5	3	2	0	333	327	18.5
5	N.B.C. Lions	3	2	1	0	192	190	13
6	St Marks	4	2	2	0	265	274	13
7	Sprowston	7	1	6	0	405	533	12
8	Hethersett	5	1	4	0	292	369	10
9	Freethorpe	2	0	2	0	119	172	2

## Report from Phil Richards

## The Roundheads

The Roundheads have had a disappointing season so far losing their two matches without managing to score although both matches were strongly fought. The only way is up and we hope for better as the season progresses.

## Report from David Jobber

## 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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The logo for the 200 Club, featuring the number '200' in a large, stylized serif font, with the word 'CLUB' in a smaller, sans-serif font to its right. The logo is set against a dark red background with horizontal bars above and below.

## July 2026 Winners

£50	Martyn Ellis
£20	R E Brooks
£10	Ken Barnes

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

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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.



**New members**

A warm welcome to new member:  
Diana Worth



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

**Size 00's wanted**

One of our new members is desperately seeking a set of 00's to enable her to play regularly. She appreciates that these may not come cheap!

Anyone interested in selling please contact Trevor Goddard on either 01603 572397 or 07766 958345  
**Trevor Goddard**

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

Wed 1 July	10am County – Ladies Benevolent Triples
	2pm Pensioners League NBC Boudicans v St Marks (Home)
	6.30pm County League NBC A v Downham Market (Away)
	6.30pm County League NBC B v Wymondham Dell (Home)
	6.30pm County League NBC C v Freethorpe (Away)
Thu 2 July	Anglia League 2pm Roundheads v Freethorpe (Away)
Fri 3 July	Yare League Lions v Heartsease (Home)
	Yare League NBC v Sprowston



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