



# Oak Hill Bowls Club

## November 2024 newsletter

### Charitable Incorporated Organisation



Following the extra-ordinary meeting of club members when it was agreed that we should apply for our club to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), a small group has worked with our solicitors to produce a new constitution document for the application to the Charities Commission. The draft was approved at a recent committee meeting so we are now finalising the last bits of paperwork before the application can be submitted.

Apparently it normally takes between 6 and 10 weeks for the Charities Commission to approve an application so we have decided to postpone the AGM of the club from the 7<sup>th</sup> December to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This should allow time for our application to be processed, but also enables us to work on a new document, probably titled the “Rules” of the club, which defines how the club will be managed on a day-to-day basis.

The constitution document is the legal document outlining how the club will be managed in order to satisfy the rules of the Charities Commission. The key point is our requirement to appoint a number of managing trustees for the club. We will have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 trustees. The initial trustees will be John Abson, David Conway, Pauline Dinner, Gordon Greenfield, Rhys Lewis and Michael Marques. In order to provide continuity at this key point in the club these trustees will be appointed for an initial period of 3 years.

The “Rules” document will be based on our previous club constitution, so will define key items such as – the types of membership of the club, the officers of the club, our committee structures, etc. This document will be subject to approval at the club AGM. We aim to have the document prepared in good time to allow members sufficient time to make nominations for the officers of the club prior to elections at the AGM.

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## Christmas lunch

In recent years we have held a Christmas lunch at the club, but this is inevitably a huge undertaking for a few members, so this year we have booked to hold the lunch at the Railway Tavern in New Barnet, one of the club's sponsors. It will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at 1pm for a 1.30pm meal. The menu provides a 2-course lunch for £24.95, but if some members would like to include a dessert, a 3-course meal costs £29.95.

Some of our members support the Railway Tavern and a number of us have enjoyed an excellent end-of-season meal there in the last 2 years. We have promised to let them know numbers of members attending by the end of November and we also need to take provisional orders from the menu. Please either indicate your menu choice on the form in the clubhouse, or send details to either Jackie Robinson or John Abson.



The available choices on the menu are:

**Starters**

- Homemade Parsnip & Sweet Potato Soup
- Prawn Cocktail
- Garlic Breaded Mushrooms
- Halloumi Fries

**Mains**

- Roast Turkey & Honey Glazed Ham
- Roast Sirloin of Beef
- Sea Bass Fillet
- Cajun Chicken & Halloumi Caesar Salad
- Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Spinach Curry

A copy of the full menu and a sheet for you to indicate your choice are on the notice board in the clubhouse by the kitchen entrance.

## Vet league presentation

At the recent awards dinner, Terry Lovell and Derek Broomfield were presented with the Henry Rose Cup and the salver for finishing third in the Vets League. The photograph below shows Terry and Derek with David Isaacs, the chair of the Vets League organising committee.





## Herts competitions

### 2025

We have to submit by the end of November the names of any members wishing to compete in the Hertfordshire county competitions next year. We have already received a good number of entries from our men members, but if anyone else wishes to enter, please give your details to Rhys Lewis, Mike Marques or John Abson by the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## East Barnet School

We are hoping to run the after-school short-mat bowls activity training for pupils at East Barnet school on Tuesday afternoons from the beginning of 2025 for the duration of the school Spring term. However, we will urgently need the support of members who feel able to help, so please contact John Abson if you need more information or are able to assist.

## Indoor matches

The club has 3 further matches during the indoor bowls season – on 8<sup>th</sup> January against Arnos, Cockfosters and Maccabi – on 5<sup>th</sup> March against Bishopswood – and on 22<sup>nd</sup> March against Glebelands as the second-leg of the matches for the John Golding Memorial Trophy. Please look out for the team sheets and let Rhys Lewis know if you are able to play.



## Other activities

The cribbage group continues to meet on Monday mornings throughout the winter, the bridge group on Wednesday mornings and the games group on Wednesday afternoons.

**We hope to see many of you  
at the Railway Tavern on the 14<sup>th</sup> December,  
but would like to take this opportunity to  
wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.**