

# Oak Hill Bowls Club

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## Club Finals Weekend

The results of the competition finals held on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> September were

- Men's 2-wood singles – John Abson beat Brian Usher
- Men's handicap singles – Errol Hussein beat Mike de Campi
- 2-wood pairs – Brian Davidson & Jim Moss beat Kay Comer & Damian Treanor
- Junior singles – Mike de Campi beat Bill Germaney
- Men's championship – Terry Doe beat John Abson
- Ladies' championship – Margaret Eccleston beat Kay Comer
- Bob Sawyer trophy – Ian Wilson, Brian Davidson & Rhys Lewis beat Ann Burnham, Derek Broomfield (sub for Rob Petty) & John Abson
- Men's pairs – Junior Brewster & Mike Marques beat Pete Headland & Liam Murphy
- Veterans singles – Jim Moss beat Brian Usher
- Mixed triples – Yin Mann, Rhys Lewis & Mike Marques beat Kay Comer, Sheila Solbe (sub for David Conway) & Jim Moss.

Congratulations to all the finalists, to Liam Murphy and all the helpers who organised the weekend, and many thanks to all the spectators who came to watch the finals on a beautiful weekend. We really were blessed with lovely weather and there were some excellent matches with a high standard of bowling.



## Open League

Our Tuesday morning Open League has again enjoyed a successful season, with 16 teams competing each week with some very competitive bowling. With just one round of matches to be completed, Terry Doe's team, the Scorpions, will be the winners of the first division and Tom Hobden's team, the Coasters, will win the second division.

## President's Day

The final event of our outdoor season is President's Day, which will be followed by a buffet and the presentation of the awards for the season. Please put your name on the list on the competitions notice board if you wish to take part. Players should arrive by 2pm so that we can select teams to start playing at 2.30pm. Dress code is whites and there is a charge of £3 to cover the cost of the buffet.

Any profit will go towards the North London hospice. Prizes for a raffle can be left in the club-house on the tables outside the kitchen.

## Herts County Competitions for 2025

Entry forms for the individual Hertfordshire county competitions for 2025 have been placed on the notice boards in the ladies and men's changing rooms. We have to submit these entries by the end of November, so please consider which competitions you would like to enter and put the details on the relevant forms.

## External Leagues and Cups

We have now completed all our fixtures in the various leagues and cups in which we play throughout the season. In a mixed season our men's team finished third in the south area finals of the Herts league and also finished third in the George Cairns Veterans league. Perhaps the highlight of our results was our win in the final of the Henry Rose Cup (the knock-out equivalent of the Vets league) when we beat Broomfield (the winners of the Vets league) by one shot, Terry Doe drawing the winning shot with the very last bowl of the match – brilliant!

In the Finchley & North London finals held at Finchley Etchingham Park bowls club, Rhys Lewis was the runner-up in the singles final, and John Abson the runner-up in the officers singles final.

Our ladies struggled to raise teams for their various matches, but many thanks to those ladies who did play, and especially to Margaret Eccleston who managed to get together the teams for so many matches. Separate congratulations to Margaret who was the losing finalist in the ladies' officers singles competition of the St Albans & district association. We finished second in the Enfield & district Sunday league.

Many thanks to all members who have played in our various representative matches, including our many friendly games, and also to those who support the club by coming to watch many of our matches.



## Club Status

After the agreement at the recent EGM that the club should apply to the Charities Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) we have been progressing with the necessary work. Our solicitors have advised that it is necessary to revise the club constitution so that it complies with the Charities Commission's requirements. The solicitors are drawing up a constitution which satisfies these conditions and have advised us that we should also draw up a separate document – the rules of the club – which defines how the club will operate on a day-to-day basis. The committee have nominated a working group to help with this work.

An application to the Charities Commission will require us to nominate a number of club trustees, who will be responsible for ensuring that the club complies with the regulations for charities. We will be nominating 6 initial trustees. However, at the first AGM following our successful application to the Charities Commission, these trustees will resign and the club members will then have the opportunity to re-elect some or all of them, together with appointing the other officers of the club.

Because an application to the Charities Commission can take up to 10 weeks, we will almost certainly have to postpone the date of the club AGM from December until early next year. We will keep all members informed of progress and let you know when we will be able to hold the AGM and provide the opportunity for you to make nominations for club officers. At the AGM we will be seeking the formal approval of the new constitution and the separate rules of the club, as well as electing trustees and the officers of the club.