



NEWSLETTER

Pre-Season Information

Fixtures

The fixtures lists have been completed for all leagues and are published on the Hugofox website and in the Bowls Hall. Team organisers have been sent their own copies in order to arrange players for the matches.

This year there are 82 teams playing and we would like to welcome each playing member including a new Junior.

When organising the leagues for the season we have to accommodate Argyle matches, special events, other Club activities (eg; coaching), County and National Games, Friendlies, and leave space for Internal Competitions. I'm sure you will appreciate that creating the fixtures lists is a complex process.

PLEASE NOTE:

After much discussion the Committee have decided to limit the number of teams in division one of a league to a maximum of 12 teams. Please be aware that this will mean that in the division one's that have more than 12 teams, 3 teams will go down and only one team will go up for division 2.



Pre-season Meeting

Your Committee debated long and hard on the need for this meeting. Eventually, it was agreed that the information in this and forthcoming Newsletters would reach a wider audience and therefore, this year, there will be no meeting.

Dates for your Diaries

If you have any questions regarding the events please direct them to the named individual/s below

Sunday 21st Sept. 2025	JOHN TIDDY / THELMA HART Graham Brock disabledrep-lifecentrebowls@outlook.com
Sunday 8th March 2026	CHAIR'S CHARITY DAY Bill Grantham chair-lifecentrebowls@outlook.com
Saturday 25th Oct. 2025	OPEN DAY (Welcoming potential new players) Gilly Ainslee coaching1-lifecentrebowls@outlook.com
Saturday 24th Jan. 2026	CHALLENGE DAY PLCIBC v Plymouth Active Staff Sandie Roberts secretary-lifecentrebowls@outlook.com

Thank you's

I'm sure you would like to join with me to thank the following people:

Gill - for producing the ladies fixtures.

In the absence of Tony, the MMEW* League Secretary,

Sandie - for putting all the other fixtures together,

Stuart - for checking the other fixtures through, and

Lissa - for publishing all fixtures lists.

Score Cards

The skips are responsible for ensuring the cards are completed accurately. Please take time together after the match to confirm both cards are accurate.

Each card **MUST** include the following:

- Team names
- Date of the match
- Rearranged from (if appropriate)
- Player names
- Running scores
- Final score, explaining any changes made, on both score cards.
- Signatures of both skips (once the cards have been checked for accuracy and the final score is agreed)

Finally the winning skip is responsible for:

- Adding the score to the score sheet
- Placing both cards, unfolded, into the box.

Late scorecards: A deduction of one (1) point will be made if a scorecard has not been placed in the box by 10pm on the Friday of the relevant week.

Team Organisers

We would like to thank all Team Organisers for the work they do. It takes time and energy to produce the player lists needed but it can be very rewarding as well.

The Committee are producing a leaflet for potential new Team Organisers and we would like to be able to send the draft version to a few Team Organisers for review and constructive criticism. If you would like to be part of this process please let me know asap: secretary-lifecentrebowls@outlook.com
Thank you.

Re-arranging Matches

To ensure consistency across all leagues the following process will apply.

A match can only be re-arranged for **unforeseen circumstances** or for planned events where the **whole** team is away.

A match may **NOT** be re-arranged to field the strongest players because all registered players should have equal opportunity to play.

Only the relevant League Secretary can re-arrange and confirm the match. For this to happen

The two Skips organise and agree a date, time and rink by:

1. Checking the rink diary for 3 available dates and times.
2. Agreeing one of those dates once they have consulted their players.
3. The team skip requesting the change of date liaises with the relevant league secretary.

The League Secretary will liaise with Plymouth Active and then confirm the booking.

In-House Competitions

Following feedback from members, the Committee discussed trialling a new approach to our in-house competitions. We want to encourage more uptake and use the opportunity for members to meet and play with new people. Further we hope to help develop less experienced players.

1. You will complete the competitions entry form (£2 per competition), as an individual
2. The selectors using their knowledge and experience will group entrants (experienced/newer or less experienced) create teams by randomly selecting names from "a hat"

Go ongive it a go.