



Hornsea Bowls Centre Newsletter



We are aware that a lot is happening and there have been almost too many emails coming out so this newsletter aims to get across the key highlights of what's happening so you can dive into the emails or check the club website for anything you may wish to know more about.

Key Dates:

Sat 5th Oct – **Saturday Afternoon opening starts and Supper Club begins**

Fri 18th Oct – **Friday Gig**, Billie-Jo Barrass, 8pm, tickets £6

Tues 22nd Oct – **Jack&Bowl Roadshow** – 11am – 7pm – travelling shop at the club

Sat 26th Oct – **Marker's Awareness Course**, 10 – 4, at the club £15

Sat 2nd Nov – **Club Competitions Close** at 12 noon

Sun 3rd Nov – **Club AGM**, 7pm. Director Nominations and Proposals to be submitted by **12th Oct**

Tues 24th Dec – **Wed 1st Jan (inclusive)** – club closed for Christmas (except for Xmas Pairs Comp)

22nd / 23rd March 2025 – **Finals Weekend** for Club Comps

Bowling Opportunities

Social Bowls Drives – open to members and non-members at normal rates (£5 & £8 respectively), these run on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12.30pm** and on **Saturday mornings at 9.30am**. All welcome, normal rink fees apply for a social game.

Results from the Monday Bowls Drive count towards the **NEW** Neville and Joan Hardy Trophy (best 15 of your scores count), open to all beginners, improvers and new to indoors bowlers .

NEW Saturday Supper Club NEW– Who fancies a game of bowls and then not having to cook tea afterwards? Sound good, then why try the Saturday Supper Club. We start with a game of bowls at 4.30pm (Bowls Drive style) and then a simple hot supper is served (and of course, the bar will be open). So come along and enjoy a social evening of bowls, food and chatter with friends. Members and non-members welcome. And if you don't want supper, that's not a problem either, just pay normal rink fees for a 2 hour game. Members and Non-members welcome!

Leagues - There is one team space available in **the Monday 10.30am triples league** – speak to Graham Watson if you want to be part of a team in this league. Members can also still sign up to be **subs** in the leagues (see league board) & teams are asked to use the subs list to prevent cancellations.

NEW Thursday Community and Outdoors League NEW– all members of Outdoor Clubs and any non-bowling organisation (or even just groups of friends) are invited to form a team to join this new evening league where the emphasis is on fun and social competition. Up to six team members playing a 14 end triples game with substitutions allowed at half time and one member must be a novice at indoor bowls. Coaching available for non-bowlers. So why not form a team and enjoy a social night of bowls, pool and a drink – starts end of October. Rink Fees – £5 / non member £6, ½ game – split fee

Club Teams – lists are now up on the boards **to sign up for club and County teams**. The club team captains are keen to see some new names coming forward for the teams so if you are enjoying playing in leagues why not give it a try. We still need a Mens A Team Captain – see Paul Footitt for details.

Experienced players are also invited to **nominate for the Top Club, Egham, Denny and Over 60's** Double Rink Teams on the Nationals Board. Meanwhile, on the County Board and Ladies Board, nomination sheets are up for anyone wishing to be considered for **the County teams** which includes the men's County B team, a key entry point for becoming a County team player.

NEW Club Shirts – Sponsorship from Greene King is enabling the club to provide newly designed Hornsea Panthers shirts at a discount to the Mens and Mixed National teams and Saturday A team. The B team members are being polled on whether to adopt the new shirts too.



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Club Competitions entries are now open to all members. These include the novices singles and the rabbit pairs for newer bowlers. Please see the forms on the Competitions Board for more details. Entries cost £1 per person to enter.

Friendly Games – please keep an eye on the friendlies board as team members will be needed soon and this is a fun way to experience playing for your club in a social game.

League Cards – Please make sure that only the names of the people who are paying for the match appear on the card and that you check the names and score before signing the card.

Bowlr Hints & Tips – Bowlr has made it much easier for members to manage their own bookings and to see league games and results. It will also be used for the club competitions draws. When booking rinks for Social games, club competitions or National games, please make sure that you add the names of all the people who you know to be playing (including non-members/National opponents) and use the appropriate booking type for the length of game to ensure correct charging on Bowlr. Names can still be added by staff on the day. Bowlr refunds you automatically for cancelled games/bookings.

Thank you to everyone who has moved on to Bowlr for paying. This has cut down the queues at the office and reduced the likelihood of manual errors from payments being missed off Bowlr when staff are busy. If anyone wants to reduce the number of Bowlr emails advising of the cash balance, please speak to the office who can provide guidance on managing e-mails from certain email addresses.

Food, Drink & Social News

Have you tried a coffee from the new **RIJO** coffee machine? Many of our members cannot get enough of it, and much cheaper than a similar coffee in town! Food now served every lunchtime, six days a week with menus on tables. If planning to eat after a morning league, please order before your game where possible. Thank you

The Special Powers of Your Membership Card Not only does your card get you into the club but it also enables you to get **discounted** Member Only prices on food and drinks at the club (but only if your card is swiped through the till).

NEW And Now You Can Go Cashless! The tills have now also been set up so that members can put money onto their card and use it for food and drinks whenever they like. Every time you top up or spend on your card, you can get a receipt showing your current balance. This system is separate from Bowlr, but funds can be transferred from your card onto Bowlr at your *specific* request. So now you can load up your card account then pay for coffees, lunch, Yorkshire games (home legs only) or a few rounds without touching your wallet again. This is the same system as that used in the Golf Club. (And for anyone familiar with the Parent Pay system used in schools for dinner money, Bowlr operates in exactly the same way as the Parent Pay system.)

Money can only be spent from your account by staff swiping your card so no one else can touch that money. And like Bowlr, if and when you cease to be a member, you will be refunded any remaining balance on your card and Bowlr accounts, without hesitation.

Friday Gigs – Elvis was a sell out and over half the tickets have gone for Billie-Jo this month. Light bites will be served on the night so why not join us for a boogie on 18th October. We have entertainment planned for one Friday every month so keep an eye on the notice boards.

Memberships are now over due – Full member £40, Social Member £15 & Junior £10 Lockers £5 Rink Fees are £5 for 2 hrs (£8 non-member), £4 for 1½ Hrs (£6 non), £3 for 1 hour and £2 for ½ hr, Juniors are £1 for up to 2 hours (£2 for non-members).

Saturday Afternoon October special - Pay for 2 hours, play for 3 hours (£5 for everyone/ Jnrs £1).