



# Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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## Bowls Section

These minutes have not yet been ratified

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Present:** Glenda Adcock (President & Chair), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary & Trustee), Bob Smith (Hon. League Secretary), Jamie Austin-Mills (Hon. Competition Secretary), Lewis Betts, Wendy Bryant, Cynthia Lansdell & Alan Tubby (Elected members) & Alan Coombe (Trustee).

**Not present:** Tony Dunton (Hon. Ass. Bowls Secretary), John Ottaway (Trustee).

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from John and Tony.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Wendy Bryant, seconded Cynthia Lansdell).
3. **Matters arising** – None.
4. **Correspondence** – Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
  - a) E-mail received from Ian Groves – NBA League Secretary asking if the 'C' team would rather play in zone South avoiding the 'B' team in Central.
5. **Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) –**
  - a) **Report**  
Outdoor Season 2025  
Age Concern League – Congratulations to the team for a successful year, winning the Norwich zone, runners up to Hethersett Social in the league playoffs and beating Reepham in the Knockout Cup 37-28.  
Indoor Season 2025/26  
Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 3 games, won 1 and lost 2. The team lay in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 9 points, 3 points behind Lynnsport 'A' who have played 4 games. The game that was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> November against NBC 'A' will now be played on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026.  
'B' Team (Division 2) – Played 5 games, won 3 and lost 2. The team lay in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 21.5 points, equal with Diss in 1<sup>st</sup> place.  
'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 4, won 1 and lost 3. The team lay in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 11 points, 2 points behind 6<sup>th</sup> place Gallow 'C'.  
The league tables are displayed on the Men's notice board and face book each week.  
Men's County O60 Double Rink Competition (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Group B) – Played and won 2 games and lay in 1<sup>st</sup> place.  
'B' Team (Group B) – Played and lost 2 games and lay in last place.  
The league tables are displayed on the Men's notice board and face book after each round.  
Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - In the Premier Division the ladies have played 4 games, won 2 and lost 2. The team lay in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 14 points, 2 points behind 4<sup>th</sup> place Lowestoft.  
National Indoor Competitions (EIBA) - O60's Double Rink (Men) – Dell 'A' lost to Beccles 29-31 and Dell 'B' lost to Gallow 'A' 26-48.

Denny Cup (Men) – Lost to Gallow in the preliminary round 66-94. The team then played and beat Roundwood in the Denny Plate. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the plate, they unfortunately lost to Acle.  
 Egham Trophy (Mixed) – Lost to Roundwood in the preliminary round 65-90.  
 Mason Trophy (Ladies) – Played and beat Roundwood in the 1<sup>st</sup> round 26-48. They will next face Lowestoft Railway.

Member’s Individual Achievements - Ian Turnbull and Julian Cook have reached the Pairs final of the County 2024/25 transition playoffs (Club Champions 2024/25) by beating a pair from Roundwood 17-9. The final is to be played at County Arts IBC on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Ian is also due to play Sam King (Gallow) in the semi-final of the Singles.

Club Friendly - Mixed friendly to be played on the 11<sup>th</sup> December against the Norfolk President’s Invitational team has been well supported by the members. This match includes an after-match buffet. Paul Groom agreed to be the captain and pick the team; a team sheet is displayed on the notice board.

Miscellaneous

Presentation Evening - My thanks go to all that helped before and on the evening. All but 3 prizes were collected on the night. I would suggest we hold next year’s presentation evening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 with a start time of 7.30pm.

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc. - The County website has been updated to include a tab to display the Ladies County League table and results.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Men) - A summary of the Clubs meeting held in October: -

- Approx. 9 friendlies will be arranged. Considering rising food costs match fees will increase in 2026.
- Andrea Morton has taken on the role of County Safeguarding Officer for both men's and ladies' sections.
- A simpler version of Bowls England Disciplinary Regulation 9 is expected to be published in December.
- Developing a new website (jointly with the Ladies) with a front end to hold similar information as the current site also to run and manage the Competitions & County League. They chose the company and software used by Bowls England, EIBA, and other counties.
- Competition entry fees will increase in 2026 to £6.05 per player.
- Team Competition entry fees will increase in 2026 to: -

	<b>Current per team</b>	<b>Proposed per team</b>
<b>County League</b>	£10.00	£17.50
<i>(12 players over 14 games - £0.10 per player per game)</i>		
<b>Bales Cup</b>	£8.00	£15.00
<i>(equivalent to £1.25 per player)</i>		
<b>Lord Fermoy Cup</b>	£8.00	£12.00
<i>(equivalent to £1.50 per player)</i>		
<b>Jermy Cup</b>	£10.00	£12.00
<i>(equivalent to £1.25 per player)</i>		

The AGM is to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at County Arts. All documentation relating to this meeting is displayed on the Men’s notice board in the outdoor veranda.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Ladies) - The AGM was held in November and attended by Glenda Adcock (Club President). Summary of the meeting: -

- Rule passed to allow two clubs with insufficient members to enter a team together in the Webb Trophy.
- All nominated Officer’s were appointed.
- Information given on the new website being developed. Ladies section will pay a proportion of the costs towards the new system.

EIBA Ltd - The Annual Club Subscription and Playing Membership Levy for 2025/26 is due for payment by 31 December. The amount payable this year is £5.00 per member over the age of 18 plus club subscription of £136.50.

Facebook - Alistair Stevenson is doing a great job in looking after the postings for fixtures and results on Facebook. Members who are involved in national games need to let Ali or me know of away games to enable both Facebook and the website calendar to be updated.

Saxon Bowls Club - An agreement has been reached whereby Saxon will use the club's outdoor green and facilities for its home matches during 2026.

- b) **Men's NBA & County League Nominations & Motions** – All agreed to support the Officer nominations and the majority agreed not to support the motion vote on “making it mandatory to provide refreshments after all Premier League matches”.
- c) **Men's NBA County League Zone Structure** – See correspondence 4 a) Majority agreed for both the 'B' and 'C' teams to stay in the Central Zone.
- d) **Bowls England Team Competition entries 2026** – It was proposed by Jean Webb, seconded by Alan Coombe to enter a team in the Men's Top Club, Club Two Fours and O60 Mixed Two Fours (Tony Allcock Trophy). All in favour.
- e) **Ashill & District & Age UK League entries 2026** – It was agreed to enter 2 teams into each of the following leagues: - Ashill & District Mixed Triples league and Age Concern league.
- f) **New Domestic League/Competition Development** – Officers are looking at the possibility of introducing a new league called the Day League and investigating in playing a singles format.
- g) **Daily Playing Sessions** – It was proposed by Jean Webb, seconded by Jamie Austin-Mills that from 2026/27 indoor season to have only one evening session 6.30pm. All in favour. Jean to seek Management committee's approval.
- h) **New Members Support** – It has been suggested that new members, if required should be given support and guidance, like a buddy system for a few months after joining. The members that take on this role will be called Club Ambassadors. Alan Tubby and Lewis Betts showed an interest in this role and Jean is to speak to the Club Secretary
- i) **Engraving Competition Cup/Shields** – It was proposed by Jean Webb and seconded by Bob Smith that competition cups/shields/plates be engraved with the winner's names. All in favour. Wendy Bryant is to enquire about costs at Clements in Wymondham and Cynthia Lansdell at Broadland Engraving.

#### 6. **Hon. League Secretary's Report (Bob Smith) –**

The Winter 2025/26 Leagues are now running relatively well.

The Monday Evening Australian Pairs League has caused some issues and concerns due to the large number of teams, resulting in the late session having to be used. We will now have to reconsider the configuration of this league for next year.

We are now closely monitoring the un-played matches. The list has been growing but we have recently issued a report to all teams concerned, which has certainly prompted action to re-arrange these matches. We will continue to issue these reminders so that we do not end up with a large number of un-played matches at the end of the season.

There are 3 forms on the website which help all members manage their matches and are quick and easy to use. Further encouragement for members to use these forms should and will be given.

Looking forward to the summer, we will again try and get a least a couple of outdoor leagues to run and an increased number of indoor leagues particularly for our new members.

#### 7. **Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin-Mills) –**

Entry numbers for the Ladies' and Men's competitions remained almost identical to last year.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>
M Singles	24	26
M Pairs	19	19
M Triples	12	11
M Fours	9	8
L Singles	4	5
L Pairs	6	5
Total	74	74

As of today, the Men's Competitions are in the quarter-finals. The Ladies' singles and pairs begin shortly.

Entries for the Open and Mixed competitions close at the end of this month. As of today, entry numbers stand as follows\*: (Last season's numbers in brackets).

Mixed Pairs:	11	(13)
Sets Singles:	14	(17)
Handicap Singles:	14	(23)
Carter's Shield:	17	(30)

\*I am aware of a handful of entries that have not been processed yet.

Easter Tournament: I will be away over Easter next year. I will set up the competition, but I won't be available to run it on the day.

**8. Any Other Business -**

- a) Veterans League – Stopping during the game for a coffee break is reportedly no longer popular with the players. Bob Smith to survey the Veteran and Sunday Morning league players and report back to the committee.
- b) Muddle – Could Wednesday muddle be moved to 9.30am instead of 12noon session? Jean Webb to survey the attendees and report back to the committee.

**9. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 28th January 2026 @ 10.00am**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am

Chair (print) ..... Signed..... Date .....