



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 18th March 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 & Alan Tubby (Elected members), Alan Coombe (Trustee).

Not present: Cynthia Lansdell (Elected member), John Ottaway (Trustee).

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Cynthia and John.
- 2. The minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2026** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Jamie Austin-Mills, seconded Wendy Bryant).
- 3. Matters arising -**
Item 8h): Covered in Singles Play 5e).
- 4. Correspondence –** Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
 - a) E-mail from Gordon Roberts requesting the club to support his nomination to be elected as Match Secretary of the Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Glenda Adcock). **All in favour.**
 - b) E-mail from Mundford BC about moving the Graves Cup to Friday evenings; responded that Saturdays are preferred but will support either day.

5. Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) –

a) Report

Indoor Season 2025/26

Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 11 games, won 2 and lost 9. The team languish at the bottom of the division, on 20.5pts the same as County Arts but behind on score difference.

'B' Team (Division 2) – Played 11 games, won 5 and lost 4. The team lay in 3rd place with 40pts, 9.5pts behind Roundwood and 0.5pts ahead of Diss.

'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 13 games, won 7 and lost 6. The team lay in 3rd place with 49.5pts, 6pts behind Lynnsport and 1pt ahead of Gallow.

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 5 games. The team went on to beat Acle 'A' 43-32 in the semi-final and went on to win and retain the title against Gallow 'A' 50-35. I would like to congratulate all the team members on their achievement.

'B' Team (Group B) – Played and lost 5 games.

Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - In the Premier league the ladies have played 11 games, won 5 and lost 6. The team lay in 4th place with 36.5pts, 13pts behind Acle and 1pt ahead of County Arts with one game to play.

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Member's Individual Achievements - In the semi-finals of the County Championship play-offs our member Alistair Stevenson is playing Stephen Winter (Lynnsport) at Norfolk BC. On Tuesday 17th March and Jamie Austin-Mills Triples team play Steve Artis (Roundwood) at Acle on Thursday 19th March.

Club Friendlies - There are three friendly matches left to be played indoors. Player registration sheets are on the notice board for last two games.

Saturday 21st March vs. Melton Mowbray President's Tour side 2pm start.

Sunday 29th March vs. Norfolk Past Presidents 2pm start with after match buffet.

Sunday 12th April vs. The Brecks 10am start.

Outdoor Season 2026

A circular was sent out in February to all members with an email address informing them that the registration lists for the outdoor external leagues are now up on the notice boards in the outdoor pavilion.

County League (NBA) - Open to both Men and Women. Each team consists of 3 rinks of fours played over 18 ends.

The league starts on Wednesday 29th April with the 'A' team playing away at St Lawrence, 'B' team home to Shipdham and no game for the 'C' team.

County Competitions (NBA) - Waiting for draws to be published.

Ashill & District Mixed Triples League - A team is made up of three rinks of triples and each rink must include at least one male and one female player. The first matches are scheduled for Tuesday 26th May, with the Blue team playing at home against Aldiss Park Magpies, while the Green team will be away at Swaffham.

Age UK League - Players aged 55 and above, both men and women, compete in triples on two rinks. The Green team's first match is the knockout cup at Red Lion Kenninghall on Friday 8th May. The Blue team plays Shipdham at home on Monday 11th May.

Club Friendlies - Tony has organised games against Saxon, Cromer Marrams, Priory and Hethersett Social. Our first game is an evening game against Saxon on Tuesday 28th April.

Indoor Season 2026/27

Over 60 Double Rink Competition - Clubs were invited to vote on the format they would like the O60 Double Rink Competition to be next season - the majority decision is in favour of changing the format to divisions rather than groups.

Therefore, if Clubs enter the same number of teams next season the format of the competition will be as follows: -

Division 1 - will comprise the top 2 teams from this season's groups - Acle 'A', Beccles, Gallow'A', Lynnsport 'A', Norfolk BC & Wymondham 'A'.

Division 2 - will comprise the teams who finished 3rd and 4th in this season's groups - Acle 'B', Dereham, Diss, Gallow 'B', Lowestoft Rail 'A' & Roundwood 'A'.

Division 3 - will comprise the bottom 2 teams from this season's groups - County Arts, Gallow 'C', Lowestoft Rail 'B', Lynnsport 'B', Roundwood 'B' & Wymondham 'B'.

Each team in the divisions will play the other teams once and will therefore play 5 games in total.

Miscellaneous

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Key points of the Executive meeting held in February: -

- Chris Taylor (Secretary) informed the committee that he will not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM.
- 2026/27 County League will continue in its present format and will start on Saturday 3rd October 2026.
- League Secretary will be putting forward a motion to the AGM to reduce the number of ends played in the O60's competition to 18 ends.

A SGM followed the Executive meeting to discuss and consider proposals from the Hon. Competition Secretary for changes to the format of the 2026/27 County Competitions, to allow for formal submissions at this year's AGM.

Norfolk County Women's Indoor Bowling Assoc. - I attended the Council meeting in February; no significant issues arose.

Norfolk Bowls Association - Harry Geary has been re-elected to the position of Norfolk Bowls Association Executive Officer and will serve 3 years until March 2029.

Affiliations are due to Bowls England and Norfolk Bowls Association by 30th April. This year the Bowls England fee is £7.35 per player and the Norfolk Bowls Association fee remains at £2.00 per player.

NBA Men's Section - The Management Committee has appointed Richard Summers of Norfolk BC as County Team Manager, and his three-year tenure will start in 2026.

A Clubs meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday 29th March. A notice will be posted on the outdoor notice board inviting members to submit any items they wish to have discussed at the meeting.

NBA Ladies Section - A Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd March.

English Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Entries are now open for Summer National competitions in Men's and Women's Singles, Open Pairs, Open Triples, and Para Open Pairs. The fee is £5.00 per player. Enter via the EIBA website. The closing date for entries is Monday 27th April 2026.

Advertised on notice boards, club web page and Facebook.

Tickets for the National Finals at Nottingham IBC are now available for purchase on the EIBA website.

Bowls England - Registered with Bowls England to receive latest news and updates on the Big Bowls Summer.

Management Committee - The management committee will meet on 25th March.

b) **Bowls Section AGM** – This meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April, following the Club AGM, which begins at 7pm. Members have submitted no motions. Jean announced the nominees for all key Officer positions except Club Vice-President. Currently, no members have volunteered for these Captain roles: Indoor Men's 'A' team, Indoor Men's O60 'B' Team, Outdoor County League 'C' team, Outdoor Ashill Green team, and Outdoor Age Concern Green team.

A vote on the night conducted by paper ballot will take place for the positions with more than the required number of nominees.

Potential outdoor internal leagues to be discussed in the open forum.

c) **County Team entries for 2026/27 Indoor Season** – Must be sent to the Men's and Ladies' County associations by Tuesday 31st March 2026.

Jean Webb proposed, seconded by Tony Dunton to enter 1 Ladies team and 3 Men's teams in the County Leagues. **All in favour.**

Because the Men's O60 Double Rink Competition has changed its format from groups to divisions, a player survey will be carried out this year to help determine the number of teams.

d) **Date for Presentation Evening 2026** – Friday 23rd October 2026 start time 7.30pm.

e) **Singles Play** – Building on from Keith Kinsey's idea, Chris Pickard has also put forward a proposal for a Singles League.

The committee approved the idea, and the Officers will proceed with input from Keith and Chris.

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

The Winter 2025/26 Leagues are now approaching the end of the winter season.

Unfortunately, there are still approximately 30 un-played matches. However, there does seem considerable effort to get these matches played before the end of the season. A reminder will be sent out to all those concerned to highlight the short period now left to complete the matches.

The summer Indoor League registration forms have now been available for several weeks, but

the response has been poor. We will endeavour to get at least one league to run on a day that is most suitable for interested teams.

We will again try and get at least a couple of outdoor leagues to run on Friday evening and/or Sunday Morning using a new Day League format which requires less commitment but still provides competitive scoring.

We are also looking into an alternative Rink Booking System for the Summer season only as the current system is no longer financially acceptable. More detail in due course.

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

The finals of the Carter's Shield took place on Friday 27th February, with Andrew Gaze and Carl Walker the winners.

It is the semi-final of the Mixed Pairs this Friday 20th March.

The Sets and Handicapped singles are progressing well.

The Easter Aussie Pairs tournament is to be held on Good Friday, 3rd April; The registration list has been posted on the notice board.

8. Any Other Business –

- a) Trophies Engraving – Ongoing. Competition trophies are to be photographed and sent to engravers for estimate.
- b) Smokers – Members are still going outside in bowls shoes to smoke/vape. Refer to Club Secretary.
- c) Shoes – Members are still wearing their outdoor shoes on the indoor carpet. Refer to Club Secretary.
- d) Disc Holders – The holders on the rink tables are a good idea and work well.

9. Date of next meeting - Thursday 23rd April 2026 @ 10.00am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am

Chair (print) Signed..... Date