



Blackhall Bowling Club

Rink March 2026



The President speaks:

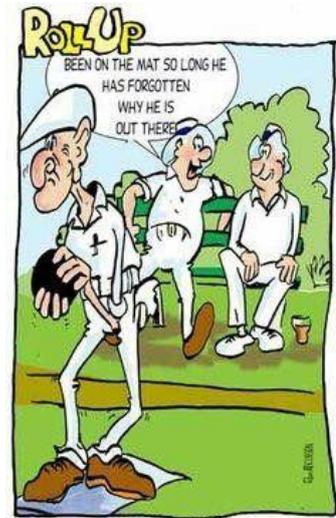
A warm welcome to the first **Rink** since our AGM. It was great to see a large attendance at that meeting as well as the Gents and Ladies annual meetings that followed. We had a good year on and off the green in 2025 and we can look forward to 2026 with optimism. The financial landscape will no doubt continue to challenge us - our subscriptions increases will help, however, it is likely that we will have to supplement that with other measures. As always, your support for our social calendar is key to that.

I would like to thank both the outgoing and incoming Committee - running our Club is a considerable undertaking. Members just like everyone else, those on the Committee (and those who support the Club in other ways) give up their time (substantially in many cases) so that we can all enjoy the game of Bowls and the many social events that we run. I ask that anyone else who feels they can play a part come forward as there is more than enough work to go around.

The new playing season will be upon us soon and work is well underway to prepare for it whether it be fees notices, competition forms and then the associated draws. Social events also continue and, as I said earlier, your support for these is appreciated.

Looking forward to the year ahead!

Gary Wood



Dates for your diary

March	April
7th Bacon Rolls morning	15th - Cheese and Wine
14 th Rugby Super Saturday	18th - Opening Day (Book and pay £14 for lunch)
22nd - BBC Lunch (Social)	22nd - Ladies Opening Day
	26th - Open Day

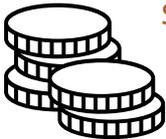
The February 60 Club Draw will take place at the Bacon Rolls morning on 7th March. Still time to get your name on the board. Perhaps this could be your lucky month – but not if your name is not there!

The March Draw is based on FRUITS so everyone has their favourite – let's see if yours are lucky as well as tasty.

Have a look on the new notice board in the club entrance hall. Thanks to Iain Gibb for his expertise in putting it together – assisted by me of course, carrying tools, making coffee and so on.

At the end of last season we had so many problems with the old projector (donated by the university about 10 years ago) we bought a new projector and wide screen. The quality is superb and the Sports Committee of Blackhall will be showing Super Saturday Rugby programmes on 14th March from 14.10 Ireland v Scotland with other games after that. It will be a great phone-free family afternoon if you have kids interested in Rugby.

Please note payment for meals, subs and participation in any events at the BBC MUST be paid for by direct bank transfer, use of the SumUp machine in the lounge or by cheque. Cash is no longer an option. This is for safety of club personnel responsible for handling funds but also as security against fraud.



Club lounge layout of chairs and tables: A standard lounge layout is now on display at the club. If you are responsible for an event at the club, please reset to this layout when the event is finished and place spare chairs back in the Gents locker room"



Just a couple of minutes –

1) The minutes of the AGM 14th Feb are now on the notice board outside the lounge.

2) The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting on 29th Jan are also on the notice board.

*If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in future issues of **Rink** please let me know and I'll try to find space. Almost finally, your new committee is below so pin this up on your fridge. Finally, a wee competition to keep your brain healthy in prep for the new season.*

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Your new committee

President	Gary Wood
Vice-President	Debbie Gibb
Secretary	Donald Cameron
Treasurer	Neil Gilbert
Ladies' Captain	Anne Hamilton
Match Secretary – Ladies	Anne Stevenson
Match Secretary – Gentlemen	Mike Ashwell
Bar Convenor	Debbie Gibb
Club Steward	Jim Bishop
Green Convenor/Chair of Green Sub Committee	Douglas Main
Committee Members	Libby Cameron <i>Safeguarding (WPO)</i> Cathi Hitchmough Peter Russell Wendy Murray Grant Whitton

Spot the Jack: If you missed the competition over the summer, this photo is from a game on our green and I have removed the Jack. Send me your best guess as to which grid number (e.g.D3) marks the location of the Jack. Winner and Answer in the April ***Rink***

