



Hornsea Bowls Centre Newsletter – Feb 2026

The number and variety of Free Activity Taster Days this last month have made it a busy start to the year for HBC. Many thanks to all who have volunteered their time to give a friendly welcome to all our visitors and introduced them to so many pastimes.

Key Dates:

Sat 14th Feb – Friday Gig – Abba-Dabba-Two (by Venus) – 8pm

Sun 1st March – Friendly against Hull Marina (three rinks of triples needed)

Sun 8th March 2025 – Finals Day for Club Comps – supporters very welcome

Sun 22nd March – Mens vs Ladies match – players needed for all six rinks – see sheets on boards

Sun 29th March – Ultimate Bowls Tournament - 9.30am for 10am start - see boards – entry fee £2 plus £5 rink fees for min three games with new partner drawn for each game. Cash prizes.

Fri 3rd – Mon 6th April – Easter Weekend – Club is open for all usual leagues, bowls drives and bridge.

Fri 10th April – Leagues end but club open on Mon 13th – Thurs 16th for catch up games

Thurs 16th April – Final day for league games – all unplayed games will be charged

Thurs 16th April – 10.30am – Summer Accumulator Aussie Pairs league starts -new partner drawn each - week - flexible league so no need to play every week.

Fri 17th April – 10.30am - Summer Sets Pairs League starts

Fri 17th April (TBC) – 7pm – Bowls Committee AGM and Presentation Evening

Fri 29th May – Elvis night with Alfie

Sat 13th Jun – The Corsairs – 60's music from this fab band

Mon 20th -Jul – Sat 1st Aug – Hornsea Art Society Annual Exhibition at the club

Fri 4th Sep - Venus

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

Lotto Drawn every Wednesday eve, sequence dancing every Thursday 2pm & tea dances on second Monday of each month at 2pm. Bridge – beginners 10am on Fridays & games on Wed evenings and Tuesday mornings.

Club News

New Directors are being sought to be co-opted onto the board this summer/autumn with a view to being formally elected at the AGM in November. The current directors will have served for two and a half years, overseeing a number of improvements and wish to step down at the AGM.

Christmas Draw – the club raised a massive £946 in the Christmas Lucky Number Draw. On 3rd Feb, Val Dobbins presented a cheque for £846 to Brian Deehan of Muscular Dystrophy UK, who echoed the club's thanks all the members and supporters for their generosity. The remaining £100 went towards the new Bowls Royce Rollator which aids people with walking and standing difficulties, enabling them to play bowls,

Lotto – Congratulations to rollover winner Jim who took home £168. To enter, just grab an envelope, choose five different numbers (1-28) and pop a £1 in the envelope and put it in the box.

Lost Property & Bowls Clothing – please check the table in reception for items left at the club. Spare bowls clothing will be placed in the men's and ladies changing rooms later this month. Suggested donations are £1-£2 per item

Club Improvements

DIFEY Grant – Following the award of the £10,000 DifeY grant members and visitors will have seen that the bowls hall door is now automated with push button entry, the gent's toilets have had a major overhaul and the ladies now has a smart new wash trough with automated taps. Equipment bought with the grant has been used



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in the taster sessions and the club threw its doors open for the various taster days. These have resulted in some new members for the Bridge club lessons, new people taking up sequence dancing, whole new classes for the Line Dance and Aerobic Dance Fitness instructors and 14 people taking up coaching with a further four experienced bowlers joining the club. A warm welcome was given to all who visited. The grant did not cover the installation costs which included a new boiler to ensure sufficient hot water pressure for the automatic taps could work. A £1,500 grant from **Withernwick Wind Farm** was obtained to go a little way towards these costs.

Hornsea District Lions – generously provided funds towards the Bowls Royce Rollator plus replacing the battery on the oldest motorised wheelchair and towards new ditch mats.

Ditches and Lifters – bowlers are politely asked NOT to step into the ditches both for safety reasons and to prevent breakage to the spikes on the new mats. Please use bowls lifters provided at the ends of rinks.

Calling any decorators/painters/handyman – your club needs you. As part of the improvements, the men's toilets need repainting along with the washroom doors plus handrails in the passage into the bowls ha. If anyone is good at glossing, then your help would be very much appreciated over the summer.

Bowling News & Opportunities

World Indoor Bowls Championships at Potters – Congratulations to James Baxter who qualified for Potters this year and had an amazingly close game against Scotland's Darre Burnett. Once he had settled into the game, James took Darren all the way to the third end of the tie break to just miss out on reaching the second round. But what an impressive start!

And what a night for the club with a big crowd all watching on the new interactive whiteboard's big screen which has been showing matches all month.

National Championships – the club has twelve entries that have reached the Regional Finals stage of the National Championships having won against all the other Yorkshire entries.

The Mixed Pairs of Paul Footitt and Bernie Hill and Mixed Fours of Holly Chaytor, Katy Baxter, James Baxter & Jack Bird have both played their Regional Finals and sadly lost however Paul Footitt won his Over 60's Singles to qualify for the National Championships in Nottingham in early April.

Other Regional Finalists are in the Ladies' Section: Singles and Two Bowl – Holly Chaytor, Pairs – Holly Chaytor & Katy Baxter, Over 60's Singles – Bernie Hill, O'60's Pairs – Bernie Hill and Val Dobbins, Over 50's Triples – Bernie Hill, Di Oldroyd & Val Dobbins.

Paul Footitt and Cliff Holmes are in both the Men's Pairs and the Open Pairs while a new team of Mike Watson, Pete Oliver, Nick Cleveley and Dave Houghton have reached the Over 60's Mens Fours Regional Final. We wish them all the best of luck.

Friendlys & Tournaments – Please sign up for the events listed above. The Men's vs Ladies Challenge Match ' also has a Bring and Share supper afterwards. Rink fees for each event are just £5.

Christmas Drawn Pairs – Congratulations to Chris Dixon and Dave Lee who won £75 each in the Ward Homes Yorkshire sponsored event. Gary Haslam and Howard Simms were runners up (£50 each) with Holly Baxter (wearing Christmas pyjamas) and Dave Houghton winning £25 each for third.

Ultimate Bowls Tournament – this is a new event and we hope it will be as popular as the drawn pairs but this time players will have three different drawn partners. Each game is just five ends but with options to score big.

League Games – please be considerate to opponents and try to get in subs or play in advance if you are aware that you may not be able to play a game. Any missed matches need rearranging ASAP. Thank you.