



THE RINK - February 2025

The President speaks

This is my first "President Speaks" in 2025, and, sadly, also my last ever, as my term as President ends at the upcoming AGM. I have enjoyed my 2 years as President – as I've said on many occasions, our Bowling Club is a warm and welcoming environment, and I take particular pride in having fostered and encouraged this over the 2 years I have been in post.

I have also been ably assisted over the 2 years by a strong Management Committee, all of whom work very hard to ensure the smooth running of the Club. In particular, the main office bearers – Secretary Jenny Clark, Treasurer Eileen Batten, Bar Convenor Debbie Gibb, House Convenor Jim Bishop and the 2 Match Secretaries Katy Lessells and Gary Wood have made my job much easier by diligently doing their own jobs. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their support.

The Club has been fairly busy since the start of 2025, with the various "off season" clubs keeping our members busy, and more importantly, allowing everyone to keep in touch over the winter. They are generally very social occasions, with the emphasis on fun rather than worrying too much about winning or losing, so if you haven't tried them yet, please come along and give it a go – dates and timings are listed in the calendar info below.

The above-mentioned AGM is scheduled for Saturday, 15th February at 10.30 am (you should have received the papers for this earlier this week). This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard, as the Management Committee report on what has worked or not worked over the past 12 months, so please come along.

It's also not too far off until Opening Day, which takes place this year on Saturday 19th April – full details of bowling and catering arrangements should be winging your way soon. This tends to be a very popular event, with a catered meal following the bowling, so watch out for the Entry Form going up and get your name up pronto!!!

Our Match Secretaries have also been hard at work, and you should soon be receiving entry forms for the various internal competitions in 2025 - as always – a prompt return of your form will make life easier for everyone.

Our Green, which has generally been in good shape the past couple of seasons, is currently not looking great, however Brian Dickson, our Green Contractor, assures me that it will improve dramatically between now and Opening Day, so should be "All Right on the Night".

Finally – thank you to everyone who has made my term as your President so enjoyable, and good luck to all on the Bowling Green for the upcoming season.

Douglas J Main, President.

News

As Douglas has mentioned, our 2025 AGM will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 15th February, commencing at 10.30 am. Formal intimation has been sent to those members who in terms of our Constitution are entitled to attend. Our Ladies' and Gent's Annual Meetings will also be held in February as detailed below.

It is intended to open the Clubhouse and Bar on Saturday 15th March – Super Saturday - exact times to be confirmed – for the screening of the Rugby. We may open for some other games if there is a perceived demand. Look out for further details.

Finally, if you haven't yet paid for your Burns Supper ticket, please do so.

Upcoming Dates –February

- Tuesday 4th February (14:00) - Table Tennis Club (weekly)
- Thursday 6th February (14:00) - Bridge Club (weekly)
- Fridays 7th and 21st February (19:00) – Club Games Night
- Saturday 8th February (19.00) – Burns Supper
- Saturday 15th February (10.30) – Club AGM
- Monday 17th February (14.00) – Gent's Annual Meeting
- Wednesday 26th February (10.30) – Ladies' Annual Meeting