



HBC NEWS

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

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Editor foreword

Vicky Hodges

Just a couple of weeks to go until Christmas Day! I hope you are all enjoying the run up to Christmas....why not treat yourself....don't save the chocolates until the big day!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party last night. And thanks to everyone who has contributed to Issue #3.



Bowls England National Competitions are go!

Brenda Grout

Each year, Bowls England, the governing body of lawn bowls, hold their annual National Competitions.

Any member of an affiliated club may enter. There are no requirements to qualify, apart from the 'Champion of Champions' competition. And to enter this, you must be the winner of your club singles. Both Christine Poulter and Andy Lowe will be Hook Bowls Club entries for the 2026 season, after both winning the club singles in 2025.

This year, Vicky Hodges and Brenda Grout have entered the 'Foundation Pairs'. This competition was introduced last year to encourage bowlers to enter external competitions. The criteria being that one player must have bowled for less than five years; and the other must never have reached the Bowls England final.

Vicky will be entering her 3rd season outdoors in 2026 and Brenda has been bowling for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and steady encouragement to less experienced bowlers.

The 'Foundation Pairs' competition is a game of three bowl pairs, played over two sets of nine ends. A point given for each set won, with a one end tie break if the score at the end of the sets is tied.

Our club also enter teams each year, usually into the 'Tony Alcock' competition which is a game of two rinks (four in a team) for the over 60s and the 'Open Two Fours' competition which has no age limits.

The Bowls England National Competitions portal opened on **the 1st December**. It is a simple process to enter. Although you may not get to the finals, I can assure you, you'll learn a lot and the more you know the more you will enjoy.

So for anyone thinking about it, why not have a go and enter yourself into one of these competitions. The Club will support you and it's a great experience.

Social Events!

Entertainment Team

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Christmas Party last night – well done to the whole team who helped make it another success!

We'd love to ask you to share any photos or stories about the party with us at hookbcnewsletter@gmail.com for next weeks Issue #4.

It's always great to see our members getting involved in the club events, so thank you for supporting the club and watch this space for a full run-down of the night next week!

Favour to ask

Could we also please ask for any volunteers to help put the tables away and put the mats down today **Saturday 13th at 10am**.

Future Social Events!

Entertainment Team

New Year – New Quiz!

Please save the date for our quiz night on **Friday 30th January** where we will be holding a 'bring your own' supper night. We've done these a few times now and they have proved to be good fun and really successful.

Please pop the date in the diary and keep your eyes out for information and sign up details.



Click Here to find out more: [Bowls England](#)

World Bowls Series Finals

Mike Draper

The World Bowls Series Finals, held at 'cluBarham', New South Wales, Australia from 10–12 December, delivered three days of top-tier international competition featuring the world's highest-ranked singles players.

Bowls England's squad produced an excellent showing, particularly in the women's event, where Nicole Rogers (pictured) and Emily Kernick dominated Section 2 to secure both semi-final places. Rogers topped the group with confident performances, while Kernick followed closely behind to advance.

In the men's competition, Sam Tolchard and Dominic McVittie both battled strongly through a difficult sectional draw, each finishing with six points and narrowly missing out on progression. Their performances underscored England's competitive depth at the elite level.

While no titles were secured this year, England's consistent presence in the knockout stages - especially with two women's semi-finalists, highlighted a highly successful campaign and a promising platform for the 2026 World Bowls Series season.

Australian based Ulsterman Gary Kelly (NI) and Dawn Hayman (AUS) (pictured) were crowned champions.

Rogers took the Silver medal and Kernick the Bronze in the ladies section.



World Series Bowls Finals: Ladies and Men's Champions Dawn Hayman and Garry Kelly



Nicole Rogers – Silver medalist delivering another precision shot

Scores on the doors....

Team Captains

This is where our Team Captain's can share the weekly scores from any of the matches this week.

From Chris Vickers & Tony Gepp

JAM LEAGUE RESULTS FROM THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

JAM LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

HOOK HAWKS 0 V 10 Alencon AX (24-41)

Alencon AX	58 (133)
Fleet United S	44 (141)
Farnborough Gate	42 (-2)
Fleet United C	40 (69)
Howard Park	38 (-41)
Marnell	22 (-32)
Hook HAWKS	22 (-62)
Cove	04 (-206)

Next Match December 18th HOME v Howard Park Greens at 1400

DIVISION 2

Alencon 25 10 v 0 HOOK RAVENS (40-29) (Played at Hook but remained as the away Ravens Fixture)

Odiham D	48 (102)
Alencon 25	46 (74)
Crondall	40 (-13)
Hook RAVENS	38 (40)
Howard Park	34 (-19)
Farnborough Gate	30 (-26)
Odiham X	28 (-41)
Marnell	16 (-117)

Next Match December 18th AWAY @ Howard Park Yellows

JAM LEAGUE - RESULT SHEET		DATE: 11/12/25			
HOME TEAM	Hook Hawks				
AWAY TEAM	Alencon X				

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	13	0	20	4
RINK TWO	11	0	21	4
TOTAL	24	0	41	2
TOTAL POINTS		0	10	

RINK ONE	SKIP	Alan Phillips
	TWO	Phil Constant
	LEAD	Desiree Gow
RINK TWO	SKIP	Tony Gepp
	TWO	Pam Vivian
	LEAD	Sheila King

JAM LEAGUE - RESULT SHEET		DATE: 11/12/25			
HOME TEAM	Alencon 25				
AWAY TEAM	Hook Ravens				

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	19	4	13	0
RINK TWO	21	4	16	0
TOTAL	40	2	29	0
TOTAL POINTS		10		0

RINK ONE	SKIP	Albert Johnson
	TWO	Hannah Goddard
	LEAD	Jon Waterman
RINK TWO	SKIP	Paul Crook
	TWO	Stan Goddard
	LEAD	Brenda Grout

What's On This Week?

Chris Vickers

WHERE TO WATCH OR JOIN IN COMPETITIVE BOWLS THIS COMING WEEK

Saturday	13th		
Sunday	14th	Friendly HOME v Sandhurst	1430-1730
Monday	15th	Roll Up	1400-1700
Tuesday	16th	Roll Up	1400-1700
Wednesday	17th	Internal Triples Short Mat league	1900-2100
Thursday	18th	JAM League HOME Hook HAWKS v Howard Park JAM League AWAY Hook RAVENS @ Howard Park Roll Up	1400-1700 1400-1700 1800-2100
Friday	19th	Internal Pairs Short Mat League	1400-1700