

EREWASH INDOOR BOWLING CENTRE
BOWLING SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday 27th August 2025

	Agenda	Actions
1	Chairman's welcome and Introduction To the members of Erewash Indoor Bowls Centre, Simon Robinson, welcomed those present to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre.	
2	Minutes Silence A minute's silence was held to remember members who had passed away during the last 12 months.	
3	Apologies for Absence: Kevin May, Russell Robinson, Richard Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Richard Hardy, Ron and Ruth Britton, Sue Poole, Martin Armstrong, Deborah Marshall, Keith Adams, Rachel Dakin.	
4	Minutes of AGM 2024 Minutes of last year's meeting were agreed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Alan Matthews Seconded: Ann Hewitt	
5	Officers Reports: Bowls Committee Chairs Report: Dear Members, as your Bowls Committee Chair, I'm pleased to present an overview of our competitive bowling activities for the 24/25 season, along with our exciting plans for continued development in the sport we all love. Our participation in external competitions this season showed both the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. While we faced an exit in the first round of the Wessex league playoffs, this experience has only strengthened our resolve to build stronger, more competitive teams. Every match is a learning opportunity, and I'm confident that with continued dedication and the fresh talent joining our ranks, we'll once again be crowned league winners. The real success story of this season has been our internal club leagues. Participation across all our league formats has been excellent, with members embracing the variety of competitive options available. Our different league formats truly cater to all abilities and preferences, ensuring that whether you're a seasoned competitor or just starting your bowling journey, there's a perfect fit for you. However, we're not complacent. While participation has been good, we know that additional teams would make our leagues even more dynamic and competitive. This is where every member can help - if you know someone who might be interested in joining a team, or if you're considering stepping up your own involvement, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the committee. The challenge of league participation is one we're tackling head-on with innovative approaches. Our variety of formats means we can accommodate different skill levels, time commitments, and playing preferences. Whether you prefer mixed league, sets, or team formats, there's a league structure that will suit your needs and help you develop your game. Looking ahead, the committee remains committed to exploring new ideas and formats that will keep our competitive bowling fresh and engaging. We're always open to suggestions from members about how we can improve our league structures or introduce new competitive opportunities. I want to thank all our team captains, league participants, and supporters who make our competitive bowling program such a success. Your dedication and sportsmanship exemplify the best of what Erewash Indoor Bowls Club represents. Here's to a season ahead filled with great bowling, friendly competition, and continued growth! Best wishes Simon Robinson Presidents Report: Dear Members, what a season we've had. As I reflect on the past year. It fills me with pride at how our bowling community has continued to grow and strengthen. Our Open Day was a success and wonderfully supported by our existing members - thank you all for your enthusiasm and for making our new visitors feel so welcome! I'm delighted that we've had new	

members join our club from open day. These new faces have already become valued members of our community, and it will lovely to see how they have settled in to our community. Looking ahead, we're not resting on our laurels. With two Open Days planned for the coming season, we're optimistic about attracting even more bowling enthusiasts to join our club. Every single member plays a vital role in welcoming newcomers and showing them what makes Erewash Indoor Bowls Club such a warm and friendly place to play.

Meanwhile off the green, our traditional Friday socials haven't drawn the crowds we hoped for, we are hoping that with a few events planned this may draw in more support. It's important we support the club however we can, whether this is through leagues, friendlies, competitions and the social evenings.

As we look to the future, I'm confident that together we can continue building on our successes while embracing every opportunity.

I want to thank everyone for the support shown to the club and to myself as president. It's been a pleasure to have been president and I wish whoever steps into the presidential role next all the best. Who knows maybe one day Wilfred may follow in Simon and I's presidential footsteps! Wishing you all the best for the 25/26 season. **Kathryn Robinson**

League Secretary: Thanks to all of the league secretaries for their support and hard work throughout the winter season and hoped this will continue into the next winter season. However, a few of the leagues are now lacking a league secretary. It is not a difficult job and anyone willing to take on the role should have a word with myself. Rachel also expressed her thanks to the Louise and her staff for the smooth running of the club and helping to keep the leagues running effortlessly. All leagues were completed by presentation night. As usual, there have been a few minor issues during the season which have been resolved. Therefore, I would remind the league secretaries that they need to be familiar with the rules, check the cards to ensure that they are correct and ensure teams are not playing illegal or unregistered players. Plus, any outstanding matches are rearranged as soon as possible. **Rachel Dakin**

Competition Secretary: I would like to start by thanking all those who took part in the competitions during the 2024/2025 season and congratulate all the winners and runners up. I would like to thank Louise and her staff for their help during the season. My thanks also go to those who helped during finals week Paul Fowler, Brian Thomas, Malcolm Potter and Elaine Hadden Holmes for marking the finals. I have decided to let Kevin Fletcher be competition secretary for the 2025/2026 season. I will be there to assist him in any way I can and I hope members can give him their full co-operation.

Micheal Beighton

Junior Section Report: Firstly, thank you to Erewash Indoor Bowls Club in supporting our Juniors last year. The only juniors in the Nottinghamshire affiliation area.

It was a hectic year, with new competitions and experiences for our juniors to get involved in and a change in leadership of the juniors.

We had a regular 12 Juniors. 2 Juniors did not come return and we had a family of 4 that were unable to attend part way through, that may come back next year. Then one boy, that decided to commit more to football. Throughout the year we have had three new juniors, but we have not been actively seeking them out, as we were too busy with what we already had to do. This is something we can look at more for next season.

All but one junior, has come outdoors to Long Eaton Town Bowls Club in the Summer months, so we are continually working with them. They have been involved in a variety of games and have developed considerably over the last couple of months.

Nottinghamshire School of Excellence Day

In February, we held the Nottinghamshire School of Excellence Day with 12 juniors involved, which involved both skills and singles play. The English Bowls Youth Development Scheme was something that Norma Hazzledine worked hard to introduce, and she would have been proud of the junior performances on the day.

The following Juniors qualified from that event;

14 and over – Seniors**James Bowley****Oliver Burton****13 and Under - Juniors****McKenzie Keetley****Ella Lucas**

They will be invited to attend a national school of Excellence on Sunday 19th October 2025.

I would suggest that we volunteer to host this event next year, if they are running it again.

Under 18 Inter County Triples

After enquiring about the under 18 inter county triples competition, I ended up having to volunteer to manage it, so that Nottinghamshire could put an entry in this season. There were no other juniors in the Nottinghamshire area playing and it would only be our juniors to select from. Despite their lack of experience, which was not ideal, we decided we would still go ahead.

We are really proud of our squad of James, Oliver, McKenzie, Fletcher, Scarlett, Sophia, Ella and Caitlin who played in the three group games. They all did fantastic! Also, Katie and Daniel who played in the Leicestershire Friendly game that was held in November 2024.

We have yet to get our first win, but they have all benefited and learned from the experience and were wanting to play these games – which is success in itself!

James, McKenzie and Fletcher stepped up to the next level and play in the County Under 25 double rink team and that was a valuable experience for them.

James reached the final stages of the National under 18s singles and was also part of the EIBA junior development day at the beginning of the season and narrowly missed out on the County Under Singles losing 21 20. He also qualified for the EBF Under 25 singles at Lincoln and was runner up and was presented with the Under 25 Player of the Tournament.

We managed to squeeze in some Bronze Skills assessments in at the end of the season and will continue with these and the Silver Skills assessments next year. The following juniors received their bronze certificates:

James Bowley, Fletcher Ulke, McKenzie Keetley, Oliver Burton, Louis Rauch, Scarlett Harrison, Ella Lucas, Sophia Lucas

The club competitions winners and runners up were;

	Runner Up(s)	Winner(s)
Senior singles	Oliver Burton	James Bowley
Junior Singles	McKenzie Keetley	Fletcher Ulke
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Pairs	Sophia Lucas	Scarlett Harrison
	McKenzie Keetley	Fletcher Ulke
Triples	Ella Luca	Scarlett Harrison
	Alicia Hastings	McKenzie Keetley
	Sophia Luca	Fletcher Ulke
Most Improved Player	Scarlett Harrison	

We are looking at making these longer games as they are mini versions at the moment. Could the finals be included in finals week, subject to the juniors being available?

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We did not run a Junior / Senior day or hold a raffle. We will review this next year. **Kerry Bowley**

Coaches Performance Development Report: Thanks to Keith Adams for his excellent help and assistance throughout the year and his organisation of the open days and subsequent coaching follow ups. We now have some really good potential team players coming along nicely - Adults and Juniors!

My sincere thanks also go to Kerry for her continued commitment to organising the Juniors and to the various coaches and helpers working with them such as Rob, Mary, Alan, Rachel, Keith, etc. a truly fantastic job all round.

Following the two open days earlier in the year.

Our new members were offered group Introduction to bowls training a 2-hr practical session consisting of: Selection of bowls, Basic instruction of delivery / line and length, Rink etiquette, Dress Code, Club activities- Social managed sessions, Rink Booking with a club certificated issued to attendees. These sessions were well attended giving a warm welcome to our great club.

From these group sessions we used the basic syllabus when coaching individuals

Each member received personal coaching and gained in bowling confidence

This basic coaching and match management was also provided during the Tuesday casual bowling session ran by Ray and Rachel After a few weeks this enabled our members to then feel confident to join the rest of the sessions

The introduction of the novice league by Ray was a starting point for new bowlers and during these starting sessions we were on hand to help with this.

In her address Kerry makes a good point for having additional coaches and helpers to be involved as the coaching of juniors can be an intense process. We will need to put the word out to recruit some more volunteers.

We may also look to find a few volunteers to approach local schools with our prospectus (to be written) in generating a local schools league. Perhaps in the summer months. Ideas and involvement are welcome.

Along the same lines, the adult coaches are also in need of additional volunteers. We also need to recruit 2-4 new coaches going through the Coach Bowls training course. We will need to drum up some volunteers who will take this on-board.

Over the last 12 months I've recorded over 30 individual coaching sessions and I'm sure Keith Adams and Alan Hudson may have had similar, if not more. Bowlers who wish to improve will always find it difficult to improve on their own without guidance on form and function. Having a roll-up is a poor substitute for properly focussed training as many successful bowlers will attest.

It is my vision that EIBC will develop its own training program and build a system that will help all bowlers achieve their potential. I suspect that this may take many seasons' work.

Please come and have a chat with me about becoming a coach if you are interested the Level 1 course costs £150 and the club will meet 50% of the cost for up to 6 people.

Chairman Board of Trustees Report: Following the disappointing results of last year's overall loss, the resultant decision to raise the subscription and to add a supplement to help offset the deficit was, as it turned out to be very beneficial to the club. And help in part to turn our fortunes around. This was by no means the only success we have experienced this year. Following John Arnett's retirement, we have had a very steep learning curve to overcome, and we have all pulled together to overcome various obstacles, yes there have been mistakes and we have hopefully learned from these to improve administration in the future.

Thanks largely to open days, successfully held by the club and with many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up time to help the club, footfall has increased steadily throughout the year. The league programme has been very well supported and the addition of a novice league introduced by Ray Cowell has been a very big part of integrating new members to league bowling. The casual sessions have also worked very well throughout the year and proved to be big asset bringing players through the doors consistently.

We have also entered into an agreement with a local motorcycle company who rent the use of our car park, this has turned out to be beneficial to the club.

So, while being pleased that this season has gone better than expected we must all be aware that costs are still rising, utility bills are as we all know are still very high, rates will be higher than last year. We have had to take into account the minimum wage rise, and the general rise in stock prices. We must remain aware of the situation and the Trustees and I will do everything we can to keep the club on course so we can all continue to enjoy our bowls for the foreseeable future.

I would like to inform members that Ray Cowell has resigned from being Chair of the Trustees and from the Trustees Committee. He became a Trustee in 1994 and took on Chair of the Trustees from 2014 to May 2025. We want to thank him for all of his tireless hard work and commitment to the club and for his forward thinking to get the club to where we are today.

Brian Thomas Chair of the Trustees

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