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Ash Bowling Club News



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Find us at (just click on the link below):

www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk

Have a browse of the website and give us your feedback. Events, fixtures and other information are all included for your benefit.

We can only grow the membership of our club by extending our reach into the community through word of mouth and social media advertising.

We are on Facebook - find us by clicking on the link below, like and share our posts with your family and friends.



Indoor Short Mat

Don't forget, Short Mat is available all year round. If you haven't tried Short Mat and would like to do so, look on the short Mat Notice Board for more info.

The only extra to pay is 50p tea money per week (for however many sessions you play).

The list is now open for the short mat internal competitions - get your name down!

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Ash Bowling Club Chair's Report

As we approach the end of a great season, I am delighted to report that fixtures have been honoured, finances are in the black, our membership numbers are rising and several players new to bowling are playing in friendly and league fixtures. Our Club Competitions have been hotly contested and are progressing smoothly.

There are a few friendly matches that have had to be rescheduled - please do check the noticeboards to take account of the new dates.

I urge you to make the most of the time we have left in this fantastic weather by playing in or supporting our remaining fixtures, Finals Day if you have been successful and the Alan Norris Trophy which marks the closing of the green. This will be followed by a Pop Up Café at 6:30pm.

As the Lawn Bowling season ends you are reminded that all players are welcome to Short Mat Sessions and their internal competitions lists are now open for you to put your name down.

As well our inaugural Ash Memorial Trophy on the 14th Sept, we are pleased to be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September, Quiz Night on Saturday 4th October and Bingo on 13th December.

Thanks as always to the Executive Committee and other members who have worked very hard to make this such a successful season. We also welcome Mike Knaggs and Danny Swan who have been co-opted on to the Executive Committee temporarily to assist us.

With sadness I must acknowledge the passing of Peter Berrisford and Nina Vallack dearest members, friends and supporters of our club. Our condolences to their families and friends.

As a mark of respect and in order for us to host celebrations of their lives, the club and green will be CLOSED all day on both 9th and 12th September.

Shirley Taylor - Chair, Ash Bowling Club.

Kent County Bowling Association 2026 Competitions

Competition entries are now open for the Ladies & Men's
2026 County Competitions.
Entry forms are on display at the club.



Members are reminded to adhere to our respectful and common sense etiquette. In particular, please ensure your mobile phones are on silent (if not left in your locker) and no offensive or inappropriate language is used at any time.



Bowling Etiquette on and off the Green.

Be on time (at least 30mins prior to the start) for the game and follow our local protocols for the tasks each team member should complete.

Ensure your mobile phone is on silent or left in your locker – do not take or make calls while your game is in progress.

Ensure no inappropriate or offensive language is used.

Introduce yourself and other teammates and wish everyone a good game.

While playing do not wander around the end of the rink while woods are being bowled.

While playing do not take any items onto the green i.e. drinks refreshments.

Stay in front or on the mat until your wood comes to rest.

Do not criticize wicks or lucky woods and congratulate opponent on good woods.

The Number two player is in charge of counting the shots with the No2 opponent.

Any other players do not interfere or offer opinions.

Any measuring of woods is done by the No2 unless they have mobility problems and the No 1 on consultation with opponents beforehand.

Do not call the head shots until agreed with opponent.

Scorer will at intervals check the score card with the opponent's scorer.

Any query re length of Jack or called by the skip, measured by the umpire or the calling Skip, scrutinised by the sending Skip. Mat placement is checked by both skips before the Jack is sent.

Any call on foul or foot placement is pointed out to the opposing Skip on the first occasion.

Any further discretion is then dealt with by the wood being removed by the players Skip.

The last wood of the skip should be left in front of the mat, to inspect the head. Although it is not a foul to carry the wood to the head, it must not touch the ground at the head end.

Congratulate all players at the end of the game.

If tea is taken during the game, after a number of ends. The team do not leave the refreshment area until the captain's table has risen.

Drinks will be purchased for your opposite opponent.

Silence while the captains are making their address. Applause and general cheering is acceptable.



Well done to our Ladies Dover League players on a thrilling win over Sandwich. A hard fought match - but Ash/River emerged the victors!



The Ladies Dover League is yet to finish, so we will report back in the next newsletter, so stay tuned.

New Shirt Order

There is a poster up in the club for anyone who wants to order a new or additional club shirts.

Also, at the end of the outdoor season we will be able to take orders for anyone who would like to have their name embroidered onto their shirt/s.

Cost is £5 for up to 5 letters or £6 for over 5 letters.

The photo shows the colour and placing of the name.





We will need your help with the Ash Memorial Trophy event on 14th September.

Can you come along on the day to help with Lunch.

We will also need raffle prizes.

These events are huge revenue earning opportunities for the club, so please do get involved.

Colin Marsh Trophy



Congratulations to Dave Mawson, Glenn Stephenson and Mike Knaggs on winning the Colin Marsh Trophy.

It was a great afternoon and finished with a fabulous High Tea catered and presented by Shirley Harris.

A huge thank you to all who prepared the green, the pavilion and helped throughout the day with the kitchen and bar. Shout out also to our newly formed 'crutch' supporters club!

Have a look at the photo's.....





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Internal Competitions

Finals 2025

Ladies 21 Ends - (Bryony V Sarah) V Shirley T

Ladies 21 Shots - (Judy V Shirley H) V Shirley T

Novice - Dave C V Mike K

2 Woods - (Ken H/Mike K) V (Alan H/Stuart S)

Handicap - Stuart S V Martin

Mens 21 Ends (Alan H/Bob S) V (Kevin/Stuart S)

Mens 21 Shots (Alan H/Bob S) V (Stuart W/Martin v Mike)

Mixed Pairs Stuart W & Judy V (Roy & Steve/Nick D & Glenn S)

Many congratulations to those that have progressed through to the semi-final and final stages of this years competitions.

There have been some incredible matches this year - the standard of bowling has been excellent! Well done all.



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Upcoming Events

14th Sept - Ash Memorial Trophy

19th Sept - Friday Finals with Pop-Up Cafe

21st Sept - Sunday Finals with Lunch

26th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning

27th Sept - Alan Norris & Closing of the Green

4th Oct - Quiz Night

**29th Nov - Presentation Evening
(Rising Sun - Stourmouth)**

13th Dec - Bingo

Always check the notice boards for further details and to book your place.



The Executive Committee are here for you....

If you have any ideas, comments or feedback you'd like to give, then we would love to hear from you.

You can drop a note into the suggestions box or email secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT