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## The New Season is here!

Dear Members,

The season starts in the first week of May – I’ve listed the league start dates overleaf. Emma has sent the fixtures to the team Captains, but they will also be available via our website [www.northbowls.com](http://www.northbowls.com) and will be on display in the Club House.

Trevor would like to pass on his thanks to everyone who helped make the Open Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> April such a success. It was a beautiful day and over thirty members and seventy visitors joined us during the day. It was especially pleasing to see so many youngsters giving bowls a go and having new members join us on the day!

We look forward to seeing you all as the season progresses and would encourage members to attend the umbrella bowling on Saturday mornings and make use of the greens during weekdays and spare rinks in the evening. Remember you would only have to pay the green fees to play.

As well as welcoming back renewing members I would like to extend the committee’s warmest welcome to all the new members that have joined the NBA this season!

Kind regards,

Andrew on behalf of the committee

## Children’s Bowling – Sponsorship Opportunity

We have received a very generous offer from the Sports Commission for matching funding (£800) to acquire up to ten sets of junior bowls for the club

These will be really useful as we have enquiries from youth organisations and schools wanting to use the green!

We are therefore seeking £800 from members to acquire these bowls and have already raised over £400 from committee members.

Any excess funds raised will be used to buy small adult sized bowls for the club e.g., “0” and “00” bowls as we only have one set today.

If you are able to make a donation, please let Andrew Bull know how much so we can source them for the club. Either email him on [Andrew.bull1964@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.bull1964@gmail.com) or call 07781 149518

Many thanks in advance for your support with this project.



## Captains Update

I am looking forward to playing with you in the new season, the club house is looking great, the green has recovered and playing well, and I look forward to playing the other clubs and bringing some Silverware back to the NBA. It is good to see so many members have rejoined, and I am looking forward to meeting the new members as the season progresses.

## Key Season Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> of May	First Saturday open bowls day.
4 <sup>th</sup> of May	Start of Tuesday Pairs league
5 <sup>th</sup> of May	Start of Wednesday Fours league
6 <sup>th</sup> of May	Start of Thursday 2-4-2 league and Thursday Triples league
7 <sup>th</sup> of May	Start of Friday afternoon Triples league
10 <sup>th</sup> of May	Start of Monday Triples league



If you fancy a friendly game of bowls or are new to the game and want some extra coaching please come along to our open bowls sessions at 10am every Saturday during the season.

You only need to pay the green fees, of £4 pp, and we can provide free coaching and woods for you.

We would be grateful if you could arrive for 9:45 so we can start promptly at 10am.

**Please encourage friends, colleagues to come along, and families to try out Bowling!**

## Ad hoc bowling Sessions

We have had enquires about using the green during the week in the afternoons and for private bowling sessions on a Sunday and we will be looking to facilitate this. If you are keen to do this, please speak to the Club Captain, Paul Wakeham, who will arrange for access / keys for the teams wishing to play.

## Improving the Club

As most of you have seen we have made great progress with cleaning the club and fences, painting the club house and clearing the undergrowth from around the boundaries.

Over the early part of the season, we will be looking to finish clearing the undergrowth and planting some suitable plants into the beds, jet washing the paths around the club and sorting out the rear shed. As ever many, many thanks to all those who have helped us so far and if anyone is able to help going forward, please let one of the committee members know. Also, we have been donated a Hebe and Camellia to plant in this area but would welcome any other plants suitable for a very shady area.

## Trevor's jokes of the month!

Three old boys out walking....One says windy isn't it,2nd says no, it's Thursday,3rd one says so am I lets go for a beer!

A man was telling his neighbour he had just bought a new hearing aid, it cost me four thousand pounds but it's a state Of the art device. It's perfect.

Really answered the neighbour what kind is it??. TWELVE THIRTY the first man said.

Old Ernie was driving down the motor way when his car phone rang, answering he heard his wife say Be careful on the radio they've just announced that there is a car driving the wrong way on the motorway. It's not just One says Ernie there's hundreds of 'em.

## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

**The skittles evening** has been rearranged to the 5th of June at 6:30 in the skittles alley at the Hampshire Lodge.

It will be £10.00 ahead including food.

It's planned to be a fun evening with prizes for best scoring team and a killer game.

We will draw teams on the night to make it as fair as possible.

There will be a signing on sheet on the notice board in the club house from next Saturday – please sign-up and make your menu choices as early as possible as we will need to limit numbers.

**The Annual Dinner** we are looking at going back to the Golf club as the repairs are nearly completed as soon as we have confirmation of details and venue, we will let you know.

**Club Quiz** is still to be rearranged and we will get information out to all members as soon as we firm up dates and location!

## Meat Draw, Football Card and Scratch Cards

A meat draw card and football will be on sale in the clubhouse and as soon as all numbers are sold, we will draw the winners! A tin will be available to put your money in as you pick your numbers.

Paul Wakeham will be selling Guernsey Lottery scratch cards – so if you are thinking of buying some please see Paul as it will help support club funds.

