



2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Competitions Update

Thank you everyone for playing your matches early and meeting the play by dates for each competition.

The next play by date for many of the competitions is Saturday 4th January – if you are not able to play your match by this date, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss options.

The draw has been made for the **Generation Pairs:**

Ella Stirland / Mike Beale v Lucas Beale / Joan Jenkins

Luke Harris / John Ainley v Isaac Greenhoff / Paul Kelly

Katie Peppard / Charlie Takle v Charlie Harris / Tony Hardiman

Noah Greenhoff / Eileen Phippen v Jessica Gale / Helen Acreman

The Quarter finals are to be played on Saturday 25th January, starting at 10.30am, with the Semi Finals taking place on Saturday 22nd February also starting at 10.30am.

The final will be played on the clubs Finals weekend which is the 13th / 14th April.

Matches are two sets of 6 ends with a deciding end if the match is tied at one set each.

If you have been selected but cannot make any of the dates, please can you let me know as soon as you can so I can arrange a substitute for you.

Happy Bowling.

Karl Greenhoff - Competitions & Tournaments - Tel: 07522 960217



Club Badges for sale - See Adrian Davis Club Shop



= £1:50



= £6:00



Coaches Corner

I thought it might be a good idea to write some gentle reminders of some of the

Laws and etiquette while watching, playing or just walking around the rinks.

When someone is on the mat.

Please remember, when walking around the rink, you must be aware of players on the mat ready to bowl, especially if they are playing from the other end.

I have noticed on several occasions people walking right across the sight line of a player on the mat ready to bowl. This is very off-putting and the bowler generally has to stand up and wait until they have passed. (Just the other day I had to stand up while four people walk across my rink, oblivious that I was trying to bowl.)

You must be aware of what is happening on the rinks, just have a quick look to see if someone is on the mat at the other end of the rink, if they are please stand still and wait for their bowl to leave their hand before proceeding. This also goes for the bowlers standing behind the head on a rink, you must remain still and quiet when someone is bowling at the other end.

Possession of the mat.

A team has possession of the mat up until their bowl comes to rest after delivering it. During this time only the team in possession of the mat are allowed to be in the head and or communicating with each other. The other team should be quiet and stood back from the head. But as soon as the bowl, of the team in possession of the mat, comes to rest they must release possession of the mat.

This means, you have to stand back off the mat, stand back away from the head, stop all communication with your team.

The player who has just delivered the bowl must be behind the mat or behind the head when their bowl comes to rest.

How often have you been stood on the mat, waiting to bowl while the other player wanders back from following their bowl down the rink, I suspect most of us have.

Did you know?

Toucher and jack in the ditch:

If a toucher in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher entering the ditch, the opponent must reposition the toucher to its former position. The non-toucher entering the ditch is a dead bowl and should be removed from play. This is also true for a jack in the ditch, if it is moved by a non-toucher it must be replaced to its former position in the ditch.

Reminder

We are lucky to have qualified coaches in the club who are available for coaching, if you need help or want to improve, only costs of a rink fee, just contact one of us. We are on the poster in the foyer.

Thursday afternoon Open Coaching sessions will continue in the new year from the 2nd January, 4pm to 6pm. The cost is only a rink fee (£3:50).

I hope this has been useful. Take care and have a lovely Christmas and carry on enjoying your bowls.

Rod Ellis - Senior Head Coach.



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There has been an expectation that all clubs will have a safeguarding officer in place by January 2025, it is law to have one by May 2025. I have been in the Safeguarding Officer role for just over a year now and thought I would review this period of time and the advances the Club has made along the Safeguarding journey and outline plans for the coming 12 months.

Personally, I have completed the Bowls England Safeguarding Courses for Adults and Children. I would encourage anyone in the club to consider taking advantage of any safeguarding training as it does make you think.

I attend the South West Sports Welfare Officer Forum and the Somerset Activity and Sport Partnership meeting held on Teams. These have shown that as a Club we are far in advance of some others in the locality, all clubs not just bowls clubs, but still have plenty of work to do.

There is a club safeguarding checklist which I have been working through.

A notice board is up and running and I have caught visiting teams having a look at it. I will be posting various briefings as I receive them during the year so hopefully the content will change on a regular basis with the report forms and pathways to follow always being accessible. Please have a look at the content and let me know if you think there should be anything else there.

The posters with all the contact details for both Adults and Children were up to date at the beginning of December and have to be altered AGAIN, this will be the 4th time in the year as guidance, things and people keep changing so quickly.

The Club has created a safeguarding mailbox the web address of this will be made more widely available on the noticeboard, website and through the newsletter.

safeguarding@tdbowls.com

Part of the Safeguarding Officer role is to make the environment welcoming and accessible for all, some of which is more structured than other areas. Toilets can no longer be known as disabled toilets as they need to be more inclusive, believe it or not there have been instances where disabled people not in wheelchairs have been





harassed for using disabled toilets with the wheelchair sign. The club decided to go with the Inclusive sign rather than the Accessible sign, therefore open to anyone of any ability/disability or gender.

Other signs around the club will be updated.

A safeguarding related topic has been submitted for the Newsletter each month. Anyone can contribute to the newsletter you just need to send your information to Steve Browning before the end of the month and it will be included.

I am registered with Bowls England and EIBA as safeguarding contact so get information direct now.

The following Policies have been adopted by the Club and will be available to members shortly, they have first issue dates and will be reviewed after the first year then every 3 years or at time of legislation change.

Anti-Bullying Policy,

Junior Player Consent Form and Parent Permission for Photography Form

Photographing Children and Adults at Risk Policy

Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Trans and Gender Diverse Policy

Whistle Blowing Policy

Over the next year I plan to complete the following

To check the specific statements required by safeguarding is in the Articles of Association.

To complete the Club Health Checker to show where the Club stands in terms of what is good and what could be improved over time, this covers Structure and Workforce, Club Membership, Recruitment and Activities, Finance and Facilities and Safeguarding, and is hosted by the BDA, training on its use has been attended. I will be approaching people to input on this. I plan to do this for EIBA over winter and Bowls England over the summer as membership will vary, and you cant do one

return for both.

To continue to keep safeguarding as a topic available to club members.

To check that the BDA Codes of Conduct are within the Disciplinary Policy and that members are aware of them.

The following Policies need to be addressed sooner rather than later

Data Protection and GPDR

Equity/Equality Policy

Safe use of Changing Facilities and Toilets for Children and Adults at Risk.

Other policies will be considered further down the line and these include

Recruitment Policy – we are all volunteers, but there maybe principles that are useful.

Guidelines on Transportation of Children and Adults at Risk

Guidelines on the Supervision of Children and Adults at Risk

Late Collection/Pick up Procedure for Child Bowlers and Adults at Risk.

These last 3 have been discussed with junior coaches and are not currently an issue so have been put on the back burner but will be looked at if problems should develop.

The club needs to develop a Mission Statement and a work plan to achieve this, the Club Health Checker will feed into this.

In terms of actual safeguarding issues, I have been approached on 4 separate occasions to discuss potential scenarios, none have developed into a safeguarding issue but advice has been sought from EIBA with the advice then being fed back to those that raised the issue.

If anyone has an interest in safeguarding, I would welcome you to have a chat because good practice states there should be 2 safeguarding officers one of each gender so club members have a choice of who to speak to. The Club has been supportive of the role and it is now part of the GMC membership.

Liz Dicks - Safeguarding Officer

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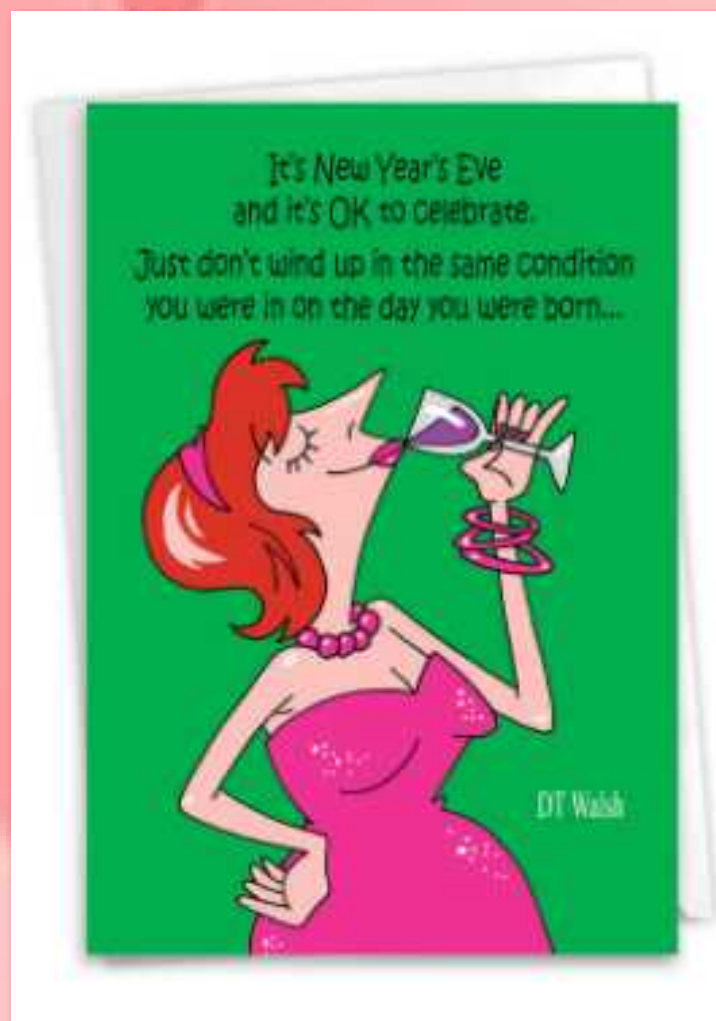
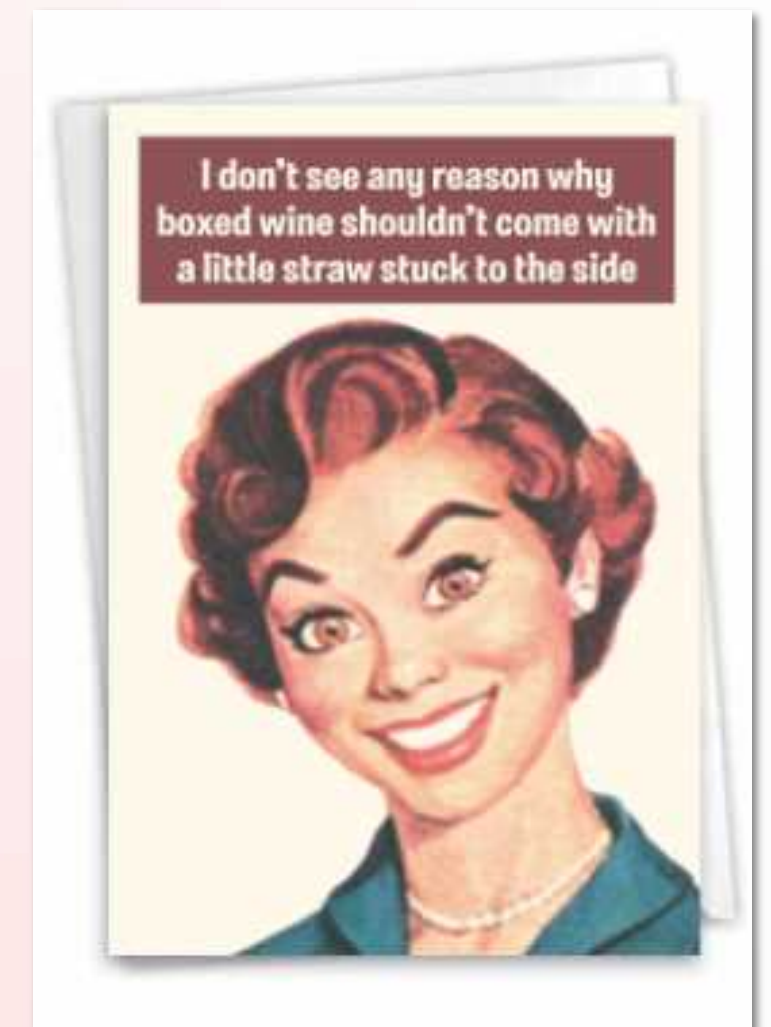
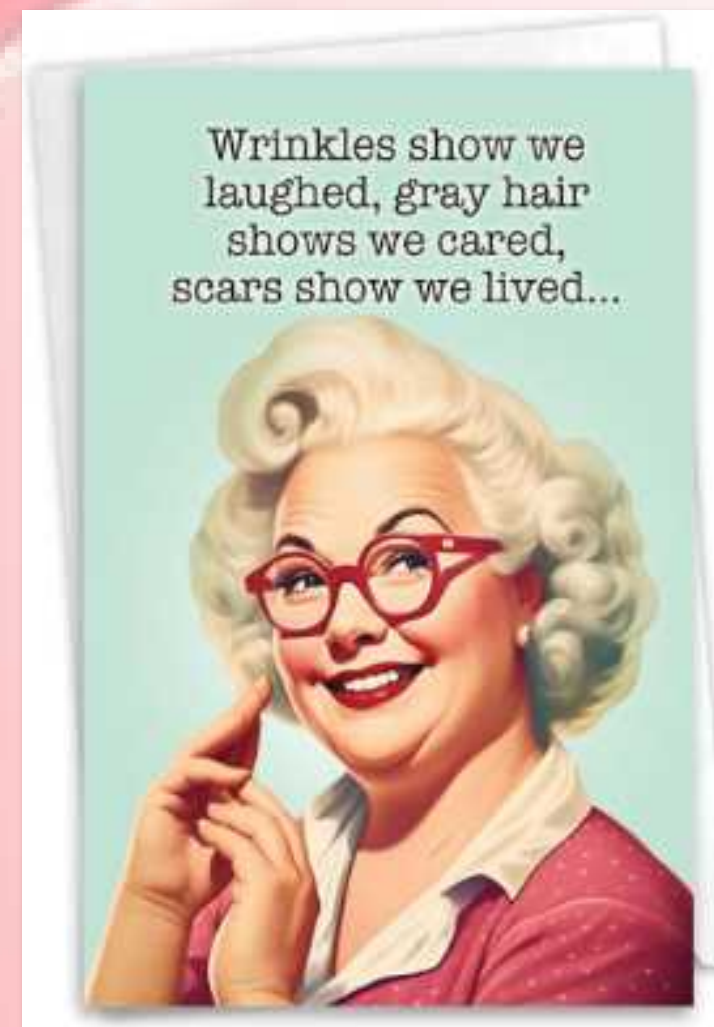
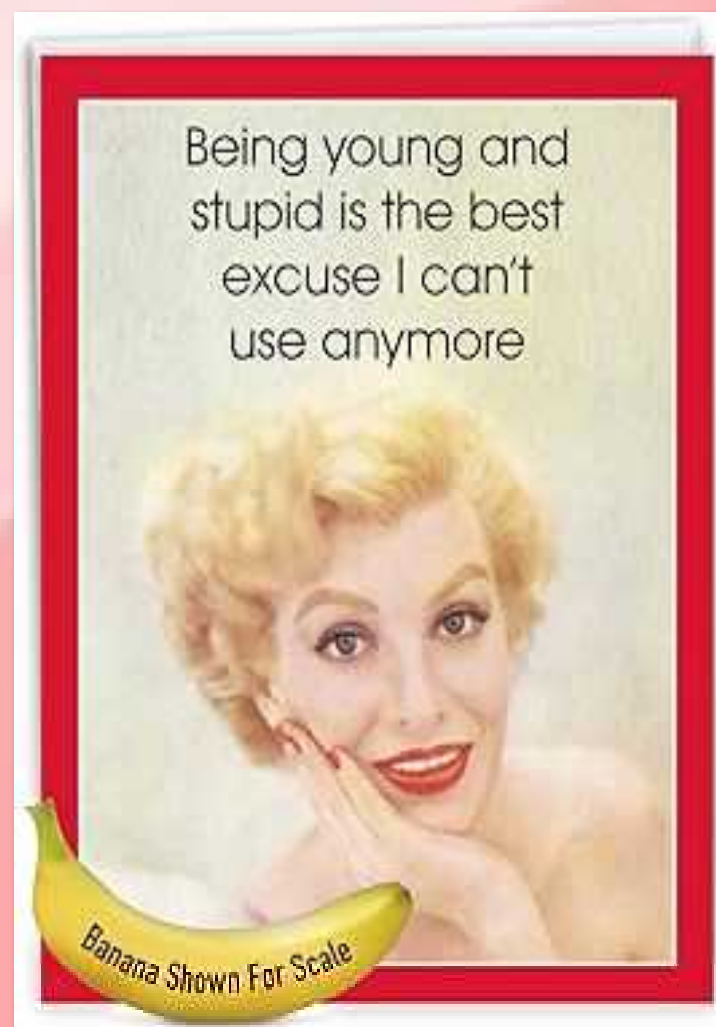
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Who is on Jools Holland's Annual Hootenanny 2024/2025?

An Evening in with Jools

Jools' Annual Hootenanny is an annual staple that has been helping music lovers to ring in the New Year since 1994. Hosted by Jools Holland, the show always features an infectious Hogmanay-style party atmosphere and plenty of great guests from an electric array of music genres.

Jools and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra will be joined on the night by Little Mix star JADE, who launched her solo career this year with the Top 10 single Angel of My Dreams, and by Mercury Prize-nominated singer-songwriter CMAT. He will also welcome The Boomtown Rats, Marc Almond and Paul Carrack – plus Queen's Roger Taylor and Kathy Sledge of Sister Sledge. As ever, it's a stellar guest list.



Christmas Number 1 2024: WHAM! make Official Chart history (again) with Last Christmas

Last Christmas you gave them Christmas Number 1...and this year, WHAM! have repeated the trick, landing the Christmas Number 1 2024, making Official Chart history in the process.

Today, Official Charts can confirm Last Christmas becomes the first song in chart history to ever clinch two consecutive Christmas Number 1 victories, marking its 40th anniversary as the most-streamed and physically purchased song of the week.





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