



Hornsea Bowls Centre Newsletter – Apr 2025



Key Dates:

Fri 11th Apr – Winter leagues end – all games to be played by end of day and cards left in the box

Sun 13th Apr – 6pm – Bowls Committee AGM and Presentation Night – all bowling members are invited to attend the meeting to give your views on the proposals & captaincies with presentations for league winners and championships afterwards

Mon 14th Apr – Bowls Green Carpet lifting and base layer inspections/maintenance plus 4 way stretch – members welcome to take a peak at what lies underneath!

Mon 14th – Tue 15th Apr – club closed for bowling until 7pm on Tuesday

Wed 16th Apr – 100 Up Accumulator games start plus Wed night singles

Fri 18th Apr – Aussie Pairs Accumulator League starts

Sun 20th Apr – New!! Easter Bowls and BBQ – bowling at 10.30am & BBQ after (or just turn up for food and drink). All Welcome to this casual fun event. Bowling £3 (Under 18 £1), Burgers / Hot Dogs £3 each

Tues 22nd Apr – Simon’s Coaching and Skills Mornings start on Tuesdays – 9am – 12 noon - £5

Fri 25th Apr – Friday Gig – Nigel Heap – 8pm - music from all era’s– Tickets £7 from the office

Wed 30th Apr – Stuart’s Afternoon Quiz at 2.30pm – Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person

Fri 23rd May – Friday Gig – Laura Harvey – 8pm – talented vocalist – Tickets £7 from the office

Wed 28th May – Stuart’s Afternoon Quiz at 2.30pm – Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person

Fri 4th July – Friday Gig – Elvis – Fantastic Tribute act

Mon 8th Sept – Winter Leagues start

Regular Dates - Social Bowls Drives - Every Wednesday & Friday at 12.30pm. Also Saturday Brunch Bowls at 9.30am.

Bowling Opportunities & Bowls News

Wednesday Evening Singles League – After the success of the initial Singles League, a Summer Singles League will run on Wednesday nights. Again there will be three games of seven ends. The best performer each week wins £5 with the remainder going into a prize pool for the overall league winner. There are twenty places each week with reserves.

Next season the Thursday Singles League is being expanded to run with more players but on an alternate weeks basis. Anyone interested can sign up now for this league.

Flexible Summer Leagues and Bowls Drives – No-one likes to be tied down when the sun is shining, so this year all summer leagues will be run as accumulator leagues with you best 12 scores over the summer counting to the overall result. This means players can miss weeks or drop their worst results. On Wednesdays, we are trying a 100 Up league and on Fridays there will be an Aussie Pairs League. **What is 100 Up?** Quite simply its bowls that can be played as singles or pairs, where the four nearest bowls to the jack all score points – nearest = 4 points, next = 3 pts, 3rd nearest gets 2 pts and one point for the 4th closest. So 10 pts available per end. Game ends when one player/team reaches 100 pts or after 2 hrs. An easy concept, easy to score and rewards consistency rather than flukes.

Summer and Winter League Sign Ups – League sign up lists for the summer and winter leagues are now up on the notice boards. If adding new teams, do NOT overwrite in slots of deleted teams. Team places will be allocated in the order they appear on the reserves list. Anyone looking to join a team or needing a team member can use the “Reserves and Looking for a Team” list. If members would like to see any new formats (Ultimate Bowls, 100 Up, two bowl triples) or different league times (such as a teatime league) then please let the Bowls Committee know.

Fantastic Fives – the club hopes to enter a team in this National competition so please see Nationals Board to nominate for the team. Singles and pairs can enter Summer Nationals via the EIBA website.

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Summer Yorkshire League – the club has a team entered in the summer two rink triples Yorkshire league which will involve playing some games at home and some away, so please sign up on the Yorkshire League Board if you can play in these.

Leagues in Two Halves – New Proposal at Bowls Committee (BC) AGM – It is proposed to run all leagues with less than 12 teams (or even all leagues) as a league of two halves with the league restarting at Christmas to allow new teams to join. The winning teams from each half (pre & post-Christmas) will play each other in a final to decide the league winner (if this is the same team then the runners up play each other to decide second place). So a bad start to the season does not dash all your hopes and gives a refresh to the league. This system run in Hull and was popular among the players. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the BC AGM, along with a **proposal for penalties to be applied when a team fields an ineligible player** in their team.

Social Bowler Rep Needed – with social bowling and bowls drives increasing in popularity, the Bowls Committee want to ensure these activities are fully represented and considered. Hence, the BC are seeking nominations for the role. Please speak to any member of the BC if interested.

Club Shirts – Anyone wishing to purchase one of the Panther shirts or the lighter blue Anniversary shirts are asked to place their orders on the Shirt Order List on the Men's Yorkshire Team Board. The light Blue Anniversary shirts are currently used in the Ladies, short mat and both Over 55's teams with Panthers shirts used for National teams and Men's Saturday league teams. If anyone is no longer using their Anniversary shirts, we need them back to be spares for our teams please. Thank you

National Championships – are currently ongoing with Hornsea being represented by Paul Footitt in the Over 60's Singles & Paul with Cliff Holmes & Dave Houghton in the Over 50's Triples, Holly Chaytor in the Ladies Singles and Ladies 2 Bowl Singles and Holly with Katy Baxter in the Ladies Pairs. We wish them all luck.

Entries for the **2025/6 winter National Championships** are now open and include a Novice Singles for anyone who has never reached the National Finals stage. Entries are made via the EIBA website and are open to all.

England Call Ups – Congratulations to Katy Baxter, Holly Chaytor and Matthew Bell who were all members of successful England squads in this years International series games.

Maintenance Help - As summer approaches, we are looking at a number of maintenance jobs where help is needed. This may be gardening/hedge trimming, repainting lines in the car park, clearing paperwork from the attic or refreshing the bowls hall, or replacing taps. If anyone can offer any time to help with any of these tasks, the club would be very grateful.

Social News

Stuart's Afternoon Quizzes – Last Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. Members and non-members welcome.

Rocking your Friday Nights - So far, all our monthly Friday Evening gigs have been sold out so members are encouraged to get in fast for upcoming events which include: **Laura Harvey – 23rd May, Elvis – 4th July, Deano – 8st August, The Mood Swings – 5th September & Grease/Party Rocker – October, Venus – 7th November.**

Dancing & Bridge – The club hosts a dance fitness class on Mondays, line dancing on Tuesdays, Hornsea Bridge club on Wednesdays and our own sequence dancing group on Thursday nights. There is a bridge learner group on Friday mornings and occasional tea dances. New members to these groups are always welcome.

Website – The club website (www.hornseabowls.co.uk) with its Facebook link, has a wealth of info on the club, leagues, non-bowling activities, coaching, bowling opportunities and much more. It also has a link to BOWLR. Table Centres & Noticeboards have information on upcoming events plus copies of the Club Handbook.

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