

WITNEY TOWN BOWLS CLUB

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COMPETITIONS SPECIAL!!!!

After months of knockout rounds, all the hard work of bowlers and competitions secretary John Milsom were rewarded by a weekend of fine weather and some seriously competitive bowling – an excellent conclusion to an outdoor season which threw up many challenges. Special mention should be made to acknowledge the titanic efforts of Richard Nolte – finalist in seven competitions, winner of 6 – an achievement unprecedented in the history of our club. Congratulations to all the winners, commiserations to the gallant losers, and well done to everyone who came down to watch the matches over the weekend. A huge thank you to John, who ensured that everything ran smoothly throughout the summer and over the whole weekend, and to the markers, without whom the singles matches could not have happened.



Club Champion
Richard Nolte



Men's Singles
Fabrizio Boer



Ladies Singles
Lesley Milsom



Mixed Pairs
Richard Nolte and
Frances Riley



Men's Pairs
Martin Lister and John Milsom
(trophy presented by Norma
Buckingham in honour of Bryan)



Ladies Pairs
Susan Close and
Mavis Hale



Ladies Handicap Singles
Wendy Hurp



Men's Handicap Singles
Richard Nolte



Men's Two Wood
Richard Nolte



Ladies Two Wood
Mavis Hale



Men's Never Won
Gary Panons



Ladies Never Won
Anne Lister



Men's Points
Richard Nolte



Ladies Points
Wendy Hurp



Halls Cup
Richard Nolte and
Judi Martin

Club Knockout Competition Fees

Many thanks to all the players and markers who took part in this year's club KO competitions; we hope that everyone enjoyed the events. Players who progressed beyond the first round in a competition will have additional competition fees to pay. If you fall in this category then please visit the "Competition Information" notice board at the club at the beginning of October and collect your payment request chitty. Insert your payment in the plastic bag provided and post it in the red letter box by the ladies changing room door.

Yardstick Competition

Congratulations to Lorna Deadman, Mike Jones and Mike Willemite who won the yardstick competition in early August – and well done to everyone who managed to figure out the rules!!



Derek Adams Memorial Trophy

Congratulations to Mike Hurp, who was the winner of this year's Derek Adams Trophy, which was presented by Sue Adams.



Temple Piper Summer Triples League

Congratulations to Oliver's Army (Roy Radband, Hazel Oliver, Martin Oliver, Barbara Singh, Richard Nolte and Ann Spearman) who came out on top after the final round of the Temple Piper Summer Triples League after a very tightly contested summer of matches. Burford Lions were a single point behind, followed by Wickers and Glancers and Tail Enders who finished on the same number of points.

Men's and Ladies' Leagues

In the Men's League, Witney Town A finished 5th in Division 2, retaining their place in the division and Witney Town B finished at the bottom of a very tough Division 4. In the Ladies League, Witney Town finished a very creditable 3rd place behind Banbury Central and West Witney after a strong end to the season. Big thanks to Roy Radband and Mickey Conrad Banks who captained the men's teams, and Pauline Conrad Banks who led the Ladies.

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League

This year was the first time there were two divisions in the mixed league, and Witney Town had two representatives in Division 1 – the Panthers and the Cougars – and one in Division 2 – the Tigers. The Panthers are finished in 4th and the Cougars in 6th, behind winners Chipping Norton. The Tigers were overtaken by West Witney in their last game, and finished second.

National Competitions

Club players are now invited to put their names down to enter the 2025 National and Domestic competitions. Entry forms are posted on the boards next to the men's and ladies changing rooms. Closing date for entries is 15 January 2025. If you haven't entered before but would like more information, please see Alan Scholan or any of the club's experienced bowlers.

Committee Notices and Reminders

- We are still awaiting repairs to the front gate; the entrance has been secured by a padlock with the same combination as the gate lock
- Brian B would appreciate receiving more of your clean jam jars for his production line
- The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 November at 3:00. More details to follow. Nomination sheets for club officers have been posted in the club (on the door by the store cupboard).
- The short mat season opens on Monday 23 September, with the first league match on Tuesday 24 September, so there will be little practice time! Immediately after the conclusion of the Presidents vs Captains game on the 22nd, the furniture will be moved in the hall so the floor can be properly cleaned by our machine (thanks in advance to Andrew), and mats will be rolled out early on the 23rd. We will endeavour to publish the fixtures and get them printed as soon as possible.

Dates for Your Diary

Presidents vs Captains Match – the final outdoor match of the season will be on Sunday 22 September. Sign up in the clubhouse to play; match to be followed by tea.

Christmas Bazaar – our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 16 November from 10:00-13:00. Susan Close has once again agreed to coordinate, but will need plenty of volunteers on the day to do teas and coffees, run games and stalls, and bake cakes.

Christmas Lunch – after the success of last year's event, we will once again be having a Christmas Party and buffet lunch on Sunday 15 December. Details to follow. The Christmas Prize Draw will be held at this event.

100 Club August Winners

Congratulations to these lucky winners in the August draw –

1st Prize	£100	Mim Williams
2nd Prize	£80	Peter McCulloch
3rd Prize	£65	Chris Jones
4th Prize	£50	Susan Close
5th Prize	£35	Doreen Dowley

Next draw will be at the rollup on 30 September, £330 in the prize pot.

Their Last End

Allan Tuckwell was Club President at Burford from 1999-2010 & 2019-2020. Allan had a passion for bowls and was positively evangelical in seeking converts to the game. His service to the bowls club was recognised when he was made a life member in 2022. Although Allan's bowling was restricted, as his illness prevented regular attendance in his later years, he always maintained an interest in the club.

Ron May died on 31st August. Ron was a player at Burford for over 20 years, supporting them strongly both outdoors and indoors.

His funeral will be held at 2pm on Friday 20th September at Black Bourton Church. Those attending are asked to wear something green.

David Robey died on 2nd September after a long fight against illness. David was an experienced and competitive player at Middle Barton for many years, and a past President.

New Weathervane

Finally, a word of thanks to long time member Clive Aldridge. Many of you may not have noticed the splendid weathervane that now sits proudly on top of our clubhouse. This was crafted by Clive especially for Witney Town, and we are delighted to now always know which way the wind blows.

