



The Roll Up

December 2025



Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk BC newsletter.

Club News

We continue to make good progress in club and individual national competitions, together with the club and county championships which are now in full swing. Our U30 Double Rink team, having defeated Ipswich, have qualified for the national quarter final to be played at a neutral venue on 21st February, look out for more details in the next newsletter and on the website.

Congratulations to Ellie Johnson who has been called in to represent England at the World Junior Indoor Championships in Belfast 1st to 4th December.

The high number of competition entries this year and a significant number of home draws has caused challenges with rink bookings and resulted in a large number of cancelled domestic league games. As we move into January the demand for rink space should decrease and we can then look to schedule rearranged matches, in the meantime members and teams are thanked for their support and understanding.

Our Men's county league teams have had a mixed set of results but there is a long way to go and time to recover. The Ladies teams continue to perform well both at home and away as evidenced by their league table positions and regular match reports posted to the website.

Our Christmas Lunch (Friday 12th) is SOLD OUT, but there is still time to buy your tickets for the Xmas Draw at 25p per square, see the board in the indoor lounge. There is also time to get tickets for the raffle organised by the ladies, £1 per ticket available at the club, with the first prize a Christmas Hamper, 2nd prize a bottle of Champagne and 3rd prize a bottle of Baileys.

The club lion kit orders placed recently have now been received and are ready for collection. Please enquire at the bar at your earliest convenience.

World Bowl Championships, the club has reserved some tickets for Sunday 11th January, please see item later in the newsletter.

Our **Club AGM will be held on Thursday 15th January** in the indoor lounge commencing at 7pm. This, along with all the section AGMs are important events in our calendar and your chance to influence the direction and plans for the club. All members are encouraged to attend with further details posted to the noticeboards and website.

Looking further ahead we have two Club Friendlies planned for February with the annual Ladies v Gents and a Ladies match against Diss, see diary and noticeboards for more details.



Wishing all our members, their families, and friends a very Happy Christmas and hopes for a prosperous and healthy 2026!



200 CLUB

December 2025 Winners

£50	Ian Morrice
£20	Terrance Gray
£10	Roy Bishop

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



Come and watch some top class bowls and enjoy a day out at Potters on SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026.

We have reserved tickets at a discounted price of £22 per person to include lunch. It will be a day of 6 Open Pairs matches offering the chance to watch top players, including Aaron Johnson & Nick Brett and Mervyn King & David Gourlay MBE.

Play will commence at 9.30am and continue into the evening.

To reserve your tickets please pay at the bar as soon as possible, leaving your name, details of how many tickets you require and mobile number. **Full payment should be made by Friday 5 December and members will be required to make their own transport arrangements.**

Any questions or queries, please contact Suzanne Edwards 07927 329429 or email suzanne1edwards1@virginmedia.com

Your help please



Domestic League Matches - most members will be aware, or have been directly affected, with league game cancellations or rink moves due primarily to the demand for national competition rinks. This is in line with club policy on rink priorities and your support and understanding is appreciated by the club and we hope also by those in competitions.

Until such time that any cancelled game has been rearranged the match has been moved to the week commencing 20th April to work within the constraints of Bowlr. This is **NOT** the confirmed new date for a game, as this would fall after the 13th April deadline for matches to be played, but simply a holding place for all matches yet to be rearranged.

These games can be viewed in Bowlr and whilst the club will look to help in rescheduling these it would be appreciated if the team captains involved would make arrangements between themselves to agree a new date and advise the league steward or league secretary so that Bowlr may be updated.

Cancelled League games - all team captains are requested to ensure that where a game needs to be cancelled and rearranged that the relevant league steward, or the club, is notified where possible in advance so that we can make the rink available for other members to use.

Also, by letting us know it removes the need to chase up captains to if there is a missing result form or the match was not played.



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

December	
Tue 2 nd	Club Friendly with meal – Norfolk BC (mixed team) v Norfolk CIBA Tuesday Afternoon Drive - CANCELLED
Thu 4 th	Victoria Club 10.00 – 12.00
Fri 5 th	Mason Trophy Norfolk A v Acle B
Sat 6 th	Denny Cup : Norfolk v Risbygate / Yetton Plate : Norfolk v Beccles
Sun 7 th	Top Club Norfolk v Lakenheath
Fri 12th	Christmas Lunch (SOLD OUT)
Sun 14 th	Egham Trophy Norfolk v Lakenheath
Sun 21 st	CLUB CLOSED FROM MIDDAY DUE TO SITE MAINTENANCE
Wed 24 th to 1 st Jan	Club Closed Christmas & New Year (drive Monday 29 th), click here for full details
Mon 29th	Christmas Drive 2pm (SEE NOTICEBOARD TO ADD YOUR NAME)

January	
Thu 1 st	Club Closed
Fri 2 nd	Mason Trophy (*)
Sat 3 rd	Denny Cup / Yetton Plate (*)
Sun 4 th	Top Club (*)
Thu 8 th	Vivienne v Gallow
Sat 10 th	World Bowls Championship @ Potters Start
Sun 11 th	Egham Trophy (*) World Bowls Championship – Club Offer (see newsletter item)
Thu 15th	Club AGM @ 7pm please make every effort to attend
Fri 16 th	Mason Trophy (*)
Sat 17 th	Yetton Plate (*)
Sun 18 th	Top Club (*)
Thu 22 nd	Vivienne (*)
Sun 25 th	Egham Trophy (*)
Mon 26 th	World Bowls Championship @ Potters End

February	
Sun 1 st	Club Friendly Norfolk BC Ladies v Gents – see noticeboard
Sat 14 th	Club Friendly Norfolk BC Ladies v Diss & District Ladies

(*) - subject to earlier round result

Note: County Leagues Games for Ladies & Gents shown on Bowlr and website diary.



New members

Welcome to our new members Steve Bird & Keith Barr.

Coaches corner – No tips or guidance this month, but our little team of coaches, Trevor, Jack and David are always available for new or experienced players. Please get in touch with them directly or email the club on contactus@norfolkbc.org.uk for more details.

Bar Support - we are still 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.



Closure Sunday 21st December

The club will be closed from midday Sunday 21st December to allow for site maintenance work to be completed.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to members but it was felt this date & time would result in the least amount of disruption.

Entry door access code – a situation has been reported where a non-member was provided with the door entry access code.

Please DO NOT share the door code with anyone as all members will have been informed of the code in use. We are looking at options to amend the door code and will advise members accordingly.



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

email: newsletter@norfolkbc.org.uk

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



Over the page is a tea time teaser, no prizes just a little bit of Christmas Fun when you can't eat anymore and The Great Escape is the only film on the TV.

Merry Christmas everyone !

Bowls Mania

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Q T L R A E B Y K C A J B W E M R
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