



July 2026 Newsletter

County Finals weekend – The club are hosting some of the County finals on the weekend of 25th/26th July. Although we do not know yet who will be playing as the semi-finals are currently taking place all round the County, so if you are able to help out over that weekend – Saturday, Sunday or both (likely to be afternoons and early evenings), please can you let me know. We will be providing refreshments, home made cakes etc, as well as having the bar open. The winners of the finals will then be representing Worcestershire at the National finals at Leamington Spa, the bowling should therefore be of a high quality, so come along and watch even if you can't help.

100 Club – Winners for June were Ian Humphray and Paul Lavalette.

Club Competitions – It is with great sadness that the club have had to cancel another internal tournament, the Mike Chant Trophy due to lack of numbers. These club competitions need a minimum of 12 players to make it a viable contest, the last two tournaments just managed that number, with a few twisted arms, but it is very disheartening that a club with 63 members can't get more than six to play in a fun afternoon of bowls. The 3 club tournaments (the ladies singles and the mixed singles were cancelled due to the lack of lady players) that are being played are now underway, with the pairs event remaining very open, with no clear favourites leading the table currently.

Vale, Interberga & Friendlies – The Club Captain reported that the Vale team are currently 5th in the Vale league (out of 10 teams) and at the half way point the club had amassed 45pts, when last year the total for the season was 70pts, so well ahead of improving on last year's performance – well done to all bowlers who have played. Paul C reported that the Interberga team were currently lying in 6th position (out of 9 teams) and had scored a couple of excellent results in the last few weeks. The friendly teams are also performing very well, having now played 17 matches – with one cancelled due to the football, the club have won 9 and lost 8. For all the new members to the club, please do not be afraid about nominating yourselves for a friendly match, there is only one way to improve your game and that is to play. You will be well looked after and be given some more experienced players to play with, therefore giving you guidance, help and support on how best to play the game.

County Internal Competitions – Ian Humphray, the men's singles champion has been entered into the Worcestershire Champion of Champions competition with his first match due to take place on Monday 20th July at Inkberrow starting at 6.30pm. On Wednesday 15th July, Len Phillips and I are playing in the County Vets pairs tournament, with a home tie against Worcester, the match will start at 6.30pm. On Friday 17th July, Ian Humphray, Chris Angel and Richard Long are playing in the Reg Russell triples competition with a home tie against Chester Road, with a start time of 6.30pm. We have a team that have entered the mixed 4's tournament but we do not know the opponents yet, only that the fixture will be played away from home on 16th July.

Please come along and cheer on your club members on 15th, 17th & 20th July, the opposition always seem to bring plenty of support for their players, lets show some solidarity for our club.