



## *The Roll Up ..... OCTOBER 2026*



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

The Indoor Season has got off to a fine start and promises to be a welcome distraction from the shortening days and inevitable fall in temperature. Social events are coming round quickly – don't forget to buy your tickets for the **Bingo and Race Night on Saturday 24 October** – full details below, tickets available from the bar now.

### Members' Survey – tell us what you want!

With the start of a new bowling year, it seems like a good opportunity to think in more detail about our club and how we can best take the club forward to meet the present and future needs of its members. With this in mind, we want your views and ideas! Next time you are at the club, please pick up and complete a short survey form to give us your feedback and ideas about bowling, social events, bar and catering, club amenities and any other ideas you may have for moving the club forward. Forms are available in the bar area and, once completed, should be posted into the collection box on the back table near the TV before **31 October**. The plan is to produce a report based on your views for discussion by the Management Committee and also at the next AGM. The views of all members are important so please don't be shy! If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of the survey, please email [newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk)

### A Big Thank You!

With the completion of another outdoor season, it is appropriate, on behalf of all members, to pass on our thanks to volunteers who have looked after the site during the summer months.

First of all, **Maxine Tovell**, who has looked after the gardens during a very difficult season weather wise and has spent hours and hours making sure everything looked spick and span. Very hard work and much appreciated. Also, Maxine's husband, **Peter** for repairing the equipment shed which was in a poor state of repair.

**Robert Rutland**, for various painting repairs and especially for painting the whole of the front of the indoor clubhouse.

**Jan Robinson**, for all her hard work keeping the rear car park boundary neat and tidy and **John Boulter** who has assisted Jan and also helped on other occasions when required.

**Brenda Whitehead** for making sure the Honours Board was updated.

Lastly, but not least, **John Colcombe**, **Marty Ellis** and **Phil Richards** for keeping the whole site looking immaculate. They appear every week in all weathers and their hard work should be appreciated by all members. THANK YOU!

**Brian Holcroft**

### Outdoor AGM – Please come along

The Outdoor AGM will take place on **Thursday 29 October 7pm** in the Indoor Clubhouse. We would be pleased to see as many members as possible attending this important annual event.

## A Successful Open Day

The club hosted a very successful and busy Open Day on Saturday 27 September with around 30 visitors coming along to give bowls a try and six new members signing up on the day. Our grateful thanks to Trevor Goddard, Jack Norton, Adrian Bell, David Willoughby and also Tina Goddard who were on hand to provide coaching and advice. Thanks also to Mary Willoughby for her support with admin and catering and to Carole Slaughter too for her all-round support. Last but not least, thanks to our players, Wayne Willgress, Aaron Johnson, Jackie Devitt and Nicola Segolo for giving up their time to provide a splendid exhibition match. Well done all!

## County Competitions

There's still time to enter the Men's 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**.

## Please Help!

### Indoor League Steward Wanted

The club is seeking a volunteer to join the team of indoor league stewards, specifically to oversee the Monday Open Sets 4 Wood Pairs and Friday Open Sets 2 Wood Triples leagues. This would involve being the contact point for the league teams, moving matches as necessary, chasing up unplayed games, and updating results in Bowlr. It is not necessary for the steward to play in these leagues. If you are interested, or would like further information, please email the club on [contactus@norfolkbc.org.uk](mailto:contactus@norfolkbc.org.uk)

## Chairperson

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 always 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 Update



A white shirt order has been placed and stock is due to arrive any day now.

**LAST ORDERS - LION KIT** – last chance to get your orders in for Lion Kit, please order by **7 October**

## Club Website News

Keep your eyes peeled for our new website which we are hoping to launch later this year – more details to follow in future newsletters.

Find us on Facebook & via the club website <http://www.norfolkbc.org.uk>

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## OUTDOOR NEWS

### Men

#### Club Competition Winners

Steven Johnson is the **Outdoor Club Champion of 2026** winning a close final against Adrian Field 21-18. We wish Steve good luck in next year's Champion of Champions with a possible place at Leamington up for grabs.

In the only other club men's competition, Paul Crisp beat Steve Johnson in the Handicap Singles. 21-20.

Report from Phil Richards

### Ladies

#### Club Competition Winners

We are delighted to confirm the **Ladies Outdoor Club Competition** winners as follows:

**4 Wood Singles** - Jackie Devitt

**Pairs** - Nicola Segolo & Bex Willgress

**Triples** - Louise Knights, Carole Slaughter & Jenna O'Hagan.

Well done all!

Report from Brenda Whitehead

### Ladies Trip to the Isle of Wight

With the outdoor season coming to a close a number of NBC ladies went on the President's County Tour to the Isle of Wight, supporting Jackie Devitt as the county president. My thanks to all the ladies who joined us for a very enjoyable week playing some bowls and enjoying our time on the island.

Pictures below show the ladies at the game against the Isle of Wight and our last night party. I could say lots more but "what goes on tour stays on tour 🤫".

Jackie Devitt



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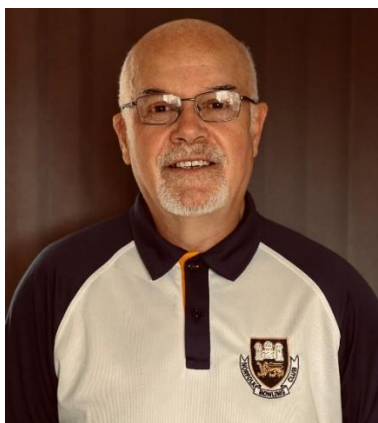
The indoor season is getting in full swing and the ladies A and B team squads have been chosen, please see the notice board in the ladies corridor. If there are any other ladies who would like to be considered please contact the captains in the first instance. (Jackie Devitt A Team and Pat Headland B Team). Details of the fixtures are also on the board and it would be great to see some supporters at our games.

Jackie Devitt

### New B Team Captain

Congratulations to Pat Headland who is taking over as Ladies' B Team Captain; we wish her well in her new role. Also, many thanks to Rachel Stevenson for her hard work and dedication in this role last year and wishing her good luck as she now joins the A Team.

## Shining a spotlight on our members



This month we are shining a spotlight on **Phil Richards**.

A player of over 30 years who is known to most of us at NBC owing to his roles as Club Captain, Committee Member and enthusiastic volunteer helping with the upkeep of the club grounds.

Discover more about Phil by [clicking here](#).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## NBC on BBC Radio Norfolk

Early birds, please listen out for our very own Carole Slaughter talking about NBC at **7.40am Saturday 3 October** on BBC Radio Norfolk's "Join our club" slot.

## 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**.



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. Only £6 per head entry fee – snacks included!



### New members!

A warm welcome to our latest new members:

**Christopher Blanche**

**Penny Bullen**

**Kevin Everard**

**Paul Pratt**

**Christine Steggles**

**Andrew Winston**



### September 2026 Winners

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| <b>£50</b> | <b>Mary Seppings</b> |
| <b>£20</b> | <b>Ray Lewis</b>     |
| <b>£10</b> | <b>R E Brooks</b>    |

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



For Sale – a **new and recently updated** list of any bowls items for sale is now available on the club notice board.

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)

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| October |                                     |
| Thu 1   | Jack & Bowl Shop 11.30am – 6.30pm   |
| Fri 2   | Social Drive 4pm                    |
|         | Gallow A v NBC A 6.45pm (Men)       |
| Sat 3   | NBC B v Wymondham Dell A 2pm (Men)  |
| Sun 4   | Social Drive 10am                   |
| Tue 6   | Afternoon Drive 2pm                 |
| Wed 7   | New Member Drive 12 noon            |
| Fri 9   | Social Drive 4pm                    |
|         | NBC A v County Arts A 6.45pm (Men)  |
| Sat 10  | NBC B v Acle C 10am (Ladies)        |
|         | Acle A v NBC A 12 noon (Ladies)     |
|         | Diss A v NBC B 2pm (Men)            |
|         | Gallow C v NBC C 2.30pm (Men)       |
| Tue 13  | Afternoon Drive 2pm                 |
| Wed 14  | New Member Drive 12 Noon            |
| Fri 16  | Social Drive 4pm                    |
| Sat 17  | Denny Cup v Beccles                 |
|         | NBC A v Gallow B 10am (Ladies)      |
|         | NBC B v County Arts C 2pm (Men)     |
| Tue 20  | Afternoon Drive 2pm                 |
| Wed 21  | New Member Drive 12 Noon            |
| Thu 22  | NBC A v County Arts A 10am (Ladies) |
| Fri 23  | Social Drive 4pm                    |
| Sat 24  | Atherley Trial 10am                 |
|         | Hunstanton v NBC B 11am (Ladies)    |
|         | Shotford B v NBC C 2pm (Men)        |
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