

Hawcoat Park Bowling Club Senior Section AGM 2026

Held: 20th March at 10:00am

Attendees:

A Pike	P Cain	A Troughton	J Bawden	R Sayles
J Lavender	R Stewart	S Hughes	P Davies	B Kaighan

Apologies:

S Liddicott	T Kaighan	I McBride	S Sloan	
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The Chairman opened the meeting and asked all those present to stand in memory of all those that have passed since the last meeting.

The Chairman remarks:

2025 was a very tough year for our Senior Teams.

We lost two regular first teamers who are usually well up the sheet chasing the league merit prize. This not only weakened the first team, who still managed to finish as runner up in division one, but was reflected down through the other 3 teams. The result was that both the A and B teams were in relegation battles, which were unfortunately lost, in the case of the B team by the smallest of margins, which was chalks countback.

We must view this as an opportunity to be successful next year, as the teams should be strong contenders for the second and third division titles.

The C team were successful in continuing to fulfil fixtures without hardly ever having to resort to ladies until the tail end of the season. Some new players were introduced and were enthusiastic, with some success.

Top finishers for the four teams were First Team, Tony Kneale, A Team Tony Lashmar, B Team Jimmy Tongue and Kev Conway for the C Team.

The three cup competitions were once again run in the form of mini leagues in order to give all the teams more games. In spite of having good handicaps (for the A and B teams at least) none of our four teams made it to the finals.

Our representatives for the individual, end of season, playoffs were:

1st team – Barry Christian and Geoff Maudsley

A Team – Kev Robinson and Jack Curphey

B Team – Keith Mallinson and Wayne Stephenson

C Team Kev Conway and Tony Wareing

The most successful of these was Tony Wareing who took the runners up prize in the third division, well done Tony.

The 2026 season starts for division 3 on Tuesday 7th April, that's when our B and C team will commence their campaign. The 1st and A teams start the following week on April 13th as all division 1 and 2 teams have a bye in week 1.

Game number 2, on Tuesday 14th April, is the first derby match which has our B team hosting our C team in division 3. No doubt there will be some interesting clashes ... No fighting boys.

Remember each season the team captain is selected by the team members prior to the first match. But whoever the chosen guys are, please don't leave it all to the skipper on the day. He has enough to do organising team sheets and score cards, playing order, reporting results etc.

There are several other jobs to do on the day. Opening and locking the huts and toilets, cup washing, counting and receipting brew money, as well as card marking, measuring and supporting round the green. We are all responsible and capable of helping in these tasks. One captain and 7 vice captains, as Wilf likes to say. If anyone is not confident of any of these tasks, please ask.

Here's wishing us all a happy and successful 2026 season

Jim Bawden

Chairman.

Matters Arising:

None

Election of officers:

Jim Bawden – Chairman

Brian Kaighan – Secretary

FSCBL Delegate – position vacant

Other Committee members: Paul Cain, Wilf Heywood

Delegates report:

Nothing to report

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 10:15