



HBC NEWS

*Latest news and updates from
on and off the green*

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Editor Foreword

Vicky Hodges

Welcome to our first newsletter of July!

We've officially reached the heart of the bowling season, and what a fantastic few weeks it has been. The greens are busy, the fixtures are coming thick and fast and it's wonderful to see so many members enjoying the game, whether in league matches, friendly competitions or simply meeting up for a social roll-up.

July also brings with it those long summer evenings that make our sport so special. There's nothing quite like finishing a game as the sun begins to set, followed by a chat on the patio with friends old and new and a glass of something cold!

As always, thank you to everyone who gives their time to keep the club running so smoothly, both on and off the green. I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter, and if you're playing over the coming days, stay hydrated, wear your sun hat and above all, enjoy your bowls!

Happy bowling!

World Cup Sweepstake update!

Paul Crook

Well, the first phase of the World Cup is over and on we go into the knockout stages which started last Sunday evening.

In the group stages we've lost, Dave M, Elaine, Irene, Sandra, Alan, Jackie, Hannah, Jon, Tony, Stan, Dave P, Brenda W, both Tim's, Bob and Sheila, so commiserations go to them.

Up until Thursday morning when submitting this article, we have also lost Martin N, Peter, Mick, Lindsey, Lee, Dave C, Chris R, Desiree, Lyn W and Jane in the knockout stages.

Key teams still remain like, **Brazil** - Stuart, **France** - Nora P, **Argentina** - Vicky, **Spain** - me, with England and Portugal, hovering in the background.

The round of 16 starts on Saturday so not long before we have our final four!

Good luck to all who remain and I am sure we will see some shock results on the way. Come on England!



And can I also ask that the remaining 5 members who are still to pay, do so by the end of next week please?

Thank You.



Ladies 4 Woods Singles – Qtr Finals

Dave Clark

The following is the updated draw for the Quarter-Finals of the Ladies 4 Woods Singles Competition:

Vicky Hodges v Hope Hooper
Eileen Johnson v Jackie Nurser
Christine Poulter v Brenda Grout
Lindsey Nicholls v Karen Kee

All matches are to be played by the
play by date of **Monday 20th July 2026**

Summer BBQ – Reminder!

Eileen Johnson & Entertainment Team

Not long now.....please don't forget to sign up and pay in advance. It's going to be a lovely afternoon!



Scores on the Doors - Stan Hardman

Brenda Walker

Diamonds Results

Date	2/07 2026
Home Team	Fleet Social Wagtails
Away Team	Hook diamonds

	Home Score	Away Score
Rink 1	24	8
Rink 2	9	19
Rink 3	16	16
Overall Score	49	43

Rink 1	Lead	Hannah Goddard
	Two	Ron Walker
	Skip	Paul Crook
Rink 2	Lead	Nigel Richardson
	Two	Christine Poulter
	Skip	Richard Maycock
Rink 3	Lead	Claire Richardson
	Two	Stan Goddard
	Skip	Campbell Williams

Scores on the Doors - BDBA Monday Triples

Stan Goddard

Another tough evening in the top flight; Tony's team losing on the last bowl, while Alan, Brenda and Hannah had a night to forget!

BDBA Monday Triples, Premier Division

Date	29th June 2026
Home Team	Hook
Away Team	Whitchurch Silks

	Home Score	Points	Away Score	Points
Rink 4	13	0	14	2
Rink 3	1	0	31	2
Rink 2	23	2	15	0
Overall Score	37	2	60	5

Rink 4	Lead	Christine Poulter
	Two	Jez Wilkinson
	Skip	Tony Gepp
Rink 3	Lead	Hannah Goddard
	Two	Brenda Grout
	Skip	Alan Phillips
Rink 2	Lead	Eileen Johnson
	Two	Stan Goddard
	Skip	Paul Crook

Scores on the Doors - Hook Foxes

Desiree Gow

This week saw an unfortunate loss for the Foxes. The match ended with a score of 5-2 to Howard Park Kestrels. Thanks to everyone who played and Well done to **Phil, Pam & David F** for winning on their rink.

Whitchurch and District League Div. 3

Date	Wed. 1 July 2026
Home Team	Hook Foxes
Away Team	Howard Park Kestrels

	Home Score	Points	Away Score	Points
Rink 1	20	2	10	0
Rink 3	9	0	19	2
Rink 4	12	0	20	2
Overall Score	41	2	49	5

Rink 1	Lead	David F
	Two	Pam
	Skip	Phil
Rink 3	Lead	Steve B
	Two	Christine F
	Skip	Alan
Rink 4	Lead	Jeff
	Two	Malcolm
	Skip	Stan

Courtesy Corner #3

Bowls is often described as a game of skill, precision and concentration. A single moment of distraction can be the difference between drawing the shot or missing the head altogether.

When a player steps onto the mat, it's good etiquette to keep movement to a minimum. Avoid walking behind the head, talking loudly or unnecessarily, or moving around in your opponent's line of sight while they are preparing to bowl. Waiting just a few seconds until the bowl has been delivered shows respect for everyone on the green.

The same goes for mobile phones. We all carry them, but during a match they should be switched to silent and kept out of sight wherever possible. A ringing phone or the temptation to check messages can interrupt not only your own concentration but that of everyone around you.

These small courtesies don't take much effort, but they help create the calm, respectful atmosphere that bowls is known for. By allowing every player the opportunity to concentrate fully, we're all helping to make the game fair, enjoyable and true to the traditions of our sport.

After all, good etiquette is just as important as good bowling!

WHERE TO WATCH OR JOIN IN COMPETITIVE BOWLS THIS COMING WEEK

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Sat	4th			Lindsey Nicholls
Sun	5th	Club Mixed Friendly HOME v Fleet Social	1430-1730	
Mon	6th	Club Roll Up BDBA Triples AWAY at Old Basing Danes	1400-1700 1830-2100	
Tue	7th	Club Roll Up Ladies League HOME v Basingstoke Town	1400-1700 1815-2045	Ame Tam & Bobo Fung
Wed	8th	Hares AWAY at Whitchurch Yellowes Foxes AWAY at Kingsclere Pheasants	1815-2045 1815-2045	Chris Vickers
Thu	9th	Diamonds HOME v Fleet United Cygnets Sapphires AWAY at Cove Coaching Course	1400-1700 1400-1700 1800-2000	Christine & Mick Poulter
Fri	10th			Doug & Frankie Wood