



THE HEMINGFORDS BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



Happy Christmas one and all and every good wish for 2026.

Looking forward to the new season and many successes. Sue & Stuart



DATES 2026 (subject to green being ready)

12 April 2pm	Cockhouse Cup
13 April 6pm	Ladies practice
16 April 6.15pm	Men's practice
20 April 6pm	Ladies practice
23 April 6.15pm	Men's practice
24 April 9.45am	Friday club starts
25 April 1.45pm	Saturday roll up starts
26 April 2-5pm	Open Afternoon
27 April 6pm	Ladies practice
4 May 6.15pm	Ladies League starts
23 June 2pm	Friendly Match
2 August 10.30am	Barker Bowl
12-30 August	EBA Finals. LEAMINGTON
22-29 August	EBF Finals. SKEGNESS
13 September	HBC Finals Day
20 September 2pm	Memorial Shield
10 November 7pm	HBC AGM

Captains will be required to lead external competition teams. Interested?

Contact Kevin Thomas 07801 185666

Grass cutters are always welcomed to join the mowing rota. Interested?

Contact John Mitchley 07768 066291

Membership renewal information will be sent out soon. There are some changes/additions, and the form will be electronic. Problems? Contact Gareth Evans 07836 279932

Mixed League will be known as The Hayward League, and we will have 2 teams entering: Hemingford Kites and Hemingford Buzzards. Interested in getting involved? Chat to Jan Nelder, Coordinator 07862 947804

BOWLS BI-US Our local bowls shop is well stocked for all bowls related Christmas presents. Check their website for opening hours: <https://bowlsbi-us.co.uk>

A fun Christmas quiz with a few questions combining general knowledge with lawn bowls trivia. Prize for winner.

Round 1: Christmas General Knowledge

1. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many gifts are given in total?
2. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
3. In which modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
4. Which two reindeers are the closest to Santa's sleigh in the traditional line-up?
5. What popular phrase was made famous by Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?

Round 2: Lawn Bowls Trivia

1. Bowls are shaped so that they travel in an arc rather than a straight line. What is this called?
2. Which famous historical figure is said to have insisted on finishing his game of bowls on Plymouth Hoe before going to battle with the Spanish Armada?
3. What does the phrase "jack high" mean?
4. If a bowl in motion touches the jack, what is it called, and what must be done to it?
5. What are the "lanes" on a bowling green officially called?

Round 3: Combined "Bowls & Christmas" Round

1. "Where did there arise such a clatter?" in the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"? (It's also where you'd play bowls!)
2. The game of lawn bowls has ancient origins, and the Christmas tradition of putting up a tree also originated in a specific country. Which one?
3. In lawn bowls, what word describes the thing you stand on while bowling?
4. If a player bowls the jack short (less than the minimum 23 metres) on Christmas Day, what happens? (Assuming normal rules apply)
5. The 2015 Rose Bowl college football game was won by the Oregon Ducks. What bird is famously eaten at Christmas dinner?

FRIENDLY MATCH

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026 2pm

Paul Costin (EBA marker from our marker training) has asked if we can host the Essex Vice Presidents Bowls Touring party 2026 for a friendly match on the date above followed by drinks. 24 players will be required. Please let me know if you would like to play. Thank you, Sue

COMMITTEE 2025-2026

Chair	Sue Peel
Secretary	Gareth Evans
Treasurer	Eamonn Byrne
Greenkeeper	John Mitchley
Comps. Sec.	Kevin Thomas
Ladies Sec.	Nicky Hastings
Men's A Captain	Mervyn Rossin
Ladies M Captain	Lynne King
Hayward League	Jan Nelder
Over 60s	Mervyn Rossin

TEAM CAPTAINS 2026

Ladies M Team	Lynne King
Ladies W Team	Jacky Austin
Men's A Team	Mervyn Rossin
Men's B Team	Dave Sheppard
Men's C Team	David Bignell
Over 60's A Team	Mervyn Rossin
Over 60's B Team	John Wilson
Over 60's C Team	Alan Kinson
Over 60's D Team	Glynn Read
Hayward League	Jan Nelder

Mixed League leadership to be discussed at a meeting in the new year.

Welcome to Jim and Tim who are joining HBC for the new season. Sounds like we have a new double act!



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