



North Lancs & Fylde County Newsletter – March 2025

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year which will bring you news as to what is happening around the county as the new bowling League season is just a few weeks away....

NLFCBA AGM



The County AGM was held recently on Sunday 2nd February at the Canberra Club, Salmesbury. Eighty-nine members were in attendance representing 53 Clubs and Leagues.

Catherine Lockwood was presented with her chain of office as the new North Lancs & Fylde Ladies President for the 2025 season.

Congratulations Catherine 😊

Minutes from the meeting and financial report can be viewed and downloaded from the NLFCBA.com website, by clicking this link.

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Affiliation Fees

NLFCBA and BCGBA Affiliation payments are now due from all North Lancs & Fylde Clubs and Leagues for the 2025 season. Forms can be downloaded by visiting the Affiliation page on the website <https://nlfcba.com/documents/> Please note that the deadline for payment is **30th April 2025**.

Clubs & Leagues are also reminded that if you have a change of Secretary or Treasurer, then please inform the County Secretary at secretary.nlfcba@gmail.com so we can update our records, and ensure all correspondence goes to the correct person.

2025 BCGBA Ladies Club Championship

Our county is hosting this year's **BCGBA Ladies Club Championship on Saturday 22nd March**.

16 teams from across the country will compete at four venues at Belmont BC (Fleetwood), Cavendish Park BC (Blackpool), Jubilee Gardens BC (Thornton Cleveleys) and Norbreck BC (Thornton Cleveleys), with the Semi-Finals and Final to be played at Cleveleys WMC. North Lancs & Fylde will be represented by Bowling Club (Lancaster) and Marton Ladies (Blackpool)

Please come along and support our two teams.

Saturday 22nd March – 9.30am

GROUP 1 - Anchorsholme Bowling Club

27 Anchorsholme Ln W, Blackpool, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5

- 1 Springbank BC (Greater Manchester)
- 2 Dilhorne BC (Staffordshire)
- 3 Marown BC (Isle of Man)
- 4 Vardre Deganwy (Wales)

GROUP 2 - Cavendish Park Bowling Club

Holmfield Rd, Blackpool FY2 9LF

- 1 Bowling Green (North Lancs & Fylde)
- 2 Castletown (Isle of Man)
- 3 Winnington Ladies (Mid Cheshire)
- 4 Southport Town (Lancashire)

GROUP 3 - Jubilee Gardens Bowling Club

7 Jubilee Dr, Cleveleys, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 1LD

- 1 Marton Ladies (North Lancs & Fylde)
- 2 Pensby (Merseyside)
- 3 St Andrews (Greater Manchester)
- 4 The Maggies (Warwick & Worcester)

GROUP 4 - Norbreck Bowling & Tennis Club

Clovelly Ave, Blackpool, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 1RZ

- 1 Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire)
- 2 Bulkington (North Midlands)
- 3 New Mill B (Yorkshire)
- 4 Castle Sports (Cheshire)

SEMI-FINALS - Cleveleys WMC - 34 Slinger Rd, Cleveleys, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 1BN

- 1 Winners of Group 1 v Winners of Group 2
- 2 Winners of Group 3 v Winners of Group 4

FINAL - Cleveleys WMC - 34 Slinger Rd, Cleveleys, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 1BN

Winners of Semi-final 1 v Winners of Semi-final 2

2025 BCGBA Club Team Championship

Houghton and Foulridge are representing the county in this year's club championship. Qualifying takes place Sunday 30th March at 9-30am. Teams comprising of 8 players will compete at four different venues and in a round robin format, with the Group winners progressing to the final's day on Sunday 27th April, venue TBC.

Qualifying Draw:

GROUP A - Spen Victoria - Top Green		GROUP B - Spen Victoria - Bottom Green	
<i>Spen Victoria - Spen Ln, Gomersal, Cleckheaton BD19 4PJ</i>			
1	Derbyshire Park BC (Lancashire)	1	Gladstone BC (Merseyside)
2	George & Dragon (Greater Manchester)	2	Foulridge BC (North Lancs & Fylde)
3	Esclusham BC (Wales)	3	Meersbrook BC (South Yorkshire)
4	Attleborough BC (North Midlands)	4	Wolstanton High St (Potteries & District)
GROUP C - Windle Bowling Club - Green No 1		Group D - Windle Bowling Club - Green No 2	
<i>Windle Bowling Club - Hard Ln, Saint Helens WA10 6JT</i>			
1	Whitkirk BC (Yorkshire)	1	Hoghton (North Lancs & Fylde)
2	Birches Head (Potteries & District)	2	Marown BC (Isle of Man)
3	Greville Arms (Warwick & Worcester)	3	Willenhall Nordley (Staffordshire)
4	Woore BC (Shropshire)	4	King George V (Warwick & Worcester)
GROUP E - Wrockwardine Wood - Green No 1		GROUP F - Wrockwardine Wood - Green No 2	
<i>Wrockwardine Wood - 15 Church Rd, Telford TF2 7AQ</i>			
1	Pudsey BC (Yorkshire)	1	Haunchwood (North Midlands)
2	Hopwood Unionist (Greater Manchester)	2	Birchley St Mary's (Merseyside)
3	Castle Sports (Cheshire)	3	Alvaston & Boulton (Derbyshire)
10-30am Start		***10-30am Start***	
GROUP G - Alkincoats - Green No 1		GROUP H - Alkincoats - Green No 2	
<i>Alkincoats Park - Alkincoats Rd, Colne BB8 9QQ</i>			
1	Fenton Private (Potteries & District)	1	Stretton Anglesey (Derbyshire)
2	Crossgates BC (British Parks)	2	Bradfield BC (South Yorkshire)
3	Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire)	3	Sir John Bayley (Shropshire)
10-30am Start		4	Stile BC (Staffordshire)

The order of play for all Groups with four teams will be- Round 1 – Team 1 v Team 2 / Team 3 v Team 4

Round 2 – Team 1 v Team 3 / Team 2 v Team 4 - **Round 3** – Team 1 v Team 4 / Team 2 v Team 3

Groups with three teams-**Round 1** Team 1 v Team 2 **Round 2** Team 3 v Loser of round 1 **Round 3** Team 3 v Winner of round 1.



Official Partner  **AVIVA**

We want to make sure your club does not miss out on Big Bowls Weekend 2025, running from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May.

Many clubs have signed up already which is fantastic. This is an amazing opportunity for all clubs to:

- ✓ **Attract new players and potential members – introduce people of all ages to Crown Green Bowls.**
- ✓ **Raise your club's profile – be part of a national event with widespread promotion.**
- ✓ **Enjoy a fun, social event – bring your club together and create a welcoming atmosphere for visitors.**
- ✓ **No cost to take part – just sign up and make the most of the resources available!**

So far, 149 Crown Green clubs have already registered – let's get even more involved!

Registration closes on 24th March 2025, so do not miss out.

Register now at <https://www.bowlsbigweekend.com/>

County Competition Dates & Entry

Champion of League Champions – Saturday 5th April 2025 at St. Andrews Cricket & Bowling Club, Burnley (Leagues are to submit name of their Merit Winner to Andy Fleming)

Hugh Hornby Senior Men's County Individual Merit - £10 entry

Qualifying - Saturday 12th April – Layton Institute

Qualifying - Saturday 19th April – CPA Loveclough

Qualifying - Sunday 27th April – Guys Thatched Hamlet

Qualifying - Friday 2nd May – Lonsdale

Final Day - Saturday 24th May 2025 - Feniscowles Bowling Club

Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Singles Competition - £15 entry - Friday 6th June 2025 at Kirkham Conservative Club – Open to Male and Female players, 60 years and over

County Team Competition 2025

Entries are now being taken for this year's competition. Open to men's, ladies, and mixed teams. 8 player team (all players must be registered team players at the same club)

Qualifying rounds to be played during May, June, July and August 2025

Dates to be confirmed when draw is made.

Semi Final and Final to be played on Saturday 20th September 2025 (venue tbc)

£30 Entry Fee

Entries by text to Andy Fleming on 07870 663876

Ladies Competitions

Dorothy Pearce Ladies Pairs – Saturday 29th March – Elswick Bowling Club

Ladies Individual Merit – Saturday 26th April – Lostock Hall Cons

North Lancs & Fylde Ladies President Day – Saturday 2nd August 2025 at Frenchwood Sports & Social Club

Entries to Sarah Edmondson on 07855 799389

Senior Men's County Match Fixtures 2025

Sunday 4th May – North Lancs & Fylde v Warwick & Worcester

Sunday 1st June – North Lancs & Fylde v North Midlands

Sunday 6th July – North Lancs & Fylde v Cumbria



Senior Ladies County Match Fixtures 2025

Sunday 18th May – North Lancs & Fylde v Wales

Sunday 15th June – North Lancs & Fylde v Yorkshire

Sunday 20th July – North Lancs & Fylde v Cumbria



Junior Competition Dates 2025

NLFCBA Junior Individual Merit Qualifier: Saturday 5th July (BCGBA National Final Saturday 16 August)

BCGBA 6-a-Side Championship: Sunday 25th May & Sunday 29th June (Final dates tbc)

Junior & Youth Federation Leagues: Sunday 4th May (Bretherton & Tarleton BC) & Sunday 6th July (Eagle & Child BC & Fox Lane (Leyland))



If any Junior bowlers are interested in playing for the team, please contact our Junior County Secretary, Andrew Lucas for further details by email at andrewjohnlucas@me.com



NLFCBA County League

Places are still available for teams to enter this seasons 'County League.' The aim of the league is to develop club bowling across the five district regions of our County: Fylde, Preston, Lancaster, Blackburn, and East Lancs.

Part of the appeal of this league is the opportunity to play against new players, and on new greens. Open to new and experienced bowlers, open age, teams can be made up of male and female bowlers.

The general structure will be as follows:

- 6 players per team playing singles matches.
- 6 teams per division, playing a standard home and away format through the season (April to September)
- Games will be played fortnightly, with teams only having one away fixture per month.
- All matches to be played on Friday evenings.
- Promotion and relegation across divisions
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If any team is interested in joining the league for the 2025 season, please email steve.clamp.bowls@gmail.com

Development

Please visit the NLFCBA website by clicking on this link [Developing Your Club | North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association \(nlfcbba.com\)](https://nlfcbba.com/developing-your-club) to find lots of information on how your club can develop and grow its membership.

Also, on the NLFCBA website there is information for clubs about the Easy Fundraising scheme and 'The Bowls Buddies – Guide to Successful Grant Funding.'

Please click this link to view and download both documents [Grants and Fundraising | North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association \(nlfcbba.com\)](https://nlfcbba.com/grants-and-fundraising)

NLFCBA can also loan your club a bowls development kit free of charge for your open day. Please contact County Development Officer, Steve Clamp at steve.clamp.bowls@gmail.com for further details.

Safeguarding

Please visit the NLFCBA website by clicking on this link <https://nlfcbba.com/safeguarding/> to find information about Safeguarding Courses, DBS certificates, latest bulletins, BCGBA Disciplinary Policy and a Safeguarding Poster which you can download, print and display in your clubhouse.

Some advice for the new season from our County safeguarding Officer, Sue Sinclair.

Every club must have a Safeguarding Officer. If your club does not have a safeguarding officer, then please contact Sue at suesinclair1958@gmail.com

Also, a reminder for existing Club Safeguarding Officers to please check that your DBS certificate is valid. A DBS certificate is valid for 3yrs from the date of issue. Sue can assist with renewals.

Bowling Members are advised to fill out next of kin and medication form, so their club committee and team captains are aware.

Message for team captains - A Code of Conduct form should also be signed by every player every twelve months.

Finally, it is also recommended that someone at your bowls club should complete a First Aid course.

Open Competition Certificates

Notice to promoters and clubs hosting Open Competitions within the county.

Any club organising and hosting an open singles or pairs competition which invites or accepts entries from players outside of North Lancs & Fylde will need a paid-for BCGBA Open Competition Certificate. This must be obtained from the County Secretary at least 28 days before the event. Annual fee is £10.00 and covers one or multiple competitions held in the calendar year.

To download the application form and details on how to pay, please visit the Open Competition Certificate page on the NLFCBA website.

<https://nlfcba.com/open-competition-certificate/>

New Player Registrations

The lifetime BCGBA registration charge for new bowlers is £15 and replacement cards are £5.

The new application form can be downloaded from the NLFCBA website by clicking this link [Registrations of New Players and Clubs | North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association \(nlfcba.com\)](#) which also includes payment details.

Any queries in relation to new applications, existing membership numbers or lost cards, then please contact Neil by email at financeofficer.nlfcba@gmail.com

Insurance

The British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) has taken out a new Group Insurance Policy for 2025 and cover, which runs from 1 January 2025 up until 31 December 2025. This replaces the previous Endsleigh Insurance Policy.

The old insurance portal on the BCGBA website is now closed – please do not use.

If members choose to opt in to the new policy they must opt in to the whole policy, they cannot just opt in to parts of the policy.

The cost of the new BCGBA Policy is £55

Details on how to make purchase the policy from the BCGBA can be found visiting the BCGBA Insurance page on the NLFCBA website [BCGBA Group Insurance Policy | North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association](#)

Also, it is not mandatory to take out the BCGBA Insurance policy, you can source a policy via another insurance provider.



National Development Officer Jayne McKay

Jayne is the newly appointed BCGBA National Development Officer - a role that she commences in March 2025. With over 20 years experience within education, Jayne joins the BCGBA Management Team following her role as County Development Officer in Cheshire.



Jayne is a dynamic, results driven development professional, with a strong background in sports development, community engagement, and stakeholder collaboration. She is experienced in leading initiatives that drive membership growth, improve Club facilities, and enhance participation across all demographics. Jayne is also adept at strategic planning, public speaking, and securing funding to support grassroots and national-level sports initiatives.

As a Level Two Coach, Jayne is no stranger when it comes to introducing new bowlers to our sport, and appreciates the values that coaching can bring to Clubs at all levels.

Away from bowls, Jayne loves spending time at her caravan in Silverdale, and walking her dog with husband, Steve.

Contact - nationaldevelopment@bcgba.org.uk

North Lancs & Fylde Website

We encourage all bowling members to visit the **NLFCBA website**, where you can find everything about the latest news, county competitions, representative teams, coaching, development, funding/grants, safeguarding, affiliation and registration forms, contacts, plus useful documents, and links to other bowling websites.

Please visit our website at <https://nlfcba.com> and subscribe via the home page to receive the latest news via email.

Key County Management Committee Contacts

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Next Newsletter

If any clubs have a news item or would like to publicise an open day event, or competition, then please email County Secretary, Pete Harris at secretary.nlfcba@gmail.com with the details, and we'll include it in our next newsletter

