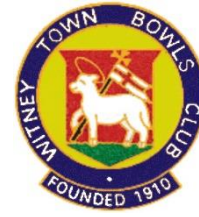


WITNEY TOWN BOWLS CLUB



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Another outdoor season has come and gone – we'll all agree that the weather was not on our side this summer, and played a significant part in the cancellation and curtailment of a number of matches because of poor green conditions. If you've been to the club recently you will have noticed that work has begun on improving the green and its surrounds, with the green back boards and caterpillar ditch linings being removed in preparation for the contractors Avonmore to put the green to bed over the winter. Because of poor weather conditions since the end of the season, no other greens in the county have yet to have work carried out on them. We hope that by bringing in an outside contractor to assist, the Town Council will have the necessary expertise on hand to enable us to have a fighting chance at improved green conditions come the spring.



Club Knockout Competition Fees

Players who progressed beyond the first round in a competition will have additional competition fees to pay. If you fall into the category please visit the "Competition Information" notice board at the club 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.

National Competitions

Club players are reminded 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 is 15 January 2025.

Tuesday Turn Up and Play League

The final competition result of the season is in – the Tuesday League winner was Phil Horton! Congratulations and commiserations to the runners up Paul Smith and Brian Woodburn.



Indoor Short Mat Leagues

Wednesday Triples – Fourteen teams from our club and others in the area are competing this year, with matches being played on Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

Afternoon Triples League – in addition to the Witney Town Vultures competing once again in Division One, we have also entered a new team – the Witney Town Hawks – in Division Two.

West Oxfordshire Evening League – we once again have four teams competing – the Rams, the Canaries, the Woolies and the Red Kites.

2025 Outdoor Finals Dates

Each year our club manages its fixtures to align with the bowling calendar set out by Bowls England. Other clubs and counties do the same. It seems a very long way off but please make a note that next year's Club Finals will be taking place over Friday 29th August – Sunday 31st August 2025. At some stage the Bowls England standard weeks will flip to positioning our finals weekend back in September.

First Shortmat Pairs Competition Day

Another date for your diaries - The first of three internal shortmat pairs competitions will be taking place on Sunday 19th January. An entry form will be posted on the club notice board during December.

Committee Notices and Reminders

- The Witney Town Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 November at 3:00. If you have any items that you would like to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, these must be received by Wendy Hurlp (club secretary, wrhurlp@icloud.com) no later than Friday 8 November. Papers for the meeting will be distributed to all members two

weeks before the meeting. Nomination sheets for club officers have been posted at the club (on the door by the store cupboard).

- The main entrance gate is going to be rehung, but we have not been given a date. Please continue to use the padlock and chain to ensure the gate is secure.
- If you are the last to leave the building, please make sure the alarm is set!

Dates for your Diary

- Christmas Bazaar – our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 16 November from 10:00-13:00. The Committee has decided that this year, proceeds from the Bazaar will be donated to Witney Food Revolution (Witney Fridge). 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. We will also need donations for the tombola. There are still a few tables remaining for stall holders.
- Race Night – we will be holding another of our popular Race Nights on Saturday 30 November – more details to follow.
- Christmas Lunch Party – 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 will follow. The Christmas Prize Draw will be held at this event.

100 Club September Winners

1 st Prize	£100	Malcolm Bradford
2 nd Prize	£80	Emily Cooper
3 rd Prize	£65	Caroline Bloomfield
4 th Prize	£50	Steve Cleaver
5 th Prize	£35	Mim Williams

Next draw will be Wednesday 30 October at the Wednesday Triples League. £330 in the prize pot.

Their Last End

Long-standing club member Peter Deadman passed away on Monday 7 October in Sobell House.

Pete's funeral will be held on Monday 4 November at 12:00 noon at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations for Sobell House will be gratefully received.