



THE ROLL UP

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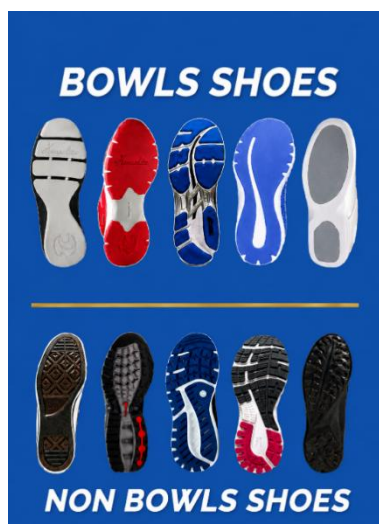
Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk Bowling Club Newsletter

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is fast approaching now, which means it's nearly time for the start of the Indoor Bowls Season! Firstly though, we should celebrate our very successful Outdoor Season which comes to an end on 4 September, see below in the news section for details of the latest successes.

Don't forget to make sure you have paid your annual subscription; renewal fees must be paid before any play (indoors or outdoors) on or after 1 September.

Whilst teams for the indoor leagues have already been selected, there is still plenty of opportunity for members to play in various roll ups and social bowling sessions. Please follow the links for a reminder of what's on offer for [leagues](#) and [roll ups](#) for the new season.

Indoor Dress Code Reminder



Following a review by management, the dress code applicable to the indoor section has been updated in relation to coloured clothing and footwear; [please click here](#) to familiarise yourself with the club dress code.

In particular, in order to protect the carpet, please ensure that your bowls shoes comply with the guide to the left i.e. clean, flat and smooth soled.

Please be aware that the carpet will be stretched first thing on Wednesday 9 September – watch out for a change in pace!

New Kit Update



A white shirt order has been placed and stock should arrive at the end of September.

URGENT - LION KIT – at the moment, we don't have enough pre orders to place an order with the supplier - if you require Lion Kit, please get your orders in (or check if we have stock already) by the **25 September** - we plan to place an order on **30 September**.



Possession of the rink

This is an important aspect of bowls etiquette, and one that is often abused. As soon as a bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink transfers to the opposing player or team, after allowing time for marking a toucher. In simple terms, once your bowl has come to rest you must vacate the mat so that your opponent can bowl. If you wish to ask questions about the bowl you have just delivered e.g. “how short was it?” or “are we holding shot?”, this must wait until after your opponent has delivered their bowl and you have regained possession of the rink. In the same way that the bowler must vacate the mat, their team-mates at the head must do nothing that prevents the opposing player from delivering their bowl. While it is natural that players will be eager to see who is holding shot, this can only be done when you have possession of the rink.

From your coaching team: Adrian Bell, Trevor Goddard, Jack Norton and David Willoughby

Men's County League C Team

The men's indoor County League C team is looking to bolster its squad of players. The 14 matches will be played on Saturday afternoons throughout the indoor season, and offer an opportunity for both new and experienced players to represent the Club. Although competitive, the matches are played in a friendly and supportive manner. The away fixtures offer the challenge of playing on different carpets, helping to develop players' bowling skills. Car sharing is always available for the away matches. If any members are interested in joining the squad, please contact **David Willoughby** (david.willoughby@btinternet.com)

Club Competitions

Entries are now open for the 2026/7 club indoor competitions, with entry forms available in the lounge or [click here](#), closing date for entries is **Monday 28 September**. This season the winners of the Ladies' Singles and Pairs will progress to represent the club in the **Ladies County Championship playoffs** and, subject to the number of entries, the finalists or winners of the Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples, and Fours will represent the club in the **Men's County Championship playoffs**.

There will be **NO SET DATES** for play other than the finals. **ALL** games need to be arranged between teams using the available rink space as league games will not be cancelled to accommodate. In addition, please note that the Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples, and Fours have to be played off by **31 January** (the qualifying date set by the county) and the Ladies' Singles and Pairs have to be completed, including the final, by **28 February** (the ladies qualifying date set by the county).

The club will also be running Ladies' Triples, Open Veteran Singles, Open Handicapped Singles, Open Australian Pairs, and Open Sets Pairs events. If you have any questions please contact Steve Johnson, Indoor Competition Secretary.

County Competitions

In addition to the club competitions which qualify for the county championship playoffs, the Men's County are also running entry based U25 Open Singles and Matchplay Singles events. Entry forms for these are available on the noticeboard or you can enter [online click here](#). Closing date for entries to these competitions is **31 October 2026**.

Inter County & President's Games

The forms for Norfolk Inter County and President's matches between October and December are now available on the noticeboards. These are matches, open to both men and ladies, covering inter county friendlies and matches between a representative county team and clubs in Norfolk. Members of any ability are welcome and are encouraged to put themselves forward for consideration to represent Norfolk in these friendly games. Closing date for nominations is **30 September 2026**.

Domestic League Subs/Reserves

The list of members who are available to substitute for league matches will be available on the main noticeboard. However, this season, there will also be an online copy of the list, updated fortnightly, which will be available via the club website within the "Club Info" section of Bowlr (you will be prompted to login). To avoid the situation we had last season, when a significant number of games were postponed, team captains are asked to make use of the substitute list and are also reminded that for any game postponed by them a new date must be agreed within 14 days (not for the match to be played, just a new date agreed) and communicated to the league steward or league secretary to update Bowlr.

Shining a spotlight on our members



This month we are shining a spotlight on **Carole Slaughter**.

An enthusiastic player who also takes a very active role in the running of the club. Find out how she came to begin bowling and about her varied interests and achievements by [clicking here](#).

OUTDOOR NEWS

We continued our excellent season on **2 August** by winning the **Jermy Cup**. The finals were held at Thorpe Rec. In the morning, in the semi-final, we had a good win against a strong County Arts side and the final in the afternoon saw us overcome a determined Swaffham side **65-39**. Well done to all who took part.



Ladies

August saw the national finals taking place in Leamington Spa and it was a case of mixed fortunes for our ladies.

Rebecca Willgress had a great run in the 2 Bowls Singles, winning three games to get to the quarter final before losing 13-16 to England International, Nicole Rogers, of Devon in a close game. In the 4 Bowls Singles, she lost an enthralling game in the 1st round against Sue Allen of Yorkshire, losing 19-21 on a difficult green.

Ellie Johnson won her first game in the Junior Singles before losing 18-21 to the eventual winner from Gloucestershire. Again a great effort on the only cold day we had.

In the pairs, Rebecca and Harriet East lost 14-15 in the 1st round on the very last end to an extremely experienced international pair from Leicestershire. This was another great game to watch.

Rebecca, Harriet and Suzanne King lost their first-round match in the Triples 11-16 against a difficult Middlesex triple. A game in which nothing fell right for them.

In the Fours, Louise Knights, Christine Rednall, Shannon Tucker and Jenna O'Hagan had a great start against a very experienced Worcestershire four and were up for most of the game. Unfortunately, the opposition just sneaked ahead in the last couple of ends and, despite some great woods, our ladies just lost 20-23 on the last end.

In the Senior 4's, Bernadette Scott, Carole Slaughter, Jackie Devitt and Suzanne King had a good 21-3 win in their 1st game before losing 9-17 against a Kent four. Again, it was a day when nothing fell right for the ladies.

It was a tremendous effort by all in challenging conditions with the heat and very quick greens. It is also fair to say none of us were fans of 'C' green.

At home, the club competitions are completed now and the winners are: Jackie Devitt in the Singles, Nicola Segolo with Rebecca Willgress in the Pairs and Jenna O'Hagan Carole Slaughter and Louise Knights in the Triples.

Our thoughts are now naturally turning towards indoors. The Internal League fixtures have been issued as have the County League fixtures. The draws have also been done by the EIBA for the national competitions and we wish all players good luck and bowling for the season ahead.

Report from Jackie Devitt

Men

A Team Final Outdoor Report

The outdoor season couldn't have gone better on the domestic front. The club completed the quadruple:

County Premier League

The season ended with an 8-2 victory at home to St. Lawrence. This meant the team had a 100% record with 14 wins from 14 matches and won the league by 31 points.

Bales Cup

The semi-final was played on a neutral green at Hingham against Great Plumstead and resulted in a comfortable 52-38 victory.

The final was played at Thorpe Rec against County Arts and resulted in another comfortable victory 58-40.

Fermoy Cup

This final was also played at Thorpe Rec but against Acle. The team won 40-25 to complete a clean sweep of the men's competitions.

Top Club (National Competition)

Having qualified from the region, the club came up against a very strong Parkway team from

Huntingdonshire. Unfortunately the team were on the wrong side of a 2-3 scoreline. Wayne Willgress won the 4 Bowl Singles and Tom Cooper, Matty Carter and David “Diddy” Smith won the triples but just fell short of qualifying for the National quarter finals.

Report from Ian Wones

Yare League

We have now come to the end of a busy outdoor season. The August results for the NBC Yare team captained by myself are as follows:

Monday 3 Aug we played our local derby against NBC Lions; unfortunately we were well beaten 6-1.

Monday 10 Aug we played a strong Hethersett side and came out with a 5-2 win. Next, we were away at R G Carters and lost 6-1. The final match of the season was at home to Freethorpe which we won 6-1.

Premier Table w/e 14/08 2026						Shots		
Position	Team	Played	W	L	D	F	A	Points
1	Heartsease S.F.	14	13	0	1	1218	735	87
2	N.B.C. Lions	13	9	4	0	962	713	61
3	N.B.C.	15	9	5	1	1047	979	59.5
4	R.G. Carters	14	8	4	2	987	880	58.5
5	Thorpe Rec	15	7	7	1	1033	1000	54
6	Hethersett	14	5	9	0	874	1029	36.5
7	Freethorpe	12	3	6	3	726	882	33
8	Sprowston	14	3	11	0	817	1067	29.5
9	St Marks	15	2	13	0	841	1220	20

I would like to thank all my players for a very good season, which should see us finish in the top four or possibly the top 3. We managed 3 wins away from home this season which is never easy, but we always played with a smile on our faces which is what it is really all about.

Thanks again to everybody.

Report from Phil Richards

The Roundheads

The Roundheads continue to hold their place mid-table in the Anglia Division 1 League and hope to maintain third place as the final matches are completed. In any case, the team will retain its place in Division 1 for next year. Well done and thanks to all players.

w/e 21/08/2026						Shots		
Position	Team	Played	W	L	D	F	A	Points
1	R G Carters	8	7	0	1	290	197	19.5
2	Hethersett	8	3	3	2	252	228	13.5
3	NBC Roundheads	8	4	4	0	258	252	10
4	Coltishall	7	1	5	1	194	254	7.5
5	Freethorpe	7	2	5	0	183	246	6.5

Report from David Jobber

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.

Sad News

We are sorry to hear that David Johnson, who was for many years an active member of NBC, passed away on 7 August. David had been ill for several years, spending his last years at Mary Chapman Court Care Home. Our thoughts are with his family especially his sons, Peter and Stephen and grandson Jacob.

There will be a thanksgiving service open to all on **Tuesday 15 September at 2 pm** at **City Gates Church, 2-6 Botolph Street, Norwich NR3 1DU**. Please note there is no parking available at the church although there are public car parks close by.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Junior Pre-Season Skills Day at Acle – 20 September

Join us for the junior
**PRE-SEASON
SKILLS DAY**

20th September 2026
2:00PM - 4:30PM

Acle Indoor Bowls Club
NR13 3RA

FREE EVENT

- Places for U18 and U25 teams
- Enjoy playing with other juniors
- Social day with no pressure
- No experience needed

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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 an Open Day event. It features a green background. On the left, there is a close-up of a red bowling ball with a white ball next to it. On the right, there is a crest for the Norfolk Bowling Club, which includes a castle and a lion. The text on the poster reads: 'SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 10-4PM', 'WHY NOT GIVE INDOOR BOWLS A TRY?', 'Simply come along to our Open Day. Coaches will be on hand introducing you to the club and offering information and guidance.', 'SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE DAY: An exhibition match featuring some of our national and international players.', 'Norfolk Bowling Club, 444A Unthank Road, Norwich NR4 7QH, 01603 455165, norfolkbc.org.uk'. At the bottom left, it says: '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'. At the bottom right, there is another image of bowling balls.

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The **Jack and Bowl Shop** will be coming to NBC on **Thursday 1 October 11.30am – 6.30pm**. 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**. Notices for this match will be posted nearer the time.

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**.

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The long-awaited **NBC Quiz** has been re-scheduled for **Friday 12 February 2027**. Plenty of time to get your friends together to make up a team for a fun evening.

200 CLUB

August 2026 Winners

£50	David Chenery (again!)
£20	Gloria Hill
£10	Edward Johnson

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)

September	
Tue 8	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 9	7.30am DALES Green Stretch & Maintenance
	12 noon New Member Drive
Fri 11	4pm Social Drive
Tue 15	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 16	12 noon New Member Drive
Fri 18	4pm Social Drive
Sun 20	10am Sunday Social Drive
Tue 22	2pm Afternoon Drive
Wed 23	12 noon New Member Drive
Fri 25	Social Drive
Sat 26	10am – 4pm OPEN DAY



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