



The Roll Up

August 2026



Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk Bowling Club Newsletter

August dawns and the holiday season is peaking. As the Summer leagues and competitions begin to draw to a close our thoughts turn towards the new Indoor Season ahead. Details of the domestic leagues for **Winter 2026** will be published week commencing **9 August** so captains should keep an eye on their in boxes please.

Annual Subscriptions

It's time to open up your wallets!! Annual subscriptions are due in August and invoices and paperwork will be emailed in the coming week. Those of you who do not use email can expect to receive a letter by the end of the second week in August. Please could all members kindly respond promptly to ensure a smooth start to the new bowls season.

Ladies County Indoor AGM

The Ladies County Indoor AGM went ahead on **Monday 6 July** at **County Arts**. Committee members were re-elected with the addition of Nicola Segolo who will be the new Competition Secretary, the hope being to introduce a county competition between players who win their club singles and pairs internal competitions.

Guidance for play during inclement weather

With the recent extreme weather, we have experienced, and the prospect of further heat waves as the summer progresses, 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

Charlie Boon Memorial Tournament



Liz Boon with the Charlie Boon Tournament winners, Matthew Carter, Karl Brooks, Adrian Field and Danny Page (a team made up of NBC and Downham Market members).



Liz presenting a cheque for £1220 to Tracey Warnes from The Big C.



Liz with the runners-up Shipdham Market.

On Saturday 18 July, we held the third Charlie Boon Memorial Tournament charity day and, as a result, we have donated **£1220** to the Big C Charity.

This event does not happen by chance but involves a tremendous amount of work by many people and I feel it is appropriate to pass on thanks, on behalf of all members, to all concerned for making this event such a resounding success.

Let's start with the "Barbeque Team" John, Phil, Janet, Jan, Jill and Judy. Arriving at the crack of dawn, they made sure that all players and supporters were well fed all day and contributed significantly to the total raised.

Secondly, our thanks go to Pauline, Liz, Tracey and Gloria for taking care of the cake stall and raffle. Brilliant job by all.

Thirdly let's not forget the Admin Team, Ian and Wayne, who, not only managed to get 24 blocks to turn up on time but (Ian especially) had it organised so that all players were in no doubt as to who was playing where and when. The whole day ran as smooth as silk; well done!

Marty Ellis not only played, but umpired all day. Thanks Marty.

Phil and David were also at the club very early and made sure everyone could park safely and in the right place – great job you two!

Lastly, but not least, many thanks to Janet, Helen, Gemma and Lily for manning the bar and kitchen from early morning until late evening – a long haul and very hard work. Well done and thank you.

All in all, it was a day that NBC can be proud of.

Shipdham Bowls Club (the runners-up) summed it up nicely on their Facebook page: **"Norfolk Bowling Club really know how to run a tournament!"**

Report from Brian Holcroft (President)

A personal thank you from Liz Boon & Helen Jamieson

We would just like to give a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to Charlie's memorial tournament. From organisers to staff, from volunteers to players and everyone else who took part to make it the fantastic day it was. Without all of you, none of it would be possible.

Liz Boon and Helen Jamieson

Help Required Please!

We are still keen to hear from any member who would be willing to take on the role of **Chairperson** for the Club. This is a varied role for anyone interested in building on the club's successes and moving the club forward.

Duties include:

- Chairing Management Committee meetings and various Annual General Meetings
- Attending various games and events throughout the year as the Club's figurehead
- Providing guidance, as and when required, to assist with member or club issues
- Providing direction and guidance to 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.

New Kit



There's still time to order Lion branded kit (shirts, hoodies, trousers and shorts) and also Club branded white shirts. **Please place your orders by 21 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

New Bowlr Store

Get 10% off your first order! - whilst the club does not specifically endorse any bowls outlets, we have received notice from the supplier of the Bowlr system of the launch of a new online bowls shop. To celebrate the launch, Bowlr community members which includes NBC, can enjoy 10% off their first order. Link: [Bowlr Store | Bowls Clothing, Shoes & Equipment](#)

Shining a spotlight on our members



This month we are shining a spotlight on **Ian Wones**.

A player since the age of 17, Ian has achieved many successes over the years playing for a variety of clubs within Norfolk. Read all about it by [clicking here](#).

OUTDOOR NEWS

Ladies



Congratulations to Bernadette Scott, Rachel Stevenson and Brenda Walters, winners of the **County Coronation Triples** held on Sunday 19 July at R G Carter's.

Ladies from NBC have also had huge success at the **County Finals**, with the following winners all qualifying for the National Finals to be held later this month in Leamington – congratulations! And the best of luck!



Bex Willgress **2 Wood Singles**



Bex Willgress **4 Wood Singles**



Ellie Johnson **Junior Singles**



Bex Willgress, Suzanne King & Harriet East **Triples**



Christine Rednall, Shannon Tucker, Louise Knights & Jenna O'Hagan **Fours**



Suzanne King, Jackie Devitt, Bernadette Scott
& Carole Slaughter **Senior Fours**

Also qualifying for the National Finals as runners-up in the County Finals are: Jackie Devitt (2 Wood Singles) and Bex Willgress and Harriet East (Pairs).

Following on from the county finals last weekend, this weekend saw the completion of the inter club competitions and the ladies of Norfolk Bowling Club excelled again and came away as winners of the **County Top** and **Webb Trophy**.

Well done to all the ladies who have contributed this year and thank you for your support.



Ladies County Top Club Winners (plus Top Dog!)



Ladies Webb Trophy Winners

Report from Jackie Devitt

Men A Team

The 'A' Team continue to dominate on the domestic front as the leagues and cups draw to a conclusion.

Premier League

With six more games played, the team remain unbeaten in the league and have run out comfortable winners

24 June v 'B' Team at home **10-0**

1 July v Downham Market away **10-0**

8 July v Wymondham Dell away **8-2**

15 July v Acle at home **8-2**

22 July v County Arts away **8-2**

29 July v St Lawrence home **8-2**

Pos	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Norfolk Bowling Club A	14	14	0	0	832	612	117
2	Acle St Edmund A	14	9	0	5	747	667	86
3	Wootton Park A	13	8	0	5	678	643	79
4	Downham Market A	13	6	0	7	698	628	69
5	County Arts A	14	7	0	7	704	704	60
6	St Lawrence	14	5	0	9	657	741	56
7	Norfolk Bowling Club B	14	4	0	10	638	755	45
8	Wymondham Dell A	14	2	0	12	610	814	38

Bales Cup

QF against Wymondham Dell at RG.Carters resulted in a **59-31** victory with all rinks winning.

Both SFs will be played at **Hingham Rec on 31 July at 6.15pm** against Great Plumstead. Please come and support the team if you can.

National Top Club

The area SF was played away to Downham Market and proved as difficult a task as expected. A **3-2** victory and wins for the 4 Bowl Singles, Pairs and the Fours on an extra end saw the team progress to the area final.

The area final was played at Eye as a neutral green against Thurlton. This proved a more comfortable victory than previous rounds, **4-1** with all disciplines winning except the four bowl singles which was still in progress when the match was conceded.

In the last 32 in the country the team will face **Parkway from Hunts on 2 August at Girton at 6.30pm**. The last 16 will also be on a neutral green before the team hopefully progress to Leamington for the National Finals.

Fermoy Cup

This is a cup played within Norfolk where one rink plays at home and one away. The scores are combined to determine the winner. As at 23 July the club has two Teams in the SF with the **A Team playing Castle Acre and the B Team Acle on 30 July**.

Middleton Cup

Sadly, the Middleton Cup ended in disappointment for Norfolk. Requiring an overall shot victory and 5 winning rinks, the team were beaten 18 points to 4 to Suffolk. This enabled Essex to progress to the quarter finals stage.

Report from Ian Wones

Yare League

We played only three games in July in contrast to the busy first half of the season. We started with a **5-2** away win at Sprowston Sports. Next a **7-0** home win against St Marks, and we finished July with a **5-2** away win at Hethersett.

We have four games left to play in August starting with a game against Steve Johnson's NBC Lions on **3 Aug** – please come along to watch this local derby if you can!

Premier Table w/e 24/07 2026						Shots		
Position	Team	Played	W	L	D	F	A	Points
1	Heartsease S.F.	12	12	0	0	1045	626	75.5
2	N.B.C.	12	8	3	1	871	749	52.5
3	Thorpe Rec	12	6	6	0	821	775	43
4	R.G. Carters	10	6	4	0	694	628	39.5
5	N.B.C. Lions	9	6	3	0	643	514	39
6	Hethersett	11	4	7	0	675	802	29.5
7	Sprowston	12	2	10	0	682	934	23
8	St Marks	10	2	8	0	559	805	15.5
9	Freethorpe	6	0	5	1	330	487	9.5

Report from Phil Richards

The Roundheads

The Roundheads have now played 6 games, we have 9 points and are in joint second position with only 2 games to go in August.

Report from David Jobber

County League C Team

We would like to thank everybody who has played for the County League C team this season: for putting up with us trying to field a settled side, unavailabilities and late call-offs. These were problematic but with a good squad we overcame adversity and maintained our status in Division One. Well done and thanks very much.

David Snelling and Doug Riches

Toilets

We politely request that all members ensure that they leave the toilet facilities in a state in which they would wish to find them i.e. clean and tidy. Staff have recently been faced with some particularly unpleasant cleaning up which is unacceptable.

Parking

Please could members kindly observe the restrictions on parking by the right-hand wall of the indoor clubhouse. There have been complaints that non badge holding members have been parking in the spots reserved for those members who have a Blue Badge. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bingo & Race Night Saturday 8 August 7pm

TICKETS SOLD OUT!

The move back indoors

Please note that the Outdoor Bar will close its doors on **Friday 4 September** and the bar in the indoor clubhouse will open on **Monday 14 September** to coincide with the start of the Indoor Season.

NBC Open Day – An appeal to all members

As you are probably aware, for the last four years the club has organised an Open Day with the aim of introducing potential bowlers to the sport, and hopefully recruiting some new members. I am pleased to say that this has been singularly successful and we have recruited between 40-50 people, some of whom have been integrated into league teams and county representative teams, with others preferring to play friendly roll-ups and development league matches, all of which is good.

This year we are reaching out to existing members who may have neighbours, family, or friends that might like to come along and give bowls a try. They would be most welcome.

The Open Day will take place on **Saturday 26 September 10am – 4pm**, when there will be four club coaches on hand to offer guidance and supply bowls if needed. There will also be an exhibition match around midday between two of our England international players. Existing members are welcome to come along too, even if they are not introducing anyone on the day. I'm confident it will be both enjoyable and informative and I look forward to seeing you there. If the Open Day date should prove to be inconvenient for anyone looking for an introduction to bowls, we are always happy to arrange a time to suit the individual. Just give me a ring.

Trevor Goddard - 07766 958345



The poster is for the Saturday 26 September Open Day. It features a green background with images of bowling balls. The text includes the date and time (Saturday 26 September, 10-4pm), the title 'WHY NOT GIVE INDOOR BOWLS A TRY?', and a description of the event: 'Simply come along to our Open Day. Coaches will be on hand introducing you to the club and offering information and guidance.' It also mentions a 'SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE DAY' which is an exhibition match featuring national and international players. Contact information for the Norfolk Bowling Club is provided, including the address (444A Unthank Road, Norwich NR4 7QH), phone number (01603 455165), and website (norfolkbc.org.uk).

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 10-4PM

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SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE DAY
An exhibition match featuring some of our national and international players.

If you can't make the day why not contact Trevor Goddard our coach at the club for more information.
Call: 07766 958 345 Email: contactus@norfolkbc.org.uk

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JACK & BOWL
Giving you the lead

The **Jack and Bowl Shop** will be coming to NBC on **Thursday 1 October**. Selling professional-quality bowls equipment, it's a great opportunity to kit yourself out for the new indoor season!

County President's Friendly Match

NBC will be hosting a County President's Friendly Match on **Friday 11 December**.

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**.



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:

Donald Linford



200 CLUB

August 2026 Winners

£50	David Chenery
£20	Tim Dennis
£10	Bob Read

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

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

August	
Tue 4	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 5	6.15pm Yare League Lions v Freethorpe (Away)
Thur 6	Ladies' President's Day – Jackie Devitt
	2pm Anglia League Cavaliers v Hellesdon (Home)
	6.30pm Howlett Cup – Final at Spixworth BC (Hethersett v County Arts)
Sat 8	7pm Bingo & Race Night
Tue 11	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 12	6.15pm Yare League NBC v RG Carter (Away)
Mon 17	6.15pm Yare League NBC v Freethorpe(Home)
Tue 18	2pm Afternoon Drive
	6.15pm Yare League Lions v Freethorpe



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www.norfolkbc.org.uk

or join our Facebook page

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