



YOUR CLUB NEEDS



PLAYERS NEEDED FOR FRIENDLY MATCH TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2pm

We are delighted to have been invited to host the Essex Vice Presidents touring party for a friendly but so far, we only have 13 players, and we need 6 rinks of 4 = 24! Please let me know if you can play as I would hate to be in the position of having to cancel given that we have been selected to host. New members welcome. *Sue ps, there will be tea and cakes plus social bar time after the match.*

THE FRANKLIN CHALLENGE SHIELD

The Committee at HBC have kindly allowed us the opportunity to indulge in creating a new annual competition for our club. Mike (now approaching 94 years old) and the late Joyce Franklin have been keen bowlers since the eighties, partaking in all aspects of both management and the sport itself. David and Julie asked if the family could mark the decades of this couple's dedication with a competition "Franklin Challenge Shield." Starting this season the club will recognise a bowler of the season and the way they will do this is to calculate an aggregate of each players performances in club competitions over the season. *David & Julie*

We are very grateful to the Franklin family for this generous donation and send our sincerest thanks. Thanks also to Gareth, David and Kevin for devising the ranking system.



CALENDAR 2026	
31 May 10am	D&D Drawn Pairs
14 June 10am	Charlie Brown Singles
19 June 1.30pm	H&DBL 75 th Anniversary Match at HBC
23 June 2pm	Friendly v Essex VP Touring Team
11 July 9am	Ladies County Semi-Finals at HBC
14 July 5.30pm	Ted Warren Triples
28 July 5.30pm	Everitt Drawn Pairs
2 August 10.30am	Barker Bowl
16 August 10am	Hemingford Cup
12-30 August	Bowls England National Finals, Leamington
22-29 August	EBF Finals, Skegness
10 September 6pm	Men's League finals
13 September 10am	Club Finals Day
14 September 6pm	Ladies League finals
20 September 2pm	Memorial Shield Men v Ladies
21 September 7pm	Ladies League AGM
22 September 10-12	MacMillan Coffee Morning
10 November 7pm	AGM
12 November 7.30pm	HBF AGM
10 December 7.30pm	H&DBL AGM

Information will be sent to you shortly regarding how The Franklin Challenge Shield will be awarded but in essence, the Franklin Challenge Shield will be awarded for consistent performance throughout the season by accumulating the most points for matches won in all competitions. So, in practice, the leading player at season end might not have actually won any finals, but if they have done well progressing through rounds in many of the competitions, they can still accumulate sufficient ranking points to be in contention for heading up the rankings.



No Smoking or Vaping



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

NO MOBILE PHONES ON THE GREEN

Our best wishes are sent to the following members who are currently undergoing treatments, recovering from hospital stays / illness or who are just not currently at their best:

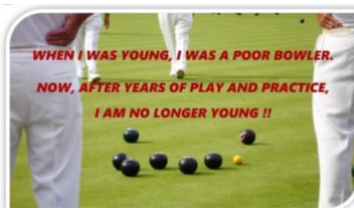
- Chris Threadgold
- Mick Eagle
- Trevor Reynolds
- Brian Clutterbuck
- Don Costello

Chris says his treatment is going to plan and hope to come to the club soon. He asks that we all keep "punchin'" for him! Whilst I was hoping to be back with you by now, my MRI results show that my lower 3,4 and 5 discs are all bulging so it may be a while. Next step is seeing a spinal expert. Thank you for all the good wishes; I am missing you!

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Please make sure that all matches are played by the due date.

Please note provisional competition dates highlighted as above on the calendar.
More information to follow shortly.



Please let Gareth Evans know should you have any change to your contact details.
Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW

what the word 'Jack' actually means? The meaning of the word is subject to debate. Some say it means something which is cast or thrown because of the Latin word 'jactus'. Others say it means something small or inferior. Other, more colloquial names for the jack include the white, the kitty, the sweetie or the cot. In the case of crown green bowls, it is known as the block.

