

**Well, done to all
who played in the
County Finals**



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WHAT A SEASON!

It's been such a busy season but wasn't it all worth it!

Newmarket bowlers secured 6 of the 8 titles
competed for over the County Domestic Finals
weekend:

Over 55 Men's Singles
Over 55 Men's Pairs
Don Watson Salver 2025
Norton Cup Champions 2025
C G Gilbert 2025
The Roy Peacock

This weekend's county finals weekend results were amazing with 6 wins and only 2 loses, all the games were very competitive and the highlight for me was the CG Gilbert cup which went right down to the last wood against a strong ST Neots team (who are always hard to beat), but we managed to win by a single shot.

Results were as follows

CG Gilbert cup v ST Neots 54-53
HH Norton cup v Cambs & County 48-23
Roy Peacock cup v March Con 58-39
Don Watson cup v Stretham 93-55
Over 55 singles won by Robin 21-17
Over 55 pairs won by Robin & Tony 19-6
Champion of Champions Grace lost 14-21
Over 55 pairs Janet & Mags lost 15-19

All our players played really well and did the club proud and with some players coming into teams at the last minute it really was a great club performance.

Barry Stephens
Club Captain



FLOODLIT

Thanks to all those that supported our annual floodlit bowls evening, a fun if not albeit chilly evening, rounding off the season raising such much needed funds for the club! Lots of laughter and maybe a bit of cheating on some rinks, followed by warming jacket potatoes and a few well-earned drinks at the bar....congrats to our winners Richard, Lee and Jamie....see you all next year!



Report on finals day, 13th of September 2025

Ladies Championship. Grace Fussy v Gill Ketteringham

Last year's winner, Grace, started the defence of her title well and was five shots up after 5 ends. Gill managed to make it all square after eight ends, the score being five all. From then on, Grace dominated, winning the next seven ends, giving her a lead of 19-5. Although Gill won the next three ends, it wasn't to be her day. Grace finally won by 21 shots to 9.



Men's Championship, Richard Parkinson v Jack Alexander

Richard had the better start and was seven shots up after 5 ends: from then on, both players shared the points. After fifteen ends had been played Richard was still seven shots to the good with a 14-7 lead. Richard then won the next two ends to win the Championship by 21 shots to 7.



Men's Novice Trophy (For players who have never won a singles competition).
Jack Alexander v Paul Shaves.

Jack had the better start and was leading by six shots after 3 ends. Paul managed to close the gap to only two shots after seven ends. Then Jack scored well, including a couple of threes and a four, and finally took the trophy, winning 21 shots to 9.



Men's 4 Wood Handicap. Robin Waterhouse (7) v Jack Alexander (5)

This was a close game with both players playing well, the scores being level 8 shots each after ten ends. Still level 17-17 after twenty ends. The handicap of the players meant Jack had to make 26 to win, Robin 28. It was Robin who finished better, winning by 28 shots to 19.



Ladies 4 Wood Handicap. Sue Mowl v Gill Ketteringham.

Sue started the better of the two and had established a ten-nil lead after ten ends. Gill then slowly began to close the gap between the two to only 1 shot at 19 - 20. However, it was Sue who scored the one shot required to win the game, 21 shots to 19.



Open Triples. Robin Waterhouse, Robin Whatling & Harold Jackson v Mick Jeffrey, Pedro Loxham & Geoff Cunnington.

The two Robins and Harold made a better start to the game and were leading by ten shots to five at the halfway point. Mick & co. made every effort to close the gap, but it was not enough to stop their opponents from winning 19 shots to 16.



Open Pairs. Mary Allen & Paul Sutton v Mick Jeffery & Colin Whiley

Mary & Paul scored six on the first end and were leading 8-1 after four ends. Mick & Colin started to catch up, and the score was all square 12-12 after twelve ends. Mary & Paul then won the next four ends, scoring fourteen shots to lead by twenty-six shots to twelve. In a complete change of fortune to the game, Mick & Colin managed to level the scores again by scoring fourteen shots on the next four ends, making it twenty-six shots all with just one end to play. Mick & Colin won the last scoring five, winning the match by 31 shots to 26.



Men's 2 Wood. Richard v Jack Alexander

There was nothing between these two evenly matched players; the score was level at 4 all after 7 ends. 9 all after 14 ends. Richard had the better finish, eventually winning by 15 shots to 10.

Robin Waterhouse won the 96 Shot, winning 96-72 v Colin Whiley

Mary Allen won the ladies' 2 Wood, winning 10-9 v Gill Ketteringham
(This game was played over a reduced number of thirteen ends)



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It's that time of the year again when we ask members to volunteer for positions on the committee or in working parties. These are important positions and are to all intents and purposes, the management team running the club. Proposal forms are on the club noticeboard. Alternatively, you can send Karen Gray, Club Secretary an email to volunteer, secretarynewmarketbowls@gmail.com

The new committee will be elected at our AGM which this year will be on **Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7pm**

BIG THANK YOU

We have had such a good year that we would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all helpers and supporters for your help and support throughout the year with events and funding raising.

UP & COMING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

We would like to forewarn members of some big maintenance projects that are needed over the winter. We are potentially looking at replacing the ceiling to dining hall and patio doors in the bar area.

COUNTY COMPETITION NIGHT

The county requires all competition entries and subsequent payment, for the 2026 season, be in by Tuesday 18 November 2025. We will open the bar for a club night on **Saturday 8th November** from 6pm so you can come along to enter your comps. If you are unable to make that date, please collect an entry form from the club house and make your payment direct into our bank account.

Membership Night

Friday 23rd January 2025 we will be opening the bar and the club for the usual membership evening. Please come and join us for a drink, to update your contact information and to play a game or two of pool, darts, table tennis or cornhole – whatever takes your fancy!



CLUB KIT ORDER

We are planning on doing a Club Kit Order at the end of **March 2026** which will arrive in time for the 2026 season. Shirts, hoodies and raincoats. So, if anyone would like order anything then please let Karen know what you require and sizes.

COACHING SESSIONS

We will be doing coaching sessions again next session dates etc to be confirmed at the start of the season.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/09/25	Private hire (Green and Club House)	from 4.30pm
12/09/25	Floodlit – Held by Jean Stephens	6.30pm
13/09/25	In House – Finals Day	9am
24/09/25	CPR Training & Defib Awareness	6.30pm
04/10/25	Private Function (Club House)	6-6.30pm
11/10/25	Quiz Night	7pm
18/10/25	Coffee Morning (Karen & Brenda)	10-12noon
08/11/25	Coffee Morning	10-12noon
08/11/25	County/National Comp Entry night	6pm
14/11/25	Private Function (Scouts Quiz Night)	TBC
20/11/25	AGM – November	7pm
05/12/25	EDBL AGM Meeting Newmarket Hold AGM in bar area	7pm
06/12/25	Presentation/Xmas Party – Held by Sandra Waterhouse	7pm
13/12/25	Coffee Morning	10-12noon

2026 Events

09/05/26	Eastern Counties Match V Essex (5 rinks 50 people)	10.30am
22/06/26	Essex Vice Presidents Association v NABC (6 rinks)	2pm
27/06/26	Private function (Jean & Barry)	TBC
July 2026	Private function (TBC to KG date)	TBC

Below is the link to our club website

<https://www.newmarketavenuebowlsclub.com/>

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activities***

