



HBC NEWS

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

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Editor foreword

Vicky Hodges

We made it to February! And although the wet weather is showing no sign of easing; I've started to see snowdrops and crocuses in the grounds where I work and a steady abundance of robins.

Robins have long been seen as symbols of hope, reassurance and connection. And they give us a gentle nudge to pause, notice and look after one another. So, in this month of 'love', let's notice the small meaningful moments that often go unnoticed. Happy reading!



Club Notices

An **Information Meeting** will be held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 26th March 2026 commencing at 7.00pm. All members, including social members, are welcome to attend. Details attached to the body of the email.

The General Committee would like to re-introduce the '**Bowling Buddy**' system to support new members joining our Club. The role of the 'Bowling Buddy' is to ensure that new members have a friendly face as a contact point and someone who can provide information about the Club, our members roles and what we have to offer. For more information about this role and how to get involved, please see the attachment with the body of the email.

And....Good Luck to everyone playing the **friendly today** at HOME against St Lukes.

Join our 'Green Team'

Steve Wintermeyer



New Year Quiz review

Christine Poulter – Entertainment Team

The recent Quiz Night was very well supported with thirteen teams in attendance. The club house filled with laughter, chatter and the smell of delicious food, some teams opting for the traditional snacks, nibbles, savouries while others went all out with a takeaway feast.

Quiz Master Ian delivered a challenging and interesting mix of questions ranging from James Bond films to names of Shipping Forecast areas. The top four team scores were very close with third place being decided by a sudden death question.

1st Place - *Scally Wags* - Liz, Dave, Maggie, Neil, Catriona, Andy

2nd Place - *Bringing Up The Rear* - Paul, Sandra, Stan, Hannah, Dave, Gerry

3rd Place - *The Takeaways* - Jane, Lindsey, Frankie, Doug, Tim, Claire

Thank you to Ian for compiling a great quiz, our social team for organising the quiz, the bar staff for keeping the refreshments flowing and to everyone who donated a prize for the raffle.

Ticket sales, raffle and bar takings raised approximately £650.

NHS Healthchecks

Elaine Bennett

Regular health checks are crucial for early detection of potential illnesses. To make these services accessible to our area, Rotary is supporting the NHS contractor Randox with free health checks. These will be held at Odiham Cottage Hospital 7th and 12th February and Elizabeth Hall in Hook 21st and 26th February.

For further information please read the attachment, which is with the body of this email, or visit their website www.nhshchampshire.randox.com

To book your free check-up please use the QR code on the attachment or call 0800 2545 452.

Let's welcome a new member!

Dave Clark

We would like to welcome a new member to Hook Bowling Club. Doug Jones has joined the Club this week.

Doug is in his 90's, he is a very fit player having played bowls for many years at places which include Los Gallardos Bowling Club in Almeria Spain, Mere Bowling Club in Wiltshire and Carrie Dunbar Indoor Bowling Club in Frome Somerset.

Welcome Doug from us all!

Lawn Mowing Team Members

Nigel Richardson

Thanks to everyone who has come forward so far. We are looking for at least **4 more people** to join the mowing rota to make it viable.

The task involves mowing the 3 narrow sides around the rinks and outside the run along the fence. If you aren't finished in an hour, it's likely you're talking too much!

To join us, please contact Nigel;
Email: Nrichardson351@outlook.com
Tel: 07759171059

Hook Ravens Results

Chris Vickers

You can see the full report of this match and others here
[Match Reports | Hook Bowling Club](#)

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET		DATE: 05/02/26. Cup Match	
HOME TEAM		Hook Ravens	
AWAY TEAM		Cove	

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	11	0	15	4
RINK TWO	21	4	18	0
TOTAL	32	0	33	2
TOTAL POINTS		4		6

RINK ONE	SKIP	Martyn Kee
	TWO	Chris Vickers
	LEAD	Carole Newman
RINK TWO	SKIP	Albert Johnson
	TWO	Elaine Bennett
	LEAD	Ken Hawkins

A night of Super Bowl awaits!

Chris Vickers

Spare a thought for all those hardy fans of bowls that will stay up on Sunday night to watch the Super Bowl live from Santa Clara, California.

Oh, hang on....what do you mean, it's called Super Bowl but isn't actually bowls!!

Well, here's a taster to whet your appetite of what the fans might be eating whilst watching this years American Football match!! Anyone hungry yet?

Enjoy!

And don't forget to scroll down for our '**What's On**' this week section....

Scores on the doors....

Dave Clark

Friendly Away – Hook v Crondall – 31st January 2026

We saw a 9 shot overall defeat at Crondall last Saturday. A very close game on Mat 2 resulting in a one-shot win for Jackie, Mick, Jane & Albert.

Short Mat Rinks/Fours Friendly – Home

Date	31st January 2026
Home Team	Crondall
Away Team	Hook

	Home Score	Away Score
Mat 1	21	11
Mat 2	12	13
Overall Score	33	24

Mat 1	Lead	Dave Clark
	Two	Carole Newman
	Three	Brenda Grout
	Skip	Martin Nurser
Mat 2	Lead	Jackie Nurser
	Two	Mick Poulter
	Three	Jane Tatnall
	Skip	Albert Johnson

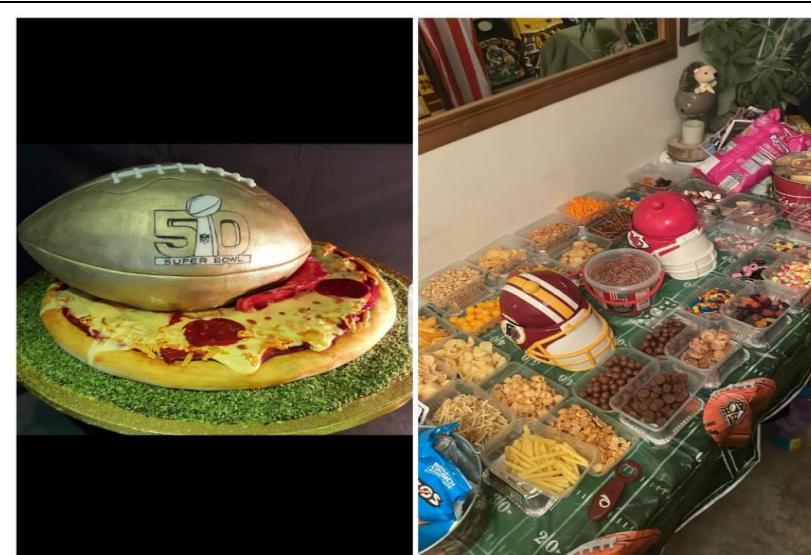
Hook Hawks Results

Tony Gepp

JAM LEAGUE – RESULT SHEET	DATE: 5 th February 2026
HOME TEAM	Alencon X
AWAY TEAM	Hook Hawks

	HOME SCORE	POINTS	AWAY SCORE	POINTS
RINK ONE	32	4	12	0
RINK TWO	21	4	9	0
TOTAL	53	2	21	0
TOTAL POINTS		10		0

RINK ONE	LEAD	Desiree Gow
	TWO	Michael Poulter
	Skip	Campbell Williams
RINK TWO	LEAD	Claire Richardson
	TWO	Malcolm Gow
	Skip	Nigel Richardson



WHERE TO WATCH OR JOIN IN COMPETITIVE BOWLS THIS COMING WEEK				Key Duty
Saturday	7th	Club Friendly HOME v St Lukes	1430-1730	Christine & Mick Poulter
Sunday	8th	CLUBHOUSE OPEN ONLY ON REQUEST (Internal Competition 1400-1700))		
Monday	9th	Roll Up	1400-1700	Steve Wintermeyer
Tuesday	10th	All Mats Blocked (Committee Meeting) Roll Up Ladies Tuesday League	1000-1300 1400-1700 1900-2100	
Wednesday	11th	Wednesday Short Mat league	1900-2100	
Thursday	12th	Hawks HOME v Farnborough Gate Ravens AWAY at Farnborough Gate Training/Roll Up	1400-1700 1400-1700 1800-2100	
Friday	13th	All Mats Blocked (Cleaning) Friday Short Mat League	0900-1000 1400-1700	