



September 2026 Newsletter

Men's County Friendly – Our final County fixture for this year is on 9th September when we will be hosting a Worcestershire men's County friendly match against Oxfordshire starting at 2pm – we are always looking for volunteers for the afternoon, so if you haven't yet said you can help, please can you let me or John Scott know of your availability, even if it's for a couple of hours to help with the washing up. If you are unable to help out on the day, then perhaps you could provide a raffle prize for the event – this is a great way of helping raise funds for the club and helps cover the ever-increasing costs of maintaining our green.

100 Club – Winners for August were Michael Chappell and Dennis Cooke. A big thank you to Michael who donated his winnings back to the club!!

Club Competitions – It is very disappointing to report that only one final was held over our finals weekend, which was the Men's Singles final between Ian Humphray and Len Phillips. Watched by an enthusiastic crowd, and after 25 ends, Ian eventually won 22-18 to secure his 3rd consecutive Men's title. Well done to both gents for a great game of bowls. The only other tournament to be decided was the Mixed Triples, which went to Alan & Geri Slater and, none other than Ian Humphray, well done to those three. Hopefully next year, there will be more members keen on having a go in the club tournaments, it's not all about winning, sometimes just taking part is what is more important.

Vale, Interberga & Friendlies – Unfortunately, our Interberga team finished the league in last position, but won the Presentation evening competition. This is when all competing teams send one mixed triple, to play in the end of year fun evening to finish the outdoor season. The Vale team did slightly better finishing 7th (out of 10 teams) with 81pts, which was 11pts more than we scored last year. Our Club Captain, Len, reports that had we not lost 4 of our matches by 4 pts to 6pts – that is winning 2 of the 3 rinks but losing on combined scores, we would have finished much higher in the league. Len, Paul C and Chris A (as captains of the league sides) would like to thank all those members that supported the club in playing in the Vale and Interberga throughout the season. Here's hoping that we do even better next year. We still have 4 friendlies left to play this season, but currently we have played 34 games with 5 cancelled and one abandoned (2 weeks ago because of rain!!!), winning 15 and losing 13.

Code of Conduct – You will find on the club noticeboard a signed copy of the Club Code of Conduct issued by Worcestershire Bowls Association & Bowls England which the club have adopted. I have also attached a copy of that Code of Conduct with this newsletter and would like to bring to your attention the section on Respectful Behaviour. The club will address immediately any such behaviour that does not adhere to this policy. Thank you for your co-operation in this very sensitive matter.

Future Dates for your Diary – On Wednesday 16th September the Club are hosting a McMillan Coffee Morning and roll-up. This is an opportunity to bring along any family member or friend who may not have played bowls before to have a go at this great game as well as raising funds for a great cause. There will be plenty of home-made cake and refreshments available, so please come along and join in. This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 2pm – NOT the usual 7pm. This year's annual lunch and Trophy Presentation will be held on Sunday 15th November (12.30pm for 1pm sit down) at the Southcrest Hotel in Redditch, further details to follow shortly.