



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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Bowls Section

These minutes have not yet been ratified

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026

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

Not present: John Ottaway (Trustee).

1. Alan Willer (Club President) was **duly elected as Chairperson to oversee committee meetings** (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Alan Coombe). All in favour.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from John.
3. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2026** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Wendy Bryant, seconded Cynthia Lansdell).
4. **Matters arising –**
Item 8c): Entries submitted for 2026/27 season - 4 x County league teams & 2 x O60 Double Rink Comp teams.
5. **Correspondence –** Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
6. **Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) –**
a) Report
Indoor Season 2025/26
Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 12 games, won 2 and lost 10. The team finished bottom, 7.5pts behind County Arts and has been relegated to division two.
'B' Team (Division 2) – Played 12 games, won 5 and lost 7. The team finished 5th with 42pts, 3.5pts behind Diss 'A'.
'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 14 games, won 8 and lost 6. The team finished in 3rd place with 54.5pts beating Gallow 'C' on shots difference.
Final league table is displayed on the Men's notice board and Facebook page.

Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - On conclusion of the season the ladies played 12 games, won 5 and lost 7. The team finished in 5th place, 6.5pts ahead of the next placed team.

Member's Individual Achievements - Peter Bailey, Jack Adcock and Jamie Austin met a strong side from Norfolk BC in the triple's final of the Norfolk County Finals losing 22-2.

Club Friendlies - Friendly v Norfolk PP's won 4 out of 5 rinks overall shots 122-53. Top rink went to Eddie Briggs, Chris Pickard & Harry Geary.
Friendly v Melton & District President's Tour won on all 6 rinks overall shots 118-46. Top Rink went to Bob Wood, Gabrielle Gatehouse, Keith Kinsey & Glenda Adcock.
Friendly v The Brecks won 3 out of 6 rinks overall shots 112-79. Top rink went to Stephen Ramsbottom, Paul Groom & Peter Harlow.

Outdoor Season 2026

County League (NBA) - The 'A' and 'B' team captains have selected their players. We still need more due to unexpected dropouts, but since the 'C' team has no game in the first week, we have extra time to recruit.

County Team Competitions (NBA) - These games are on a knockout basis and played on fixed dates organised by Norfolk Bowls.

- Bales Cup – Home against Long Stratton on 8th May.
- Fermoy Cup – Dell 'B' against Dell 'A' on 11th June.

The players for the Bales and Fermoy are selected from the men taking part in the County League teams.

- Jermy Cup – Home against Thorpe Rec on 17th May.

National Competitions (Bowls England) - These games are on a knockout basis and scheduled through mutual agreement and must be played before their play by dates. Team captains will arrange the dates.

- Club Two Fours – Home against Norfolk 'B' play by 17th May.
- Men's Top Club – Away against Hempton play by 7th June.
- Tony Allcock O60 Mixed Fours Trophy – Home against Norfolk play by 14th June.

Club Friendly - The season kicks off with a match against Saxons on Tuesday evening 28th April.

Indoor Season 2026/27

English Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Entries for the National competitions are now open and can be made via the competition portal on their website. Closing date for entries is Monday 8th June.

Norfolk County Leagues - Player registration sheets for members to sign up to play in these teams next season are on the Men's and Ladies notice boards.

Miscellaneous

Norfolk Bowls Association - 2026 affiliation fees and levies for the County Association and Bowls England are due for payment. Club subscription is £12.00 and playing member levy is £9.35 per player.

Coach Bowls - A Level 1 coaching course has been arranged for this area, starting on 27th May with 2 zoom sessions then followed by 2 practical sessions being held here at the Club.

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

- To upgrade the lighting to LED in the bowls hall.
- Elect Premises sub-committee – Club Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and Alan Tubby.
- Elect Outdoor Green sub-committee – Club Secretary, Alan Willer, Garry Oakley and Gary Goodrum.
- Elect Social sub-committee – Rosemary Leeder, Jamie Austin and Glenda Adcock.
- Display large sign at concourse entrance requesting members to wipe their feet before entering the club and requesting removal of bowls shoes or shoe covers to be worn on exiting the club.

Members Information - The summer fixture booklet is now available and can be downloaded from the Club website.

b) EIBA Team Competition entries 2025/26 – The following national entries were agreed:

Denny Cup (Men) – one team.

O60 Double Rink (Men) – two teams.

Mason Trophy (Ladies) – one team.

Egham Trophy (Mixed) – one team.

(proposed Glenda Adcock, seconded Tony Dunton). **All in favour.**

c) Motions and candidates for Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Ass. AGM 2026 –

Gordon Roberts requested to be nominated for the position of Match Secretary (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Jamie Austin). **All in favour.**

No motions to be put forward.

d) AGM Open Forum – The following items were raised by the committee:

- I. Q – Bob informed and explained to the floor the new Rink diary system for outdoor rink bookings.
R – No negative comments received from the floor.
- II. Q – Opinions sought on which Summer internal leagues would be supported.
R – Positive response from the floor for an Indoor Thursday morning league and Outdoor Friday evening and Sunday morning league.
- III. Q – Opinions sought on running a couple of open competitions outdoors.
R – No objections received from the floor; all seemed in favour of the idea.
- IV. Members reminded that the outdoor registration lists for the external leagues are up in the outdoor pavilion.
Q – A member asked if a copy could be put up on the indoor notice board?
A – In previous years, this has caused confusion and extra administration, with members signing up for the wrong leagues. It was therefore agreed to keep the lists separate. A notice on the indoor boards directs members to the outdoor registration lists.
- V. Questions raised from the floor:
Q – How will members know when they are due to play?
A – Agree a system with team captain.
- VI. Q – Would it be possible to have Club finals condensed over a weekend or two?
A – Proved difficult in past years, but committee will consider the request.
— The committee agreed to trial a competition finals weekend this summer.

e) Vacant Positions – Two candidates Garry Oakley and Phil Norton came forward for the role of Indoor Men's 'A' team Captain.

The following appointments were made:

Garry Oakley – Indoor Men's 'A' team Captain.

(proposed Alan Willer, seconded Tony Dunton). **All in favour.**

Tony Dunton – Outdoor Age UK Green team Captain.

Glenda Adcock – Outdoor Mixed team competition Captain and Club Friendly Captain.

(proposed Jean Webb, seconded Tony Dunton). **All in favour.**

Jean informed the committee that there may be a candidate to captain the Green Ashill team.

Still looking for a lady to become Alan Willer's Vice-President before opening the role to a male member. To be discussed at next meeting.

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

The Winter 2025/26 Leagues will complete at the end of the season.

Un-played matches are now down to less than 10 and will reduce even further by the end of the season. Any outstanding matches will then be referred to treasury to retrieve any outstanding rink fees. This reflects a significant improvement over past years.

The Summer Indoor League registrations have been disappointing and has resulted in a single Open Pairs League played on Thursday mornings with 8 teams.

We still hope to run a new format 'Day League', outdoors on a Friday evening and/or Sunday morning during the 2026 Summer Season. An email has just gone out to determine interest, and results are coming in slowly.

Registration Forms for the Winter 2026/27 season have been available for a few weeks and are now coming in. Forms to be completed by 31st May.

8. Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin) – Indoor competitions are finalised.

Louis Hubbard won the Handicap singles and Gary Goodrum's team won the Triples Knockout Cup.

Now in the process of organising the Outdoor competitions. Each round will have a play by date prior to the finals weekend.

9. **Any Other Business –**

- a) Outdoor Green – Could we consider opening the green on a Saturday with a drive? Maybe have an end of season drive.
- b) Trophies Engraving – Still ongoing.
- c) U3A Recruitment - Harry Geary to come up with a plan to pass to Club Secretary.
- d) Match vs. Saxons – Players to be asked to bring a plate of food.
- e) Indoor County League Lists – Received a request to take off the team option column. (proposed Glenda Adcock, seconded Cynthia Lansdell). **All in favour.**
- f) Bowls ambassadors – Neck name tags being produced by Alan Coombe for Alan Tubby, Lewis Betts, Wendy Bryant, Cynthia Lansdell & Glenda Adcock.

10. **Date of next meeting -** Thursday 25th June @ 10.00am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.58am.

Chair (print) Signed..... Date