



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Present:** Glenda Adcock (President & Chair), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Hon. Ass. Bowls Secretary), 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:** John Ottaway (Trustee).

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from John.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Wendy Bryant, seconded Cynthia Lansdell). All in favour.
3. **Matters arising –**
  - Item 5d) – Entries to be submitted.
  - Item 5e) – Teams entered and confirmed.
  - Item 5f) – Ongoing.
  - Item 5g) – Management Committee approved the committee's proposal to have only one evening session from 2026/27.
  - Item 5h) – Jean spoke to the Club Secretary. Ongoing.
  - Item 5i) – Ongoing. Wendy enquired at Clements for costs. Cynthia contacted Broadland Engraving and to cost they require a photograph of the trophies.
  - Item 8a) – Players surveyed. Majority in favour of continuing to stop for a tea/coffee break during Veterans and Sunday morning league games.
  - Item 8b) – Attendees surveyed. Majority in favour of leaving the session time at 12noon for the Wednesday muddle.
4. **Correspondence –** Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
  - a) E-mail from County Secretary – Norfolk County Indoor Bowls Assoc., notification of a SGM to be held on Sunday 8th February to present proposals in relation to the county competitions.
  - b) E-mail to County League Secretary - Norfolk Bowls Assoc. requesting, if possible, home games for Wymondham Dell 'A' team be scheduled on different weeks than those for our 'B' and 'C' teams.
  - c) E-mail from County League Secretary – Norfolk County Indoor Bowls Assoc., regarding an appeal concerning a de-registration decision made by him. Replied in support of his decision.
  - d) E-mail to Coach Bowls listing the free weekends available to schedule a level 1 coaching course.
  - e) E-mail from Harry Geary requesting the club to support his nomination to be elected as an Executive member of the Norfolk Bowls Assoc. Executive Board (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Lewis Betts). All in favour.

## 5. **Hon. Bowls Secretary's Report (Jean Webb) –**

### a) **Report**

#### Indoor Season 2025/26

Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 6 games, won 1 and lost 5. The team lay in 6<sup>th</sup> place, 2.5pts ahead of bottom placed County Arts 'A'.

'B' Team (Division 2) – Played 7 games, won 4 and lost 3. The team lay in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 29.5pts, 0.5pt ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Acle 'B' who has a game in hand.

'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 8 games, won 4 and lost 4. The team lay in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 27pts, 1.5pts behind Gallow 'C' and 1pt ahead of Norfolk BC 'C'.

The league tables are displayed on the Men's notice board and Facebook page each week.

Men's County O60 Double Rink Competition (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Group B) – Played and won all four games and have already qualified for the semi-final even if they lose 6pts – O in their last game against Roundwood 'A'.

'B' Team (Group B) – Played and lost 4 games. The captain's objective is to give most players a game. For the inexperienced players the chance to play competitively and to gain experience playing on various surfaces.

The league tables are displayed on the Men's notice board and Facebook page after each round.

Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - In the Premier league the ladies have played 8 games, won 4 and lost 4. The team lay in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 30pts, 0.5pt ahead of Acle 'A' who has a game in hand.

The league tables are displayed on the Ladies' notice board and Facebook page each week.

National Indoor Competitions (EIBA) - Mason Trophy (Ladies) – Beat Lowestoft Railway 39-34 in the 2nd round then narrowly lost in the 3rd round by 2 shots 30-32 to Mid-Suffolk.

Member's Individual Achievements - In the semi-final of the County 2024/25 Singles Ian Turnbull lost to the eventual Champion Sam King (Gallow) 8-21.

Ian Turnbull and Julian Cook became runners up in the County 2024/25 Pairs losing to Dan Seabourne and James Segolo (NBC) 11-28 in the final.

Club Friendlies - The friendly game against NCIBA President's Invitation team was played on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Dell won 110 shots to 82, our best rink went to Lionel Murfit, Barry Layton, Alan Willer and Ian Turnbull. For this game we received good support from our male members, but very few lady members put their names forward, only 4 ladies played on the day. This proved very unpopular with the County Match Secretary and could jeopardise future games.

The final two friendlies this season:

- Sat, 21 March vs Melton Mowbray President's Touring side at 2pm.
- Sun, 29 March vs Norfolk Past Presidents at 2pm.

#### Outdoor Season 2026

Outdoor Green - The green will open and be ready for play from 11am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

County League & Team Competitions (NBA) - Our county league 'A' team is to play in the Premier League, and both our 'B' and 'C' teams will play in the Central Zone.

No details have been issued to date.

Ashill & District Mixed Triples League - The leagues AGM is to be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January and at this meeting the fixtures will be issued. Glenda Adcock will represent Wymondham Dell at this meeting as I am unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

Age UK League - Tony is in the process of arranging the League fixtures.

Wymondham Dell Blue is in the Weston Section, playing Watton Foxes, Hingham Bishops, Wicklewood, Bradenham A, Whinburgh, Shipdham and Scarning.

Wymondham Dell Red (should be green) is in the Norwich Section, playing Thorpe Rec, Shotesham, Cringleford, Hethersett Social Club, Saxon and Wymondham Priory.

In the knock-out cup both teams have been drawn away against Kenninghall Red Lion and Elmham Kings Head.

Tony is to attend the leagues AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Club Friendlies - Tony is in the process of organising the summer friendlies.

This year, the matches against Cromer Marrams will take place away on Sunday, June 28th, and at home on Sunday, July 26th.

A pre-season game against Saxons on Tuesday 28th April, format 4 rinks of triples under federation rules has also been agreed.

Games will also be arranged with the Priory and Hethersett Social.

#### Miscellaneous

Honours Boards – Have been updated.

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc. - The draws for the 2025/26 end of season Playoffs are now available to view on the County website.

Norfolk County Women's Indoor Bowling Assoc. - A Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, 16 February. A notice is to be displayed on the ladies' notice board inviting members to submit items for discussion.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. - Derek Ryder (Harling Rec. BC) has been appointed County Disciplinary Officer and is the primary contact for advice and guidance.

The affiliation fees for 2026 are £9.35 per playing member (£7.35 paid to Bowls England and £2.00 paid to Norfolk Bowls Assoc) and are due on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The competition fees (County Championship) for 2026 are £6.05 per player (£4.05 paid to Bowls England and £2.00 paid to Norfolk Bowls Assoc.). In 2027 these will increase to £6.50.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Men) - Alan Coombe attended the AGM on 7th December due to the Club delegate being unavailable. The key summary points:

- Officers were appointed in accordance with the agenda. Positions of Senior and Vice President remain vacant.
- Alan Willer replaces Barry Cocks as League Management representative for Central Zone.
- Motion for all Premier League teams to provide food post match was not passed. The provision of food remains optional.
- The Bowls Big Weekend will not run in 2026.
- Bowls England are reviewing and updating their transgender policy.

Markers Course - Being held at Lowestoft Railway IBC on 9<sup>th</sup> February. A notice with full details is displayed on the notice board.

Management Committee - At the recent Management meeting the following was agreed: -

- Dales to stretch indoor carpet on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- Advertise the function room for hire to outside parties.
- New hand dryer installed in the ladies' toilets.
- Replace lights in the bowls hall to LED.
- Look at parking signage.
- Organise a pool and darts night.

b) **Norfolk Bowls Association County Team Competition entries 2026** – It was agreed to enter the following: -

- Men's Bales cup
- Men's Lord Fermoy cup x 2 teams.
- Mixed Jermy cup.

c) **Club Team Captains required for 2026/27 (elect at 2026 AGM)** – Nominations will be sought for all 16 teams.

If a team lacks a captain, the Bowls Committee will appoint a selection committee until the post is filled.

d) **Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association County Competitions 2026/27** – Copy of the proposals was circulated.

The committee was generally not in favour of the proposals. Jean, with the Club delegate, will attend the SGM, during which these items will be formally presented and thoroughly discussed, with consideration given to any alternative suggestions.

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

The Winter 2025/26 Leagues continue to run relatively well.

Unfortunately, due to an injury/health issue we have had to withdraw a team from the Mixed Pairs League which is now running with 11 teams rather than 12.

Over the Christmas period and early January, the number of un-played matches has now increased to around 30 matches. This is obviously an unacceptable level, and an email will shortly be sent to all relevant teams to remind them to rearrange these matches at the earliest opportunity and the situation will be closely monitored.

The 3 forms on the website which help all members manage their matches are quick and easy to use. Further encouragement for members to use these forms 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 newer members. We are currently looking at different formats of play to encourage this.

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

As of today, the Men's and Ladies' Competitions are all at the final stage. The Men's Triples was played last week. Congratulations to the winners, Peter Richmond (sub), Carl Walker and Gary Goodrum. The Fours was played last night. Congratulations to the winners, Keith Kinsey, Peter Harlow, Jack Adcock and Jamie Austin-Mills.

Entries for the Open and Mixed competitions closed after the last meeting, and these are the entry numbers: (last season's numbers in brackets).

Mixed Pairs	13	(13)
Sets Singles	20	(17)
Handicap Singles	22	(23)

These competitions begin next month.

Carters Shield – Due to entry numbers being down by a third compared with last year, I devised a new format for the twenty entrants to play a series of Aussie Pairs drives over several weeks. However, this format seems popular, as another ten players signed up. We have run the first two weeks so far, and all seems to be going well. This format would work with up to 40 players.

**8. Any Other Business –**

- a) Muddle – Could the committee consider running an evening muddle to enable working members to attend. It was pointed out that we do run a muddle on a Sunday at 6pm
- b) Music – It would be nice to have the option of playing music while playing bowls. Jean to approach Management Committee to consider installing a sound/pa system in the bowls hall.
- c) Equipment - Members continue to tamper with the PC, i-pads and TV on the concourse. Besides being frustrating, these can be time-consuming to resolve. Jean informed the committee that this was raised at the last Management Meeting.
- d) Session Change Overs – Players are encroaching the area around the tables and are placing bowls on the edge of the rinks before bowlers have left the green.
- e) Outteridge Cup – Could the novice and beginners' competition be run again.
- f) Open Day – Recruitment team hoping to host an open day on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
- g) Bowls Section AGM – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April after the Club AGM at 7pm.
- h) Singles - Keith Kinsey requested that the committee think about organising informal, non-competitive practice sessions to help players improve their singles match skills.

9. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 10.00am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am

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