

NEWS 2025

December Social Event



On December 12th 2025 Winslow Bowls Club are again pleased to welcome David Tomkins, Ventriloquist & Magician.

Doors open at 7 o'clock for drinks and the performance starts at 7:30 followed by a simple short festive quiz.

Cost £10-00 per head to include mince pies and mulled wine.

Please see payment details in the mail from Pete Joyner and let him know if you are attending by December 5th

WBC AGM 2025 Special Award 29th November 2025



At the Winslow Bowls Club AGM, John Jeacock was presented with an award in recognition of his 15-year service to the Club as Bar Manager. The Club chairman congratulated John for his outstanding contribution to the Club.

WBC 2025 Lunch and Presentation Event 25th October 2025

Our annual 'Presentation Lunch' took place on the 25th October at the Bell Hotel in Winslow.

We were all welcomed by our club Chairman, Pete Joyner, and after lunch, which included "The Bell's Famous Three Meat Carvery", enjoyed a short summary of the 2025 bowling competition events by Competitions Secretary, Roger Hayman.

All competition events were concluded at our 'Finals Weekend' on the 5th, 6th and 7th of September, and the competition winners were all looking forward to the awards presentation by our President, Cliff Geary. The results of the competition finals, winners and runners-up in all competitions, can be seen at <https://winslowbowlsclub.org/news-2025/2025-finals-weekend-5th-7th/>



Last Match of the Season 2025

AUSSIE PAIRS

Lawn bowling is a really popular sport in Australia, and there are many exciting formats to suit a wide variety of players. Perhaps one of the favourite formats in 'Aussie pairs.' This style of lawn bowling provides an exciting combination of strategy, skill, and teamwork. It is a variation of lawn bowls where each player in a team of two use four bowls but the 'Lead' and 'Skip' reverse roles during each end of play. The game is known for its walking and changing ends as players move between lead and skip positions, giving both members of the team experience in both roles within the same match.

On Saturday the 4th of October, we concluded the the outdoor bowling season with a fun match in the 'Aussie pairs' format. The scenario during play is complex because of the role-play of the game and it keeps both players on their toes.

Although it was a windy day with rain threatening clouds overhead, 20 members of the club came together to enjoy an afternoon game of bowls. Each player completes his own scorecard as the game progresses, changing partners and rinks during the match and therefore plays with and against other members of the club during the game. Player scores are examined at the end of the game, and the player with the most points is declared the winner.

On completion of play we returned to the warmth of the clubhouse for tea and some food prepared by the social committee, and drinks from the bar. Many thanks to those who prepared the refreshments, especially to Carole Bigby for the selection of home-made cakes, and to John Jeacock for managing the bar.

Our President, Cliff Geary, presented the 'Aussies Pairs Trophy' to the winners which, on this occasion, was shared by Steve Church and Tony Burrows. A very enjoyable match, and a fun way to conclude the outdoor bowling season!



Presidents Day 2025



As usual, the day began with a special competition for members of the Club, in the form of a 'Spoon Drive', which is an interactive competition organised so that members play with and against other members of the club.

8 teams of 3 players played 4 mini-matches of 5 ends. For each mini-match, teams were selected in advance and each team member was assigned a random playing position. Different team members and different playing positions were assigned for the following mini-matches.

Each player recorded their team score and, after all matches were complete, totalled their individual scores.

Our thanks to John Jeacock and all of those who helped in organising the competition.

We were prevented from finishing the 3rd and playing the 4th mini-match by heavy rain. An excellent 'hog roast' meal with various salads and other accompanying dishes, followed by home made deserts, and finished off with cheese and biscuits completed a great day.

Congratulations to the winner, Tony Lawrence, and to Cliff Geary in second place and Sheila Cadge in third place. The awards were presented by President Cliff.

Thanks to those who made the afternoon enjoyable for us all.



Home v Bletchley St Martins 14th Sept 2025



The weather threatened and eventually forced us off with rinks having played 12 or 13 ends. Winslow won 2 of the 4 rinks.

Congratulations to our highest winning rink of John Jenkins, Mick Bigby and Terry Pomroy. Steve Church, Norman Line and Roger Hayman were our other winning rink.

The overall score was 38 to 46, with Bletchley St. Martins emerging as the deserved winners in a close contest.

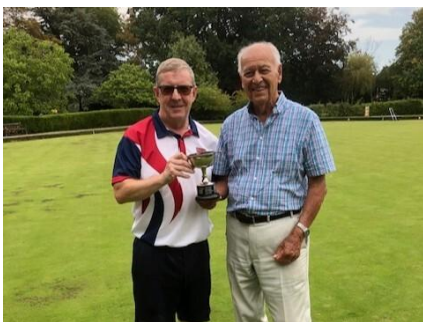
The wet conditions did not dampen an enjoyable afternoon for the last club game of the season. Thank you to all who set up for the match and cleared away afterwards.

2025 Finals Weekend 5th - 7th September

The successful participants in our internal competitions have reached the finals stage. Congratulations to all our finalists. The results of one day competitions played earlier in the season have already been reported. Most of the finals have been scheduled for the finals weekend over three days, the 5th, 6th and 7th of September. Any remaining matches will be scheduled in the following days. Thank you to all the players for playing entertaining bowls and some close contests. Thank you to the green management team, to the volunteers for marking singles matches, and for the photos taken to record each match. A special thank you to our President, Cliff Geary, for presenting the trophies and to the appreciative spectators for their support.



SINGLES CHAMPIONS



MENS SINGLES



LADIES SINGLES



NOVICE SINGLES



LADIES PAIRS



OPEN TRIPLES



AUSSIE PAIRS



OPEN PAIRS



LADIES PAIRS – 2 Woods

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Competition Results 2025

<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner(s)</i>	<i>Runner(s) Up</i>
Open Singles	Harry Ardill	John Gomersall
Men's Singles	Harry Ardill	Roger Hayman
Ladies' Singles	Sheila Cadge	Kate Probert
Novices' Singles	Roger Hayman	Sheila Cadge
Open 2 wood Singles	Steve Church	Roger Hayman
Open Pairs	Fiona Reese, Terry Pomroy	Sheila Cadge, Roger Shelton
Men's Pairs	John Gomersall & Victor Griffith	Steven Church, Cliff Geary
Ladies' Pairs	Kate Probert, Lucy Comerford	Jane Stainforth, Dorothy Parrott
Nominated Pairs	Mick Bigby, Roger Hayman	Tony Lawrence, John Gomersall
Ladies' 2 wood Pairs	Rosie Griffiths & Kate Probert	Fiona Reese & Kay Kingston
Open Triples	Fiona Reese, Norman Line, John Thorogood	Kay Kingston, John Jenkins, Victor Griffiths
Men's Triples	Pete Joyner, John Thorogood, John Gilbey	Tony Lawrence, Roger Shelton, Cliff Geary
OFFA Trophy	Victor Griffiths, John Gilbey, Rosie Griffiths	Mick Bigby, Roger Hayman, John Gomersall
Aussie Pairs	Stephen Church, Fiona Reese	Roger Hayman, John Gomersall
Spoon Drive		
Aussie 'one-day' competition	Tony Burrows, Steven Church	
Captain's Award	Sheila Cadge, Roger Hayman	

2024 WBC Annual lunch and Presentation, 26th October 2024

On Saturday the 26th of October, WBC club Chairman Colin Bishopp welcomed 48 club members to the annual lunch and awards presentation at the Bell Hotel in Winslow.

After an excellent lunch, trophies were awarded to the winners of the club competitions, followed by the October 100 Club draw and a raffle. The special Captain's award went to Rosie Griffiths.

Competition results, also available on the Fixtures and Results web page and 100 Club winners as a News item, were as follows:



Competition Results 2024		
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner(s)</i>	<i>Runner(s) Up</i>
Open Singles	John Gilbey	Colin Bishopp
Men's Singles	John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths
Ladies' Singles	Fiona Reese	Jane Stainforth
Novices' Singles	Colin Bishopp	Roger Shelton
Open 2 wood Singles	John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths
Open Pairs	Sheila Cadge and John Jeacock	Les Truett and Victor Griffiths
Men's Pairs	Richard Russell and John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths and Tony Lawrence
Ladies' Pairs	Susan Bargent and Diana Lawrence	Sheila Cadge and Lucy Comerford
Nominated Pairs	Victor Griffiths and Colin Bishopp	Sheila Cadge and John Gilbey
Ladies' 2 wood Pairs	Jane Stainforth and Sheila Cadge	Lucy Comerford and Susan Bargent
Short mat Open Pairs	Mary Arnold, Len Ward	Jill Mead, Colin Beckett
Open Triples	Kay Kingston, Steve Church and Tony Lawrence	Sheila Cadge, Harry Ardill and Victor Griffiths
Men's Triples	Norman Line, Roger Shelton and Colin Bishopp	Les Truett, Robin Galvin and Len Ward
OFFA Trophy	Mick Bigby, Roger Hayman and John Gomersall	Les Truett, Sheila Cadge and John Jeacock
Spoon Drive	Kay Kingston	
Captain's Award	Rosie Griffiths	

Aussie Rules match and Curry Evening

Thank you to everybody who has responded and played in the Aussie Rules game on Saturday 5th October. We had a fantastic response and 29 members signed up for the game. As a maximum of 24 can play some members kindly agreed to either stand down or share participation with another member. Play commenced at 2.00pm with a break halfway through for refreshments.

After an enjoyable match we were treated to an excellent meal, a choice of three different curries prepared by Valerie Gomersall and Jane Stainforth, served with rice cooked and donated by Chutney Jacks restaurant in Winslow, or fish and chips. Scores were counted and our winner was John Gomersall who received an Aussie Rules trophy. A fun match and a good meal, followed by a quiz, completed another successful day for the club.

Our thanks to Valerie and Jane for providing the curry, and to their team of helpers for their hard work. Thanks too to Marian and Pete Joyner for the quiz and to John Jeacock for managing the bar.



2024 JL Trophy, Saturday 28th September

On Saturday 28th September we played our postponed second leg of the JL Trophy at Bradwell.

Unfortunately one of our 16 did not turn up but Bradwell kindly agreed to continue with the match allowing one of our teams to play with 3 players bowling 3, 3 and 2 bowls.

We started the match 6 shots behind from the first leg and at halfway we were leading by 12 shots on the day meaning we were well on target to win back the trophy.

Unfortunately 3 of the rinks slipped back in the second half and we eventually lost by 13 shots on the day and so an overall deficit of 19 for the trophy.

Our only winning rink was Pete Joyner, Harry Ardill, Rodger Shelton and John Gilbey.

Attached photo shows Club Captain John Gilbey presenting the trophy to Bradwell Captain Dave Hardaway.



President's Day 2024

As usual, the day began with a special competition for members of the Club, in the form of a 'Spoon Drive', which is an interactive competition organised so that members play with and against other members of the club.

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Each player recorded their team score and, after all matches were complete, totalled their individual scores. Congratulations to the winner, Kay Kingston, and to Pete Joyner in second place and Roger Hayman in third place. The awards were presented by our President, Len Ward.

Our thanks to John Jeacock and all of those who helped in organising the competition.

We were prevented from playing the 4th mini-match by heavy rain but Pete Joyner had prepared a quiz to keep us entertained until the meal was ready. An excellent meal prepared by Robin Galvin, assisted by Valerie Gomersall, completed a great day.

Thanks to those who made the afternoon enjoyable for us all.



Presentation to President Len Ward



2024 Nominated Pairs, 26th August 2024

The 2024 Nominated Pairs competition took place on Monday the 26th August. With fine weather in prospect for the afternoon 15 pairs teams were ready and eager to play. It was good to see so many of the club's new members taking part.

All six rinks were in use for the matches which were played over five rounds of competition.

There were 15 teams, as follows:

1	Jane Stainforth, Kate Probert	2	Lucy Comerford, Richard Russell	3	Fiona Reese, Rosie Griffiths
4	Valerie Gomersall, John Gomersall	5	Sheila Cadge, John Gilbey	6	Roger Hayman, Mick Bigby
7	Victor Griffiths, Colin Bishopp	8	Norman Line, John Jeacock	9	John Thorogood, Tony Burrows
10	Les Truett, Darren Yearwood	11	Diana Lawrence, Tony Lawrence	12	Steve Church, Harry Ardill
13	Trish Goymer, Robin Galvin	14	Randell Moll, David Midwinter	15	David Curtis, Chris Reeves

Each team played "mini-matches" of five ends against four other teams chosen at random.

Two points were scored for a win and one for a draw.

The winning team would be the one with the most points and, in the event of a tie, then the team with a greater shot difference. If there was still a tie, the total number of shots would be the final deciding factor.

Thanks to Colin Bishopp for preparing the scorecards and for completing the analysis after the game.

The result: Six teams scored 6 points. With 6 points and the largest shot difference by some margin were Victor Griffiths and Colin Bishopp (Team 7) and they were declared as winners of the competition.

Runners up were Sheila Cadge and John Gilbey (Team 5)

All players seemed to enjoy the competition which was played in a sporting and friendly atmosphere.



OFFA Trophy 2024

We were blessed with fine, warm weather for this annual event.

30 members took part in the Club's annual Offa Trophy, for nominated triples. There were accordingly 10 teams, who played mini-matches of four ends against each of five other randomly selected teams. Shots for and against were recorded by each team skip in the usual way. However the Offa scoring system is based on points awarded for match result: two points for a win, and one for a draw.

Two teams, team 3, of Mick Bigby, Roger Hayman and John Gomersall, and team 4, of Les Truett, Sheila Cadge and John Jeacock, each won four of their mini-matches to secure 8 points, but on the tie-breaker of shot difference team 3 were the winners with 12, while team 4 had only 6.

Congratulations to team 3, Mick, Roger and John, the 2024 Offa Trophy winners!

We all enjoyed refreshments in the clubhouse after the game. It was a good day, playing bowls with fellow members in a competitive and social atmosphere.

Thanks go to Pete Joyner and his helpers who provided the refreshments and to John Jeacock for running the bar.



Away v Stony Stratford 5 August

Four triples travelled to Stony Stratford for the last of this season's Bletchley & District League matches.

It was a dry but gloomy evening and the matches finished in very poor light. Although we managed a narrow win on one rink we lost on the other three, going down overall by 58 to 80.

Despite the loss and the light we spent an enjoyable evening with a welcoming host team.

Bucks Plate Semi-final 4th August

We travelled more than 40 miles to Denham to play a Bucks Plate Semi Final for the first time in the club's history.

Unfortunately we came up against a strong team from Hazells and only managed to win on one rink so no place in the gold medal match this year.

The final score was Hazells 68 Winslow 54



Open Triples 3rd August 2024

Eighteen members took part in the annual Open Triples competition on Saturday 3rd August. We enjoyed excellent weather over 20 ends, punctuated by tea and delicious cakes provided by Cliff Geary's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The 6 teams were

Team A: Lucy Comerford, Chris Reeves, Norman Line

Team B: Diana Lawrence, Stan Hubert, Colin Bishopp

Team C: Kay Kingston, Steve Church, Tony Lawrence

Team D: Sheila Cadge, Harry Ardill, Victor Griffiths

Team E: Valerie Gomersall, Peter Joyner, Cliff Geary

Team F: Fiona Reese, Les Truett, John Thorogood

Each team plays each other team over four ends (a 'mini-match'), so 20 ends in total.

The runaway winners were team C, Kay Kingston, Steve Church and Tony Lawrence, on 27 shots while the runners-up were team D, Sheila Cadge, Harry Ardill and Victor Griffiths, on 17 with team F finishing in 3rd place.

The trophy was presented to the winning team by John Jeacock.



Bucks Plate semi-final, 4th August 2024

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Bucks Plate semi final draw

Olney v Amersham at Iver Heath BC

Hazells v Winslow at Denham BC

Matches to be played on 4th August 2024

	<p>Winslow Bowls Club reaches the semi-final of the Bucks Plate competition.</p>
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Home v Bletchley Town Sat 27th July 2024

The game was listed as 4 triples and as we had more than 12 players who wanted to play our captain asked Bletchley if they could field 5 triples. After further discussion the team Captains agreed to play 4 triples and 1 pair.

As the match proceeded Winslow took an early lead in two of the triples and Bletchley played strongly in the pairs match to set up a strong lead. In the closing stages with both Winslow and Bletchley teams playing to hold their lead or recover a shot deficit, fortunes changed on several rinks. It was an exciting match.

Winslow secured 2 wins in the triples, Bletchley also won 2 triples and the pairs match, and the final points totals were Winslow 66, Bletchley 88. Both team captains expressed thanks to all players for their contribution to a very enjoyable, hard fought and exciting game.

Congratulations to Stephen Church, Roger Hayman and John Thorogood as the Winslow winning rink.

Our thanks to Colin Bishopp, our captain for the day, and to John Jeacock who ran the bar and the raffle.

Bucks Plate Sunday 14th July 2023

On Sunday 12 members travelled to High Wycombe to take part in the quarter final of the Bucks Plate competition. Winslow were made very welcome by the High Wycombe members.

The game was competitive in a very sporting way and from watching the scoring the lead was changing constantly.

The rink of Cliff Geary, Colin Bishopp and Mick Bigby were however generally always in front and contributed well to the overall score. Len Ward showed the way with some amazing shots in the rink with Victor Griffiths and Roger Shelton and they also emerged winners.

Tony Lawrence, Norman Line and Richard Russell had a tough game and did exceptionally well: despite losing they managed to keep the margin low.

A special mention to John Gomersall, Roger Hayman and Darren Yearwood who, despite being a long way behind at one point, managed to claw their way back to lose by only one point.

Our very happy captain on the day, Tony Lawrence, was (and still is) over the moon with the team performance as we ran out winners 71 - 65.

We now await the draw for the semi finals where we will play one of Hazells, Olney or Amersham.

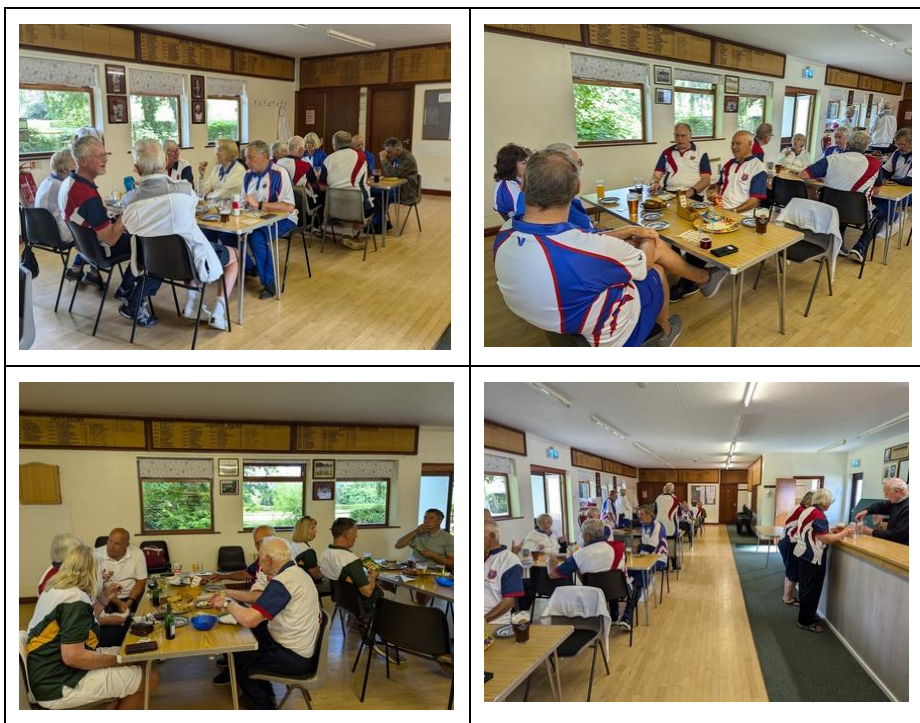
Home v Cheddington 7th July 2024

The weather forecast for this game was predicting a 50% chance of rain for the whole afternoon, but for the first 90 minutes we enjoyed periods of warm sunshine. The Winslow teams were playing well and establishing a good shots lead, but then came the rain. Luckily it was a short shower and play resumed after 15 minutes.

After the break Cheddington started to recover some of the earlier shot deficit but we were still able to win on 4 rinks, Cheddington winning on the 5th rink. Our most successful rink was Roger Hayman, Rosie Griffiths and Skip John Gomersall.

The final score was Winslow 96, Cheddington 57. The friendly atmosphere on all rinks was enjoyed by both teams.

Our thanks to Roger Shelton who provided some splendid home made cakes and to John Jeacock for running the bar and raffle.



BBQ Evening 28th June 2024

32 members and guests enjoyed a great evening's entertainment on Friday 28th June. They were treated to a sumptuous BBQ with burgers, sausages and a varied range of fresh salads, followed up by a delicious home-made range of desserts and cakes contributed by members.

John Jeacock ran the bar and Robin Galvin did most of the cooking with the food sourced by Pete Joyner and prepared by Cliff Geary and Roger Shelton.

The BBQ was followed by another one of Pete's unfathomable quizzes and a very successful raffle.

Then the highlight of the evening was the first draw of the club's new 100 Club. First of the £25 first prize winners was Monica Gilbey with winning number 11. Zena Geary took the £10 second prize with number 35 and Jill Mead won the £5 third prize with number 1.

We now have 89 of the 100 numbers allocated so still 11 available at a reduced price of £11.

A couple of photos show how much some of our new members enjoyed the evening.



WBC qualifies for the quarter finals of the Bucks Plate competition (2024)

We have made it through to the quarter final of the Bucks Plate and will play at Wycombe on Sunday 14th July at 10.00am. Congratulations to all those who have played in this competition.

Here's some detail about the BBA Bucks Plate competition:

In the first stage of the competition each team will play all other teams in that division. The format for these games is 4 triples, two triples to be played at each club location. Points are awarded for each game.

Six points shall be awarded to the team with the highest number of shots or three points to each team if each team has the same number of shots.

Two additional points shall be awarded to each team for each winning triple or one point to each team for a tied triple.

The winner and runner-up in each division will qualify for the quarter finals along with 2 of the clubs finishing 3rd. This will be determined by the club with the best points average from the number of games played.

The winner of each division will be at home in the quarter final along with the club finishing runner up, which has the best record as determined by the criteria mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Buckinghamshire Bowls Association: Bucks Plate

Division 1

Buckingham West End

Bradwell

Bletchley St Martins

Scot

Wolverton Park

Olney

Division 2

Aston Clinton

Cheddington

Wing

Hazels

Winslow

Division 3 & 4

Bassetbury Manor

Amersham

High Wycombe

Denham

Home v Chandos Park 23rd June 2024

On Sunday the 23rd of June our Captain Tony Lawrence welcomed Chandos Captain Norman Jerrom's team of 5 triples. We were pleased to have a warm and sunny afternoon for the match and our green was well prepared and in excellent condition.

Chandos had brought a strong team, including some former Winslow players and members of Slade indoor bowls club, so the atmosphere was friendly and competitive.

Chandos won on three of the five rinks, Winslow won on two, resulting in a 90 to 71 victory for Chandos. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of bowls.

Away v Wing 18th June 2024

2 Ladies triples travelled to Wing for the rearranged ladies triples match against Wing on Tuesday June 18th at 2.30 pm

After 15 ends, Rosie's team with Kay Kingston & Jane Stainforth were holding firm at 17 all. The other triple of Sheila, Valerie Gomersall & Sue Bargent were 11 all after 10 ends.

Wing's knowledge of their green won through & we lost 24-17 & 25-14 respectively.

This was Sue's first match for the club. Well done Sue.

We were then treated to a cream tea which certainly complemented the afternoon's summer weather.

Home v Aylesbury 15th June 2024

Wow what a result - a decisive 89 shots to 58 over what would normally be a very strong team from Aylesbury Town.

Our top winning rink of Roger Shelton, Roger Hayman and skip John Gomersall stormed to a 24 to 6 shots win, but not far behind was the triple of Les Truett, Diana Bonham and skip Cliff Geary who score a convincing 21 shots to 8 victory on rink 4.

Our other winning rink was Jane Stainforth, Victor Griffiths and skip John Gilbey who won the last 4 ends to come out winners on rink 3 by 17 shots to 12.

It was notable that the team was supported by a number of members who were not playing in the match including Mick Bigby, Tony Burrows, Stephen Church, Norman Line, Sheila Cadge and Len Ward.

Home v Buckingham West End June 11th 2024

Ladies match (2 Triples) played Tuesday June 11th v Buckingham West End at home

At the 3rd attempt, 2 teams were able to play their 1st match against Buckingham West End. Despite the heavy downpour soon after starting, it did not dampen our spirits. Once dry & warm again, the bowling restarted with some very close scores.

Rosie, Valerie & Kay were 16 all after 16 ends & then finished with a flourish winning 22 - 16.

Diana, Sheila & Jane were 16 -11 after 16 ends but lost on the final end 16-17.

The overall result was a win to

Winslow 38 - 33.

A most enjoyable afternoon.

Home v Scot Bowls 9th June 2024

We played 5 triples against Scot Bowls Club on Sunday 9th June.

It was a cool but dry afternoon and overall a close contest which could have gone either way.

We did have 3 winning rinks but the winning margins on these three were small and the winning margins on the 2 losing rinks outweighed these and so overall we lost by 77 shots to 85.

Our highest winning rink was Norman Line, Rosie Griffiths and John Gilbey with a score of 19 to 14 although they had led by 16 shots to 3 after 8 ends.

The other winning rinks were Stan Hubert, Kate Probert and John Gomersall and Valerie Gomersall, Diana Bonham and Victor Griffiths.

David Curtis played his first game for the club.

Spooner Trophy 27th May 2024

The annual competition is between sides of each of the three remaining Clubs whose greens were constructed by Mr. Ray Spooner, namely Cheddington. Wing and Winslow. The competition comprises 2 games, each of 11 ends.

In each Game, the Winslow teams played 2 teams from Cheddington and 2 teams from Wing. 10 points are awarded for a win, 5 points for a draw plus 1 point for each end won.

In Game 1, skips Cliff Geary and Len Ward both secured a win and John Gilbeys team secured a draw with a 4 shot win on the last end. At this point Winslow had secured 49 points to be in 2nd place and Wing were holding 1st place with 53 points. Cheddington were in 3rd place with 24 points.

In Game 2, only Len Ward's team won again so Winslow lost ground to Wing, but we held on to 2nd place in the competition despite a Game 2 revival from Cheddington.

Congratulations to Len's team, Norman Line, Kate Probert, Tony Lawrence and Len Ward for their win in both games.

The final result, a win for Wing who scored 108 points, with Winslow in 2nd place with 78 points and Cheddington 3rd with 66 points. President Len Ward presented the Spooner trophy to the Wing Captain.

Whilst shots scored is not used in the calculation, it is interesting to know that Wing scored 75 shots with a shot difference of +12, Winslow scored 74 shots with a shot difference of -3, and Cheddington scored 63 shots with a shot difference of -9.



Away v Brackley, Saturday 25th May 2024

We enjoyed Brackley's excellent facilities, both on and off the green, during a warm and sunny afternoon. The match, over 18 ends, was thoroughly enjoyable despite the result.

On rink 2 Stan, Roger Hayman and John Gomersall were neck and neck with their opponents for twelve ends, but then struggled. A three on the last end could not save them from going down by 12 shots to 17.

On rink 5 Stephen Church (playing his first game for the club) John Jenkins and Cliff began very well but could not overcome Brackley's five on the 11 th end and six on the 14 th , and finally lost by 15 shots to 23.

On rink 4 Valerie, Norman and John Jeacock led almost from the start, and surged ahead with a seven on the 13th end, only to see Brackley fight back hard to an eventual 19-all draw.

On rink 3 Mick, Roger Shelton and Colin, after a rather shaky start, moved up a gear to take the lead and finish with our only win of the day, by 21 shots to 14.

Unfortunately that one win was not enough, and we ended the day with an overall loss by 67 shots to 73.

Away v Wing Sunday 19th May at Wing 2024

It was a lovely warm and sunny afternoon. The green played rather variably which made for some exciting games with many changes of fortune as the ends progressed.

On rink 5 Valerie, Robin/Randell and Cliff led by 13 shots to 11 after end 15 but lost by 13 shots to 19.

On rink 1 Norman, Kate and Colin were 7 shots to 13 down after 12 ends but came back to win by 18 shots to 14.

On rink 3 Pete, Roger S and Captain John were down by 5 shots to 16 after 10 ends but fought back to win by 20 shots to 19.

Our winning rink however was rink 4 where Rosie, John Thorogood and John Gomersall won by 18 shots to 12.

However when all the ends were added up the result was a win by Wing by 81 shots to 80.



Home v Thame 12th May 2024

I asked everybody to get to the club early for a 2pm start, but unfortunately Thame had the match listed for a 2.30pm start, so it was a rather frustrating delay until the visitors were all assembled.

Eventually we started with a Spider for the President's chosen charity and £26 was collected to add to the £24 taken on the club game on Thursday.

The weather was warm and when the match got underway Winslow proved too strong for our visitors and won on 4 out of 5 rinks for our first win of the season.

The final score was 110 to Winslow and 60 to Thame with a remarkable winning rink of John Thorogood, Roger Hayman, and Cliff Geary coming out on top by 39 shots to 5.

Away v Waddesdon 5th May 2024

When I emailed the secretary of Waddesdon on Friday to confirm our match on Sunday he emailed back to say that their green was currently flooded but with 2 days of better weather forecast they were hopeful of play being possible.

Luckily the weather was kind and we managed a full 18 ends on Sunday afternoon.

We managed to win on 2 rinks whilst losing on the other 2, unfortunately our total margin on the 2 winning rinks was 4 whilst on the 2 losing rinks it was minus 28 so an overall defeat by 46 shots to 70.

The triple of Rosie Griffiths, Roger Shelton and John Jeacock came from 5 to 10 down to win by one shot with a one on the last end but our highest winning rink was Stan Hubert, Victor Griffiths and Cliff Geary who scored a 3 on the last end to win by 3 shots.

A special mention for Pete Joyner who was representing the club for the first time.

Also worth mentioning the splendid new clubhouse at Waddesdon donated by the late Lord Rothschild.

Home v Bicester 20th April 2024

It was a bright but cool afternoon with some warming sunny spells.

We played 5 triples 18 ends straight through against Bicester including lending them Richard Russell as they were one short.

In the last 2 seasons we have beaten Bicester convincingly by 99 shots to 59 in 2023 and by 88 shots to 67 in 2022.

This year the result was a reversal as we went down by 71 shots to 96.

We managed a win on only 2 rinks with our highest winning rink being Stan Hubert, Roger Hayman and John Gilbey.

Congratulations to Mick Bigby for playing his first outdoor match for the club.

Green Opening Day 13th April 2024

Green Opening Day.

At the beginning of each season Members are invited to play for the first time in the new season. This often takes the form of a competition between the 'Presidents' team and the 'Captains' team.

This year, on the 13th April 2024, the 30 players who took part in this match enjoyed a friendly and competitive game in the fine spring weather. The Green was in excellent condition thanks to Victor Griffiths and his team of helpers. President Len Ward's team were the winners today scoring a total of 44 points. Captain John Gilbey's team provided strong competition, scoring 33 points.

After the match in the clubhouse the trophy was presented by last year's winner John Gilbey to our President Len Ward.

The green is now open for roll ups. These will be at 6pm on Tuesday evenings with Tony Lawrence organising and 2pm on Thursdays under the guidance of Robin Galvin.

Our first club match against Bicester will take place on Saturday the 20th April.

Don't forget the annual Open Day event will take place on Saturday the 27th.



WBC v Buckingham West End on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at Slade

We played a very friendly match of 4 mixed triples against our oldest and friendliest local rivals.

This time we managed to come out on top winning 3 rinks out of 4 and scoring 64 shots to 49 overall.

We had 2 rinks tied for the position of winning rink as follows:

Norman Line, Len Ward and Mike Jones and Paul Farrell, Mick Bigby and John Gilbey

The latter's performance was especially pleasing as both Paul and Mick were playing in their first matches representing the club. I should also mention Tony Burrows who was first reserve for the team came along and stayed to support the team throughout the afternoon.

WBC Social Event 23rd February 2024.

We enjoyed a very well attended social evening on Friday with a total of 37 members and guests.

There was a very extended darts competition as nobody could hit a double but eventually Jane Stainforth came out on top with Roger Shelton as runner up. We also played 3 rounds of Huy Bingo with 3 different winners, and once again emptied the bar of Malbec.

Thanks to John Jeacock for running the bar, Len Ward for organising the darts and Bingo, Kate Probert for selling the raffle tickets and Colin Bishop for compering the whole evening.



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On Saturday the 26th of October, WBC club Chairman Colin Bishopp welcomed 48 club members to the annual lunch and awards presentation at the Bell Hotel in Winslow.

After an excellent lunch, trophies were awarded to the winners of the club competitions, followed by the October 100 Club draw and a raffle. The special Captain's award went to Rosie Griffiths.

Competition results, also available on the Fixtures and Results web page and 100 Club winners as a News item, were as follows:

Competition Results 2024		
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner(s)</i>	<i>Runner(s) Up</i>
Open Singles	John Gilbey	Colin Bishopp
Men's Singles	John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths
Ladies' Singles	Fiona Reese	Jane Stainforth
Novices' Singles	Colin Bishopp	Roger Shelton
Open 2 wood Singles	John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths
Open Pairs	Sheila Cadge and John Jeacock	Les Truett and Victor Griffiths
Men's Pairs	Richard Russell and John Gilbey	Victor Griffiths and Tony Lawrence
Ladies' Pairs	Susan Bargent and Diana Lawrence	Sheila Cadge and Lucy Comerford
Nominated Pairs	Victor Griffiths and Colin Bishopp	Sheila Cadge and John Gilbey
Ladies' 2 wood Pairs	Jane Stainforth and Sheila Cadge	Lucy Comerford and Susan Bargent
Short mat Open Pairs	Mary Arnold, Len Ward	Jill Mead, Colin Beckett
Open Triples	Kay Kingston, Steve Church and Tony Lawrence	Sheila Cadge, Harry Ardill and Victor Griffiths
Men's Triples	Norman Line, Roger Shelton and Colin Bishopp	Les Truett, Robin Galvin and Len Ward
OFFA Trophy	Mick Bigby, Roger Hayman and John Gomersall	Les Truett, Sheila Cadge and John Jeacock
Spoon Drive	Kay Kingston	
Captain's Award	Rosie Griffiths	

