

The Roll Up July 2025



Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk BC newsletter.

Club News

We are already into the second half of the outdoor season and the nights are drawing in, not that you really notice it whilst melting in the recent heatwave. But we shouldn't complain for what has, so far, been a wonderful season weatherwise.

Things haven't been too bad on the bowling green either with our league teams doing well across the board and as we reach the latter stages of the men's and ladies national and county competitions we still have representation both at club and individual level striving for a place at Leamington in August. We naturally wish all those still involved the very best of luck and updates will be posted to the club website and Facebook group.

It would be good to report on the progress of all our cup & league teams, the captains are asked to please update us at newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk.

Whilst the sun shines work has been underway to ready us for the coming indoor season with preparations for the membership renewals which will be sent at the start of August. We have also developed an extensive indoor league programme and taken on board some feedback from last year to provide more games team captains will be sent fixtures mid-August.

This month's newsletter includes some items where we are looking specifically for your feedback and support.

Did you know? each time one of our members takes out a Car, Home, van or business policy after getting a quote, from Howden Insurance, the club gets £25. For full details please refer to the leaflets in the Indoor & Outdoor clubhouse's. The offer has been made possible by the sponsorship of the county outdoor association. Give them a call you may save yourself some money and benefit the club at the same time.

Are you free Tuesday mornings? if you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday morning, the club would appreciate some extra hands to help the small group of members who undertake small jobs to keep the site tidy. If you can help please just come along.

Welcome to our new members Robert Hawarth, Joe Beadman, Richard Rontree, Dawn & Peter Thompson.

To make sure you stay up to date with all the club news and activities make sure to check the club website

www.norfolkbc.org.uk

or join our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/norfolkbowlingclubnorwich



New Sponsor / Partner

The club is pleased to announce that we have agreed a sponsorship arrangement with Specsavers (Norwich - White Lion Street Opticians) which will see advertising boards placed on both outdoor and indoor greens.



Discounts for members will be available and once details have been clarified further information will be shared.

Dates for your diary (please see noticeboard for more details)

July	
Fri 4 th	Friendly vs Essex Vice Presidents @ 1:30pm, with tea & biscuits
Sun 6 th	Friendly vs Norfolk Past Presidents @ 2pm, with tea & biscuits
Tue 8 th	Indoor Green Closed form 10am to 4pm for electrical testing
Sat 19 th	Charlie Boon Memorial tournament

August	
Sat 2 nd	Friendly vs Victoria Club (HOME) @ 2pm
Mon 4 th	Club Renewals for 2025/26 season will be issued
Sat 9 th	Social – Bingo & Race Night
Mon 18 th	Indoor league fixtures issued to team captains
Mon 18 th	Friendly vs Colchester North Countryman's club (HOME) @ 2pm

Posters, for you to add your names, will be displayed in the outdoor clubhouse or speak to Phil Richards (Club Captain) 07968 276326. Please do your best to support these events.



July 2025 Winners

£50 D S Lubbock £20 Barbara Lyon £10 Tony Hunt

If you wish to join the 200 Club please contact the club or look out for details in the membership renewal pack.



This will be a great day with no doubt some excellent bowling from teams across the county and perhaps beyond. So even if you aren't playing then please come along to watch and support a great cause.

9am. Burgers and Jumbo Sausages will be available after the second session and throughout the tournament. Please note the BBQ will be Cash only.

If you are able to provide cakes etc. for the cake stall to be sold on the day this would be very welcome, please speak to Janet or Helen if you need any further information. Also, we would welcome any raffle prize donations, again please speak to Janet or Helen.

Proceeds from the raffle and BBQ go to the Big C so come along and please support this worthy cause, even if you aren't going to play it promises to be a great event.





Bar Support - we are looking for a couple of volunteers to man the bar indoors and outdoor on an ad hoc basis for occasional games when the bar would not normally be open, typically weekends.

Anyone interested please contact Jackie Devitt on 07769 328765 in the first instance.

Open day – the club will be holding our annual open day on Saturday 27th September 10-4. We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the day, to meet the public, show them the basics and provide refreshments.

Anyone interested please email the club newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk.

Indoor League Stewards – to help with the running of the indoor leagues we need some volunteers to act as league stewards for the evening leagues. This would involve updating Bowlr with match results, moving games when requested and monitoring registered players and any unplayed games. Please contact Chris Taylor via contactus@norfolkbc.org.uk if you are interested.

Club Handbook

We are considering producing a club handbook for members which would contain items such as fixtures, club & league rules & officers. We cannot include members contact details but this is available via Bowlr where a member has agreed.

Please let us know if you would be interested in such a booklet and if there is anything else you would like to see included.

email: newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk.

or speak to Carole Slaughter, Helen Jamieson, Trevor Goddard or Chris Taylor.

Coaches Corner - Trevor Goddard

Our coaching team of Trevor and Jack are always available for new or experienced players who may need to brush up on their game.

Eleven things you may not know

- 1) minimum Jack length 23 metres.
- 2) maximum Jack length at NBC 31.5 metres (other clubs may vary depending on the size of their green).
- 3) minimum distance a bowl must have travelled to be legal 14 metres.
- 4) the width of the individual rinks between 4.3 metres and 5.8 metres wide for outdoor play and between 4.6 metres and 5.8 metres wide for indoor play. Wherever possible, all rinks on a green must be the same width. For domestic play, Member National Authorities (e.g. EIBA) can decide the standard for the minimum width of a rink.
- 5) a jack knocked off the side of the rink during the game should be 're spotted' on the respot/dot on the side it left the rink. If a bowl is covering that spot the jack should be placed as near as possible to the bowl, without touching it, towards the centre line.
- 6) only the lead casts the Jack.
- 7) only no.2 in triples or no.3 in fours to measure unless this has been delegated to another player. All other bowlers should stay out of the head and not interfere. In the event an umpire is called to measure ALL players should move away pending the umpires decision.
- 8) the last bowl in an end need not be bowled if the skip is happy to 'take' the score as it stands in the head.
- 9) bowlers must stick to their designated position in the team, there can be no interchanging of roles once the game has started (*). If for reasons of sudden sickness the change of role to be agreed with the opposing skip.
- 10) once the score in an end has been agreed, by those who are responsible for measuring, you cannot go back and measure a potential scorer.
- 11) a bowler is permitted to change the hand they use to deliver at anytime, for example they may play right-handed down the right side of the rink, and left-handed down the left side of the rink or vice versa.

The list above is an extract from the Crystal Mark Laws of the Sport of Bowls (4th Edition) a copy is available at the club or can be accessed online here from World Bowls.

(*) this is the common rule however in some formats, such as our own internal sets leagues, it is permissible as outlined in the rules of those leagues/competitions to change positions.

If there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters, or news items for the website or local press, please contact the club via

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