



It has been confirmed that the Amy Rose Bowl will be played at HBC on Saturday 31 May 2025 between 9.30 am and 7.00 pm. We will be hosting teams from Essex, Suffolk, Herts and a combined team of Cambs, Hunts & Norfolk. The day consists of singles, pairs, triples and fours and should be a great occasion for our club. {Please let me know if you are able to offer help on the day. Sue



**REMINDER**  
Membership renewals are due by **30 April 2025** at the latest. Thank you to those who have already committed to the club.

### CALENDAR

- 2025**
- 7 April 7pm
  - 8 April 5pm
  - 13 April 2pm
  - 14 April 6pm
  - 17 April 6pm
  - 22 April 6pm
  - 24 April 6pm
  - 25 April 9.45am
  - 26 April 1.45pm
  - 27 April 2-5pm
  - 28 April 6pm
  - 29 April 6pm
  - 30 April
  - 30 April
  - 30 April
  - 1 May
  - 4 May 10am
  - 6 May 6.30pm
  - 12 May
  - 18 May 10am
  - 31 May
  - 5 June
  - 21 June 2pm
  - 22 June
  - 3 July
  - 5 July 2pm
  - 12 July
  - 13 July
  - 20 July
  - 3 August 10.30am
  - 9 August
  - 10 August
  - 13-31 August
  - 16-23 August
  - 1 September
  - 6 September
  - 8 September 7pm
  - 14 September
  - 21 September 2pm
  - 23 September 10am
  - 11 November 7pm
  - 4 December 7pm
- HWBF Delegates Meeting
  - Committee Meeting
  - Cockhouse Cup (subject to green being ready)
  - Ladies Team Practice
  - Mens Team Practice
  - Ladies Team Practice
  - Mens Team Practice
  - Friday Club Starts
  - Saturday Roll Ups Start
  - Open Afternoon
  - Ladies Team Practice
  - Coaching/ Improving Sessions Start
  - Deadline for membership fees.
  - Over 60's League starts (A&C)
  - Over 60's practice session (B&D)
  - Men's League starts
  - Mick Ashmore Triples
  - Mixed League starts
  - Ladies League starts
  - D&D Drawn Triples
  - Amy Rose Bowl, Bowls England
  - Ladies Silver Vase County Match
  - Friendly v Sawtry AWAY
  - Ramsay Open Triples
  - Ladies Silver Vase County Match
  - Friendly v Sawtry HOME
  - Ladies County Semi Finals EBF
  - Men & Mixed County Semi-Finals EBF
  - County Finals EBF
  - Barker Bowl
  - Benevolent Triples Ladies, St. Ives
  - Durham Trophy semi-finals, St. Ives
  - Aviva National Finals (EBA), Leamington
  - EBF Finals, Skegness
  - Ladies League finals
  - Men's League Finals
  - Ladies League AGM
  - Club Finals Day
  - Memorial Shield
  - MacMillan Coffee Morning
  - AGM
  - Men's League AGM

**SQUAD/TEAM SELECTION**  
Squads and teams are only selected after a lot of discussion between Captains and Vice Captains. It is their job to play the best teams available. Members are politely requested to accept the decisions made.

At a recent meeting of all the Over 60's Captains, an agreement was reached that due to the lack of indoor space, we could only provide water/squash during the match, instead of having a break and providing more substantial refreshments.

As it is considered good etiquette to socialise with opponents after competing in a match, which usually involves buying your opponent a drink in the bar, our team members are expected to take part. If members have to leave early after a game, we ask that they ensure that their opposite number is aware that the bar is available, and perhaps offer them a drink.

The Committee has endorsed this agreement.

**BOWLS TERMS**  
*'Judith Chalmers'* – when a bowl is well short of the jack as in "Wish You Were Here"!

If you have anything you would like to share with members via the newsletter, please send to [smpeel8159@gmail.com](mailto:smpeel8159@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition.

There are still a couple of places available on the EBUA Markers Course, Wednesday 16 April. Please let Sue know asap if you would like to book a place.



**"AGE AND GLASSES OF WINE SHOULD NEVER BE COUNTED"**  
*unknown*

**WANTED - BOWLS CARRIERS**  
Do you have any old 4 bowls carriers? If so, could you please donate to the club for storage of our spare bowls. Thank you.



**NEW MEMBERS OPEN AFTERNOON**  
**SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2-5pm**  
It would be lovely to see as many members as possible at our open afternoon; we need a minimum of 2 per rink. Please let Kevin know if you are able to be at the Open Afternoon. Thank you.  
[kevin.thomas1tb@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.thomas1tb@gmail.com)

Bowls Bi-Us will be in attendance at our Open Afternoon. This is a chance to ensure that you are kitted out for the new season with shoes, approved trousers/shorts and any other clothing or accessories you require. If you know that there is something specific that you need, contact Bowls Bi-Us and they will bring your order to the Open Afternoon. Ladies, approved grey shorts are from Aceit.



## CLUB COMPETITIONS

During the season there is an opportunity for members to play in a variety of competitions as listed below. Kevin Thomas is our Competitions Secretary and will be arranging dates for the Sun/Tues matches starting with the Mick Ashmore Triples on Sunday 4 May. You will receive emails from Kevin regarding entering the Sun/Tues matches and also a competition entry form to complete should you wish to enter any of the other club competitions.

BJL HANDICAP (mixed)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
CHARLIE BROWN SINGLES	EBA 4 BOWL	Sun/Tues
CITROEN PAIRS (mixed)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
CONNIE JOHNSON (Ladies)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
D&D DRAWN PAIRS	EBA 2 BOWL	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May
EVERITT DRAWN PAIRS	EBA 3 BOWL	Sun/Tues
GORDON ASHMORE (men)	EBF 2 BOWL	Knock out
HELEN HAYNES (ladies)	EBF 2 BOWL	Knock out
HEMINGFORD CUP	EBF 2 BOWL	Sun/Tues
KESSLER TROPHY (mixed)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
LINNELL TROPHY (mixed)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
MADLAND TROPHY (men)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
TED WARREN TRIPLES	EBA 2 BOWL	Sun/Tues
MICK ASHMORE TRIPLES	EBF 3 BOWL	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May
BEHAGG NOVICES (mixed)	EBA 4 BOWL	Knock out
COCKHOUSE CUP	Men v Ladies	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April
THOMAS MORRIS MEMORIAL SHIELD	Men v Ladies	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept

## FINALS DAY is on SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

IMPORTANT NOTE – If a member knows from the outset that they are not available to play on Finals Day, they should not enter the competitions.

If at a later date, a competitor is aware that he/she will not be available for Finals Day due to extenuating circumstances, he/she should withdraw before the Semi-Final is played.

## EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

The club also enters various external competitions that are either national, run by other clubs or by the league. Members may be asked if they are able to play in a team in one of these competitions. A full list of these external competitions will be displayed in the clubhouse and on the website.



**THE HEMINGFORDS BOWLS CLUB POLITELY REQUESTS THAT YOU DO NOT SMOKE OR VAPE ON THE GREEN OR SURROUNDS. PLEASE USE DESIGNATED AREAS.**



Please let Gareth Evans know should you have any change to your contact details: (address/tel.nos/email)  
Thank you.  
secretary@hemingfordbowls.co.uk

[www.hemingfordbowls.co.uk](http://www.hemingfordbowls.co.uk)

## CLUB SHIRTS / DRESS CODE

Philomena has a limited supply of HBC shirts so if you need one, please contact her on: byrnee@aol.com. Shirts are priced at £27.

A reminder – when representing the club in matches, the dress code MUST be followed. This can be viewed in full on our website. Remember – trousers or shorts must be grey and EBA/EBF approved.

*Please note that the dress code for all club competitions including markers is club shirts or any coloured shirts/ trousers/skirts/ shorts but all clothing should be tailored articles and bowls shoes are required. Strictly no jeans, no collarless shirts. Finals day should be Club Shirts and Greys.*

## THE COCKHOUSE CUP

The Cockhouse Cup is the first Club competition of the season and will take place on Sunday 13 April at 2pm (greens permitting). This is a competition of ladies v men and is open for all members to play in. More details will be sent out soon with details of how to sign up. It will be great to welcome everyone back to the club to launch the new season.

## ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR RINK BOOKINGS

- COUNTY MATCHES
- LEAGUE MATCHES
- CLUB COMPETITIONS
- ROLL UPS

## PRIORITY FOR CHOICE OF RINKS

- COUNTY (or National) Competitions
- LEAGUE MATCHES
- CLUB COMPETITIONS



## NO MOBILE PHONES ON THE GREEN

Rare worn down pencil belonging to William Shakespeare has been unearthed. Experts not sure if the pencil is 2B or not 2B

