

North Lincs & Fylde County Bowls Association – AGM

Canberra Club

Sunday 25th January 2026 at 12.30pm

Attendees	Brian Swift (President) Pete Harris (County Secretary) Steve Clamp (Chair/Development Officer) Sue Sinclair (Safeguarding Officer) Andy Fleming (Men's Competition Secretary) Wendy Harris (Ladies Rep) Debbie Watters (Ladies Rep), Steve Edwards (Vice President) Irene Jones (Financial Officer 2026) Karen Kenworthy (County Secretary 2026) Gill Sutton (County Membership Co-ordinator) Jonathan Lacey (BCGBA Rep) Andrew Lucas (Junior Secretary) Graham Brandwood (Lancaster Chair) Mike Fleming (Preston Chair) Clair Russell (East Lincs Rep) Tracey Livesey (Preston Rep) Daryl Wright (East Lincs Rep) Andrea Holt (Fylde Rep) Rowland Hayward (Fylde Rep) Sue McGann (Lancaster Rep) Kath Watkinson (Ladies President) Margaret Warburton (Ladies Sub Committee Chair) Paul Ferguson (Vice President 2026) Kevin Truby (BCGBA Deputy President 2026) and 93 attendees representing clubs and leagues. 118 in total.
Item 1	Presidents Welcome & Address- Brian Swift opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Brian said it had been a successful year for the county but there was still work to do to get more juniors into the game. He thanked the committee and Pete and Neil for all their hard work, as they step down from their positions.
Item 2	Apologies of Absence – Nigel Pollard (Fylde Chair) Neil Payne (Financial Officer/Registrar) Sarah Edmondson (Ladies Competition Secretary) Tony Nichols (Woodplumpton Vets Lg) Martin Dillon (Burnley Lg) Stephen Greenway (Lune Valley Lg) Pat Conchie (Over Wyre Afternoon Ladies Lg) John Halsall (Freckelton Bowling Club) Robin Cook, Debra Phillips, Joan Jolly, Kath Garnet, Joan Beer, Angela Lee, Catherine Lockwood.
Item 3	Minutes Silence – was held for bowlers and friends who had passed away in the last year.
Item 4	Minutes of Previous AGM Sunday 2nd February 2025 & Matters Arising A – Minutes: Proposed by John Murie, seconded by Wendy Harris and accepted B- Matters Arising: None
Item 5	Chairman's Report – Steve Clamp – Remarkd on a very successful year. The county is the second biggest in terms of clubs after Yorkshire and is one of the best run, thanks to its people on the committee and all the bowlers in the county. Thanked Pete & Neil for all their hard work over the last few years.
Item 6	Secretary's Report and Communications– Pete Harris – Explained about the website, 450 subscribers to email, with visits to the website up 30% on last year. NLFCBA Facebook account has 2,500 members, with over half million views in the past twelve months. Club secretaries to email all members with county information and put on club notice board. There are 204 primary affiliated clubs and 23 secondaries. 55 leagues. Lost four greens in 2025. BCGBA Open Contest Certificate is £10, applicable to any competition inviting bowlers that are not members of their club. BCGBA Insurance policy to be completed manually for clubs requiring cover from the start of January 1 st , 2026, otherwise wait two months for the automated service, available via NLFCBA.com. No age restrictions apply. Cost is £55.
Item 7	Financial Officer's Report – Steve Clamp on behalf of Neil Payne – Opening Bank Balance @ 31.10.2024 £20,104.41 Income @31.10.2025 £41,292.35 Expenditure @ 31.10.2025 £40,395.78. Closing balance @ 31.10.2025 £21,000.98. Accounts Proposed by Daryl Wright, Seconded by Sue Sinclair. No questions were asked. Auditor's Report - Accounts were audited by Mr Mark Howarth and confirmed as correct.
Item 8	BCGBA Representatives Report – Jonathan Lacey- Spoke about the BCGBA AGM held in January and the notices of motion which NLFCBA voted on. £1 per player fee still in place. BCGBA competition deficits has been reduced on the previous season. New CEO in position, Dan Newton proposing better governance and structure to the National Advisory Council.
Item 9	Development Officers Report – Steve Clamp – Spoke about supplying clubs with county equipment, coaching courses, disability and inclusion. Clubs that are actively involved in schools through Active Lancashire with bowls now on the school curriculum. Bowls Big Weekend in May was well attended. Bowls Development Alliance Roadshow being held at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club on Saturday 28 th February. Clubs are to register online on the BDA website
Item 10	Safeguarding Report – Sue Sinclair – Another busy year for safeguarding issues. Clubs and Leagues must have a Safeguarding Officer. Clubs must have a Constitution and Code of Conduct. Safeguarding courses arranged for 15 th February at Cavendish Park, 11-2, 15 th March at Canberra Club 11-2 and 22 nd March at Luneside & Rosebank 11-2.
Item 11	Senior Men's County Report – Andy Fleming – Spoke about the three men's county matches against Warwick & Worcester, North Midlands and Cumbria. Jonathan Lacey has stood down as joint team selector. New structure to be put in place for 2026. Steve Edwards (Home Team Manager) and Paul Ferguson (Away Team Manager) Sam Patterson also assisting

Item 12	Men's Veterans County Report – Andy Fleming – Andy spoke about the team coming through the qualifying rounds winning 19 of 24 games against Merseyside, Lancs and Cumbria. They qualified for the Finals Day at Owley Wood finishing a credible third.
Item 13	Senior Ladies County Report – Kath Watkinson - Spoke about the three Ladies County matches played against Wales, Yorkshire and Cumbria.
Item 14	Junior Secretary's Report – Andrew Lucas explained about difficulties raising teams for the Junior BCGBA 6 a side and Federation Youth team. Asked clubs to contact him with names of juniors and youth players who would be interested in joining the teams for the 2026 season. The BCGBA Junior Individual Merit Finals will be held at Ighiten Mount, Burnley in August
Item 15	Registrars Report - Pete Harris on behalf of Neil Payne -There were 349 Male, 165 Female, 6 Junior Male, 3 Junior Female memberships issued. Fee has risen to £20. Junior bowlers under 18 years of age will receive free membership for life
Item 16	Men's Competitions Secretary Report- Andy Fleming- Spoke about the county comps that had taken place in 2025. Champion of League Champions – Winner: Simon Coupe, Runner up Jonathan Lacey Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship - Winner: John Ward, Runner up Billy Gaskill Hugh Hornby Merit - Winner: Paul Wilson, Runner up Stuart Tipping Centenary Mixed Pairs – Winners: Rob & Mags Swift, Runners up: Phil McVittie & Jackie Bird. North Lancs & Fylde CBA Team Competition - Winners Hambelton, Runners up Lostock Hall Cons County Pairs - Winners: Simon Coupe & Matt Nelson., Runners up Geoff Little & Callum Danson
Item 17	Ladies Competitions Secretary Report – Debbie Watters on behalf of Sarah Edmondson - Spoke about the Ladies County comps that had taken place in 2025. Dorothy Pearce Pairs – Winners: Tracey Livesey & Debbie Watters, Runners up Joan Beer & Wendy Harris. County Individual Merit – Winner: Joan Beer, Runner up: Gill Sutton President Day – Winner: Andrea Holt, Runner up Gill Brown
Item 18	Contractual Pay & Honoraria – It was proposed by the Executive Committee to increase the honoraria by 5% for the 2026 season. The vote was unanimously carried by members in attendance.
Item 19	Notices of Motion – None
Item 20	2026 Affiliation Fees – Steve spoke about League and Club affiliation fees, which will remain unchanged. League: BCGBA £10, C of C £10, NLFCBA Affiliation Fee £10 Total £30 Clubs: BCGBA £40, NLFCBA Affiliation Fee £40, Development £5, Total £85. £1 per player per club Development Fee to be collected from Primary Affiliated Clubs on the same form.
Item 21	Election of Officers – Three new officers for the 2026 season which were voted and carried. County Secretary – Karen Kenworthy, Financial officer – Irene Jones, Membership Co-ordinator – Gill Sutton All officers are standing again. Voted and carried.
Item 22	Election of Regional Committee – East Lancashire – Chair: Steve Clamp, Rep Daryl Wright, Clair Russell. Blackburn – Chair: Sarah Edmondson, Rep Karen Kenworthy. Preston – Chair: Mike Fleming, Rep Andrew Fleming. Fylde – Chair: Nigel Pollard, Reps: Andrea Holt, Rowland Haywood. Lancaster – Chair: Graham Brandwood, Rep Sue McGann, Mags Parrington. Voted and carried.
Item 23	NLFCBA President was presented to Steve Edwards from outgoing President Brian Swift. New Vice President, Paul Ferguson was introduced. Presentation was made to new BCGBA Deputy President Kevin Truby. Kevin will be BCGBA President in 2027 when it is North Lancs & Fylde's honour.
Item 24	Close – The meeting closed at 13:50

Date of next AGM: TBC