

WATFORD & DISTRICT LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION 2026

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1966	Mrs E Broadribb	Rickmansworth B.C.	1998	Mrs H Rowlands	Radlett B.C.
1967	Mrs M Osborn	Bushey B.C.	1999	Mrs A Hay	Oxhey B.C.
1968	Mrs C Roe	Watford Ladies B.C.	2000	Mrs J Hamilton	Herts B.C.
1969	Mrs D Barr	Potten End B.C.	2001	Mrs G Pearce	Potten End B.C.
1970	Mrs M Kingham	Kings Langley B.C.	2002	Mrs A Harland	Croxley Guild B.C.
1971	Mrs M Shaw	Kings Langley B.C.	2003	Mrs D Sawyer	North Watford B.C.
1972	Mrs A Morris	Rickmansworth B.C.	2004	Vacant	
1973	Mrs D Lancaster	Watford Ladies B.C.	2005	Mrs J Liffen	Watford Ladies B.C.
1974	Mrs V Rollings	Abbots Langley B.C.	2006	Mrs S Embleton	Radlett B.C.
1975	Mrs B Brown	Owls B.C.	2007	Miss B Paul	Pavilion B.C.
1976	Mrs J Badcock	Croxley B.C.	2008	Mrs S Wornham	Owls B C
1977	Mrs E Scarrot	Bushey B.C.	2009	Mrs M Moseley	Borehamwood B.C.
1978	Mrs M Saunders	Hemel Hempstead B.C.	2010	Mrs M Hooper	Herts B.C
1979	Mrs R Humphrey	Croxley B.C.	2011	Mrs A Shuttleworth	Garston B C
1980	Mrs M Rittman	Watford Ladies B.C.	2012	Mrs R Biggs	Kings Langley B.C.
1981	Mrs D Grierson	Shendish B.C.	2013	Mrs S Embleton	Radlett B.C.
1982	Mrs M Johnson	Potten End B.C.	2014	Mrs S Wornham	Owls B.C.
1983	Mrs E Smith	Kings Langley B.C.	2015	Vacant	
1984	Mrs E Wells	Oxhey B.C.	2016	Mrs S McLachlan (Deceased)	Croxley Guild B.C.
1985	Mrs B Sharpe	Herts B.C.	2016	Mrs J Hope	Radlett B.C.
1985	Mrs V Andrews	Herts B.C.	2017	Miss M Sugrue	Abbots Langley B C
1986	Mrs R Ellisdon	North Watford B.C.	2018	Miss B Paul	Radlett B.C.
1987	Mrs J Dixon	Kings Langley B.C.	2019	Mrs S Judge	Croxley Guild B.C.
1988	Mrs B Squires	Watford Ladies B.C.	2020/1	Mrs Annie Rowe	Potten End B.C.
1989	Mrs D Yarham	Abbots Langley B.C.	2022	Vacant	
1990	Mrs K Platt	Kings Langley B.C.	2023	Mrs Wendy Braid	Kings Langley B.C.
1991	Mrs M Dunkley	Rickmansworth B.C.	2024	Vacant	
1992	Mrs W Bennett	Bushey B.C.	2025	Cheryl Sage	Bushey BC
1993	Mrs G Pearce	Potten End B.C.			
1994	Mrs P Webb	Berkhamsted B.C.			
1995	Mrs B Cain	Abbots Langley B.C.			
1996	Mrs B Knibb	Mill End B.C.			
1997	Mrs M Wyatt	Watford Ladies B.C.			

COMPETITION WINNERS 2025

SINGLES		
Winner	Carly Bishop	Herts
Runner up	Eliane Coles	Herts
PAIRS		
Winners	Avril Harland	Croxley Guild
Runners up	Julie Watts Coral Maycock Lesley Wilson	Potten End
AUSTRALIAN PAIRS		
Winners	Marion Bristow Avril Harland	Croxley Guild
Runners up	Cathy Stamp Ann Dix	Metropolitan Bushey
TRIPLES		
Winners	Cheryl Sage Karen Lee Dympna Whybrow	Bushey
Runners up	Sue Jenkins Pat Bayliss Wendy Braid	Kings Langley
TWO-WOOD TRIPLES		
Winners	Melanie Obee Lois Hall Carly Bishop	Herts
Runners up	Sarah Marshall Kay Lingwood Jackie Cormack	Berkhamsted

FOURS		
Winner	Mavis Hendry Jo Sculley Jo Hollister Carly Bishop	Herts
Runner up	Melanie Obee Tessa Miles Su Thompson Alison Hurst	Herts
CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS		
Winner	Carly Bishop	Herts
Runner up	Rosemary Biggs	Kings Langley
JUBILEE CUP		
Winner	Herts BC	
Runner up	Croxley Guild BC	
LEAGUE		
Winner	Kings Langley	
Runner up	Croxley Guild 'A'	

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

August	Saturday/Sunday 15 th /16 th	Semi Finals at Herts BC (Club Colours or Whites)
August	Tuesday 18 th	Jubilee Cup Final Venue to TBA (Club Colours or Whites)
August	Saturday/Sunday 22 nd /23 rd	Finals at Croxley Guild BC (Club Colours or Whites)
October	Saturday 17 th	Council Meeting, Herts BC 10.00am
October	Saturday 24 th	Prize Giving & Lunch at the Manor House, Abbots Langley
November	Saturday 21 st	A.G.M. Herts B.C. 10.00am

PRESIDENT'S INVITATION MATCHES

Opponent	Day	Date	Rinks	Time	Meal
Herts	Saturday	23 rd May	6 Rinks	2.30 pm	Sandwich tea
Bushey	Wednesday	10 th June	4 Triples	2.30 pm	Meal
President's Day at Croxley Guild ***	Friday	14 th August	6 Rinks	2.00	Meal
Oxhey	Tuesday	1 st September	3 Triples	2.30	Sandwich tea
Harpندن IBC (INDOOR)	Monday	17 th Nov	4 Triples	2.00pm	Tea & cake

ASSOCIATION MATCHES

Opponent	Day	Date	Venue	Rinks	Time
ST ALBANS & DISTRICT	Wed	24 th June	Tring	6 Rks	2.00 pm
NORTH HAMPSHIRE WBA	Fri	3 rd July	Hook	6 Rks	2.00pm
EAST HERTS & DIST WBA	Thu	23 rd July	Cheshunt	6 Rks	2.00 pm
WATFORD & DISTRICT MEN	Wed	29 th July	Kitcheners	5 Rks	5.45 pm
ST ALBANS & DISTRICT	Sun	30 th August	Hatfield	6 Rks	2.00 pm
MIDDLESEX COUNTY	Wed	2 nd Sept	Potten End	6 Rks	1.30 pm
HERTS COUNTY WBA	Mon	7 th Sept	Tring	6 Triples	2.00 pm

All games are played in Watford & District Shirts and black shorts/trousers/skirt

PAIRS COMPETITION - 18 ENDS

1st round by Monday 8th June

1	Jill Wallis (TR)	v	Janice Cheshire-Burke (PE)
2	Jennie Sylvester (BO)	v	Avril Goodenough (CA) W/O
3	Jo Hollister (HE)	v	Marion Bristow (CG)
4	Alison Maddison (BE)	v	Caroline Simons (PE)
5	Julie Ayre (NW)	v	Theresa Beach (AL)
6	Linda Ralphs (BE)	v	Dee Pyke (TR)
7	Fallon Rumball-Nunan (GA)	v	Yvonne McCauliffe (KL)
8	Nita Garment (KL)	v	Susan Sorrell (AL)
9	Elaine Coles (HE)	v	Margaret West (RI)
10	Mandy David (NW)	v	Julie Dobinson (MB) W/O
11	Annie Rowe (PE)	v	Gill Hooper (TR)
12	Helen Fruhauf (RA)	v	Claire Roffe (CG)
13	Abby Donald (NW)	v	Virginia Rogers (CG)
14	Joanne Sculley (HE)	v	Ann Dix (MB)
15	Rita Last (GA)	v	Dympna Whybrow (BU)
16	Pauline Dawson (OX)	v	Gill Howells (BE)
17	Lynn Sheppard (CG)	v	Hazel Clarke (CG)
18	Sue Jenkins (KL)	v	Julie Woolidge (RA)
19	Mavis Hendry (HE)	v	Michele Cavaye (KL)
20	Wendy Braid (KL)	v	Jo Foster (AL)
21	Chris Bond (AL)	v	Brenda Walker (RI)
22	Sue Judge (CG)	v	Su Thompson (HE)
23	Janet Hart (PE)	v	Mary Parker (RI)

2nd round by Monday 22nd June

24	Winner 9	v	Winner 13
25	Winner 6	v	Winner 14
26	Maggie Moore (BO)	v	Sandra McLean (NW)
27	Jackie Wright (HE)	v	Winner 1
28	Winner 22	v	Carol Brown (KL)
29	Winner 16	v	Rachel Stacey (BO)
30	Winner 3	v	Winner 23
31	Winner 20	v	Avril Goodenough (CA)
32	Julie Dobinson (MB)	v	Winner 8
33	Winner 17	v	Winner 15
34	Winner 5	v	Lesley Wilson (PE)
35	Dagmar McKay (BE)	v	Winner 18
36	Winner 7	v	Alison Hurst (HE)
37	Winner 19	v	Winner 4
38	Winner 11	v	Winner 21
39	Winner 12	v	Mandy Luff (KL)

Note for the 2nd and every subsequent round **the person who calls in second** from the previous round must contact their opposition within **48 hours** of the close of the previous round regardless of who is the **Challenger**

AFTER EACH NAME IS A CODE TO IDENTIFY THE CLUB

(AL) Abbots Langley	(KI) Kitcheners
(BE) Berkhamsted	(MB) Metro Bushey
(BO) Bovingdon	(ME) Mill End
(BU) Bushey	(NW) North Watford
(CA) Cassiobury Ladies	(OX) Oxhey
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(GA) Garston	(RA) Radlett
(HE) Herts	(RI) Rickmansworth
(KL) Kings Langley	(TR) Tring

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3rd round by Monday 13th July

40	Winner 32	v	Winner 26
41	Winner 39	v	Winner 27
42	Winner 35	v	Winner 28
43	Winner 24	v	Winner 25
44	Winner 30	v	Winner 38
45	Winner 34	v	Winner 37
46	Winner 29	v	Winner 36
47	Winner 33	v	Winner 31

4th round by 3rd August

48	Winner 40	v	Winner 42
49	Winner 46	v	Winner 45
50	Winner 41	v	Winner 47
51	Winner 44	v	Winner 43

Semi-finals at Herts on Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August

52	Winner 48	v	Winner 49
53	Winner 51	v	Winner 50

Final at Croxley Guild on Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd August

54	Winner 53	v	Winner 52
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TO IDENTIFY THE CLUB

TRIPLES COMPETITION – 18 ENDS			
Prelim round by Monday 8th June			
1	Claire Roffe (CG)	v	Mavis Hendry (HE)
2	Kay Lingwood (BE)	v	Janet Hart (PE)
3	Jackie Wright (HE)	v	Carly Bishop (HE)
4	Yvonne McCauliffe (KL)	v	Gill Howells (BE)
1st round by Monday 22nd June			
5	Rosemary Biggs (KL)	v	Mary Forbes (NW)
6	Margaret West (RI)	v	Winner 1
7	Dympna Whybrow (BU)	v	Winner 4
8	Jennie Sylvester (BO)	v	Fallon Rumball-Nunan (GA) W/O
9	Heather Marsh (CG)	v	Jo Foster (AL)
10	Chris Bond (AL)	v	Rita Last (GA)
11	Linda Martin (CG)	v	Annie Rowe (PE)
12	Pauline Dawson (OX)	v	Joanne Sculley (HE)
13	Julie Woolidge (RA)	v	Hazel Clarke (CG)
14	Virginia Rogers (CG)	v	Denise Starkey (RI)
15	Shelia Ashman (KL)	v	Sue Judge (CG)
16	Ann Dix (MB)	v	Julie Ayre (NW)
17	Lesley Wilson (PE)	v	Tessa Miles (HE)
18	Winner 2	v	Savita Patel (AL)
19	Trish Hewetson (TR)	v	Barbara Frost (KL)
20	Winner 3	v	Pat Bayliss (KL)
2nd round by Monday 13th July			
21	Winner 17	v	Winner 16
22	Winner 15	v	Winner 12
23	Winner 10	v	Winner 5
24	Winner 11	v	Winner 9
25	Winner 20	v	Winner 7
26	Winner 14	v	Winner 18
27	Winner 19	v	Winner 13
28	Fallon Rumball-Nunan (GA)	v	Winner 6
3rd round by Monday 3rd August			
29	Winner 27	v	Winner 28
30	Winner 23	v	Winner 22
31	Winner 24	v	Winner 25
32	Winner 21	v	Winner 26
Semi-finals at Herts on Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August			
33	Winner 31	v	Winner 32
34	Winner 29	v	Winner 30
Final at Croxley Guild on Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd August			
35	Winner 33	v	Winner 34

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2 WOOD TRIPLES COMPETITION 21 ENDS			
1st round by Monday 22nd June			
1	Dympna Whybrow (BU)	v	Ann Dix (MB)
2	Mandy Luff (KL)	v	Su Thompson (HE)
3	Margaret West (RI)	v	Alison Hurst (HE)
2nd round by Monday 13th July			
4	Winner 3	v	Joanne Sculley (HE)
5	Winner 1	v	Lois Hall (HE)
6	Mary Forbes (NW)	v	Jo Foster (AL)
7	Kay Lingwood (BE)	v	Rosemary Biggs (KL)
8	Sue Jenkins (KL)	v	Margaret Mosely (KL)
9	Chris Bond (AL)	v	Jackie Wright (HE)
10	Sue Judge (CG)	v	Julie Ayre (NW)
11	Winner 2	v	Mavis Hendry (HE)
3rd round by Monday 3rd August			
12	Winner 5	v	Winner 9
13	Winner 10	v	Winner 6
14	Winner 7	v	Winner 4
15	Winner 8	v	Winner 11
Semi-finals at Herts on Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August			
16	Winner 15	v	Winner 12
17	Winner 13	v	Winner 14
Final at Croxley Guild on Saturday / Sunday 22nd / 23rd August			
18	Winner 16	v	Winner 17

SINGLES COMPETITION - 21 SHOTS			
1st round by Monday 22nd June			
1	Yvonne McCauliffe (KL)	v	Sue Sorrell (AL)
2	Tracy Bellamy (BE)	v	Savita Patel (AL)
3	Sarah Marshall (BE)	v	Chris Bond (AL)
4	Carly Bishop (HE)	v	Lyn Boniface (TR)
5	Helen McMillan (GA)	v	Jackie Wright (HE)
6	Sandra McLean (NW)	v	Mavis Hendry (HE)
7	Melanie Obee (HE)	v	Julie Ayre (NW)
8	Tessa Miles (HE)	v	Wendy Gunn (NW)
9	Kirsty Collier (AL)	v	Gill Lacey (AL)
10	Cathlyn Melsome (NW)	v	Mary Forbes (NW)
11	Jo Hollister (HE) W/O	v	Mandy David (NW)
12	Abby Donald (NW)	v	Elaine Coles (HE)
13	Tracey Stock (GA)	v	Linda Whitcelo (NW)
2nd round by Monday 13th July			
14	Avril Goodenough (CA)	v	Winner 10
15	Winner 1	v	Winner 9
16	Jo Hollister (HE)	v	Winner 13
17	Winner 4	v	Joanne Sculley (HE)
18	Winner 3	v	Winner 2
19	Alison Maddison (BE)	v	Winner 5
20	Winner 7	v	Winner 12
21	Winner 6	v	Winner 8
3rd round by 3rd August			
22	Winner 17	v	Winner 21
23	Winner 18	v	Winner 16
24	Winner 14	v	Winner 15
25	Winner 20	v	Winner 19
Semi-finals at Herts on Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August			
26	Winner 25	v	Winner 24
27	Winner 23	v	Winner 22
Final at Croxley Guild on Saturday / Sunday 22nd / 23rd August			
28	Winner 26	v	Winner 27

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FOURS COMPETITION - 18 ENDS			
1st round ON Thursday 21st May			
1	Jo Foster (AL)	v	Denise Wiffen (KL)
2	Alison Maddison (BE)	v	Sue Judge (CG)
3	Michele Cavaye (KL)	v	Ann Dix (MB)
4	Su Thompson (HE)	v	Julie Ayre (NW)
5	Claire Roffe (CG)	v	Pat Bayliss (KL)
6	Julie Woolidge (RA) W/O	v	Jennie Sylvester (BO)
2nd round ON Thursday 11th June			
7	Winner 4	v	Winner 3
8	Alison Hurst (HE)	v	Maggie Moore (KI)
9	Annie Rowe (PE)	v	Hazel Clarke (CG)
10	Jo Hollister (HE)	v	Lesley Wilson (PE)
11	Winner 1	v	Winner 2
12	Lyn Boniface (TR)	v	Julie Woolidge (RA)
13	Winner 5	v	Carly Bishop (HE)
14	Denise Starkey (RI)	v	Margaret West (RI)
3rd round ON Wednesday 22nd July			
15	Winner 9	v	Winner 11
16	Winner 14	v	Winner 13
17	Winner 8	v	Winner 12
18	Winner 10	v	Winner 7
Semi-finals at Herts on Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August			
19	Winner 16	v	Winner 17
20	Winner 15	v	Winner 18
Final at Croxley Guild on Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd August			
21	Winner 19	v	Winner 20

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AUSTRALIAN PAIRS – 18 ENDS

1st round by Monday 22nd June

1	Rosemary Biggs (KL)	v	Carol Brown (KL)
2	Linda Ralphs (BE)	v	Pat Bayliss (KL)
3	Annie Rowe (PE)	v	Elaine Coles (HE)
4	Dympna Whybrow (BU)	v	Margaret Moseley (KL)
5	Su Thompson (HE)	v	Brenda Walker (RI)
6	Shelia Ashman (KL)	v	Avril Harland (CG)
7	Jackie Wright (HE)	v	Yvonne McCauliffe (KL)
8	Margaret West (RI)	v	Sue Judge (CG)
9	Julie Woolidge (RA)	v	Jo Foster (AL)
10	Joanne Sculley (HE)	v	Gill Howells (BE)
11	Savita Patel (AL)	v	Chris Bond (AL)
12	Julie Dobinson (MB)	v	Sue Sorrell (AL)
13	Tessa Miles (HE)	v	Hazel Clarke (CG)
14	Ann Dix (MB)	v	Janet Hart (PE)

2nd round by Monday 13th July

15	Jo Hollister (HE)	v	Winner 5
16	Winner 4	v	Winner 11
17	Lesley Wilson (PE)	v	Winner 1
18	Winner 8	v	Winner 10
19	Winner 7	v	Winner 14
20	Winner 6	v	Winner 9
21	Winner 13	v	Winner 12
22	Winner 2	v	Winner 3

3rd round by Monday 3rd August

23	Winner 19	v	Winner 21
24	Winner 18	v	Winner 17
25	Winner 20	v	Winner 16
26	Winner 15	v	Winner 22

**Semi-finals at Herts on
Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August**

27	Winner 26	v	Winner 24
28	Winner 25	v	Winner 23

**Final at Croxley Guild on
Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd August**

29	Winner 28	v	Winner 27
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**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
21 SHOTS**

1st round by Monday 22nd June

1	Carly Bishop (HE)	v	Coral Maycock (PE)
2	Denise Wiffin (KL)	v	Julie Woolidge (RA)
3	Sue Robb (OX)	v	Rachel Stacey (BO)
4	Marcia Dunstone (BE)	v	Gill Hooper (TR)
5	Cheryl Sage (BU)	v	Rosemary Biggs (KL)

2nd round by Monday 13th July

6	Winner 5	v	Winner 4
7	Winner 1	v	Savita Patel (AL)
8	Ann Dix (MB)	v	Winner 3
9	Winner 2	v	Fallon Rumball-Nunan (GA)

**Semi-finals at Herts on
Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th August**

10	Winner 8	v	Winner 9
11	Winner 7	v	Winner 6

**Final at Croxley Guild on
Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd August**

12	Winner 10	v	Winner 11
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JUBILEE CUP – 18 ENDS			
1st round ON Thursday 9th July			
1	Metro Bushey	v	Croxley Guild
2	Berkhamsted	v	Tring
3	Herts A	v	Potten End
2nd round ON Monday 20th July			
4	Winner 3	v	Hemel Hempstead
5	Winner 2	v	Bushey
6	Winner 1	v	Kings Langley
7	Radlett	v	Herts B
3rd round ON Thursday 30th July			
8	Winner 7	v	Winner 4
9	Winner 6	v	Winner 5
Final ON Tuesday 18th August venue to be arranged			
10	Winner 8	v	Winner 9

JUBILEE CUP RULES

The Jubilee Cup shall be a knockout competition for Clubs affiliated to the Watford & District Ladies Bowling Association. Each Club may enter a team/teams consisting of TWO TRIPLES. All players in the Team must hold a W&D LBA Badge and be selected by their Club. Badged players must have made themselves available for at least TWO ASSOCIATION GAMES, to be eligible to play in the Jubilee Cup the following year. WITHDRAWAL RENDERS AVAILABILITY NULL AND VOID the only exception being the death of a close family member whose death or funeral is within 7 days of the Association Game for which they were selected. Also, any player who, for two years running, fails to turn up for an Association Match without giving advance notice to a member of the Executive Committee saying she cannot attend will lose her eligibility for the two years following the second offence. All requests for special dispensation to retain Jubilee Cup availability during any year where a bowler is too incapacitated to play, must be made in writing to the Association Secretary either by the player herself or by her Ladies Secretary, with full details. Any application should be submitted as soon as the problem becomes apparent and can only be for the current season. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. Players in any team in the first round constitute that team. Teams may not be changed between rounds. A reserve who did not play may be a reserve or play in another team. Rounds shall be played on fixed dates at the Challenger's Green, or, if that Green is not available for play, on a Green of the Challenger's choice. The start time should be set by the Challenger under Bowls England rule 52.5.6.2. An earlier date or start time can be mutually agreed. **The aggregate score of both Triples shall decide the winner. In the event of a tie after 18 ends BOTH TRIPLES shall play an extra end or ends until a decision is reached.** The winning Club shall email the result to the Competition Secretary ON THAT DAY and the score cards must be completed with ALL PLAYERS names, signed by both skips (Winners and Losers) and forwarded to the Competition Secretary within 24 hours. The Final shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Where the players in both teams agree the condition of the green is such that it is not safe to continue, play may be suspended, preferably at the completion of an end. If the end is incomplete, it does not count. The game is to be continued either later on the same day or on the following Monday at a time offered by the challenger. The game restarts at the same score and two trial ends are allowed. One substitute is allowed but players may not be transferred between teams. The substitute must not skip.

DRESS CODE: Games to be played in club colours/greys, Final in club colours/whites.

All score cards to be sent to the Competitions Secretary within 24 hours after the game.

COMPETITORS DIRECTORY

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LEAGUE AND COMPETITION RULES

The Competitions shall be played according to Bowls England Rules and shall be under the management of the Executive Committee. This Committee shall determine all questions and disputes that may arise.

THE LEAGUE

1. League competition is open to all affiliated Clubs. Clubs shall apply every year to be included in the league, and an entry fee shall be paid annually.
2. Clubs may enter any number of teams. Players having played once in a team may not transfer to any other team during the current season. Completed scorecards must be sent the Competitions Secretary after every game.
3. The league is divided into three sections. In all sections, each club shall play the others.
4. A league match will be played by four players on each side and shall consist of 18 ends. A Win shall count two points and a Draw one point to each side. Should more than one Club in the same section have an equal number of points at the end of the programme, the Club with the greatest difference of Shots shall be the winner of the section.
5. Within this competition no player can play for two different clubs.
6. The Secretary or a member of the Club must notify the Competitions Secretary of the Association the result of the match within 24 hours of play.
7. Any League match that cannot be played or completed owing to bad weather shall be played at a future date to be mutually arranged by the Clubs concerned. Any unfinished games shall be resumed with the scores as they were when the game was stopped. They must then be played to a finish. Two trial ends are allowed on the resumption of an unfinished game.
8. **All leagues shall be completed by 10th August.**
9. It is hoped that clubs will co-operate with each other but any club which cannot field a team on the date agreed for the match and where an alternative date cannot be found, shall forfeit the game and lose 1 point from their existing total. The opponents will receive 2 points and 7 shots. If the offence is repeated by the same club the following year, then that club shall not be entered in the next league draw.
10. To determine the winner of the League the winner of each group plus the highest runner up from the 3 groups will play a Semi-final during Semi-finals weekend and the winners will play the Final during Finals weekend.
10. The matches will be played in club colours or greys whether combined with a friendly or not. The SF and Final will be played in club colours or whites.

COMPETITIONS

1. The first named player in the Competition draw shall be the Challenger and the players in the first match shall constitute the team. The Challenger shall offer her Opponent the choice of THREE dates for play (see Bowls England Rule 52.5 Offering of dates). If dates offered are National or County Competition fixed dates and the opponent is still involved in the competition the date(s) can be refused and the challenger must offer alternative dates. It is not acceptable to offer the President any dates which coincide with either Association matches or President's Invitation Matches. Within these competitions no player may enter for more than one club in the WDLBA. If a challenge has not been made within the specified period, the opponent shall become the Challenger (notifying the Competition Secretary or match officer beforehand) and must make all match arrangements including the offering of dates & choice of venue.
The person reporting in second, whether challenger or opponent, must contact their opposition within **48** hours of reporting the result to the Competitions Secretary. The Challenger shall offer their opponent within 48 hours of the closing date of the previous round at least 3 dates, one of which shall be a Saturday or Sunday. The dates must fall within the window of the round or can be played earlier if mutually agreed. The start time for any match shall be set by the Challenger when the dates are offered, but no player/team/side shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6pm Mon-Fri or 9:30am Sat or Sunday or after 6:30pm on any day. The Opponent teams/sides, shall within 48 hours of receipt of the challenge, reply and accept one of the dates offered.
Dates given and agreed must be adhered to, unless both parties agree to change. If two teams disagree on the date arranged and cannot re-arrange the game by the end of the Round **BOTH TEAMS** will be disqualified. If the Challenger's green is unfit for play, or otherwise not available for Competition, she has the choice of playing on a Neutral Green or on the Opponents Green. The Competition Secretary must be notified. At her discretion, and **only with prior permission**, if due to inclement weather conditions competitions cannot be played by the close of the 'by-date' the Competition Secretary may allow 48 hours extension.
No person entered as a member of a Team when the draw takes place may play for, or act as a Substitute for any other Team during that season. All games shall be played **NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSING DATE OF EACH ROUND**. Failure to play by the due date will incur disqualification for both players unless one has contacted the Competition Secretary to report a problem.
2. Entries for the Officer's Singles shall be confined to the Officers of the Association, the President/Chairperson, the Captain, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the affiliated Clubs who were in office for the season just ended (e.g., as Champion of Champions competition)
3. No member shall enter Competitions from more than ONE Club in any one season.
4. The winner in the Singles and the winning Skip in Pairs, Triples and Fours are responsible for emailing the result of their game to the Competitions Secretary **WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PLAY**. Any Competitor who is given a walkover shall report that result to the Competitions Secretary. Results of games PLAYED ON THE 'BY-DATE' MUST BE REPORTED ON THAT DAY, or if an evening game, before 10.00am the following morning.
5. The score cards shall be signed by both skips and kept safely for reference, if required.
6. Semi Finals and Finals of all Competitions shall be arranged by the Executive Committee. An entrance fee shall be paid for all competitions. SF & Finals will be played in Club colours or Whites.

ASSOCIATION RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called the Watford & District Ladies Bowling Association.

2. OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be: -

- (a) To encourage and further the interests of the game of Bowls in the District and induce Clubs, by participating in Matches and Competitions. To adopt and recognise the universal code of the Laws of the Game
- (b) To hold Inter-Association Matches

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be confined to Clubs in the County of Hertfordshire within a 15-mile radius of Watford Town Hall.

Applications for Affiliation must be made to the Hon Secretary of the Association and must be accompanied by a list of the Officers of the Club, the addresses of the Green and of the Club Secretary, together with the Affiliation Fee.

Any Club applying for Affiliation must also be affiliated to their County Association and Bowls England. Young Bowlers in full time education, when playing in Association Games, pay a reduced fee.

4. AFFILIATION

The Affiliation Fee must be paid not later than the Annual General Meeting in each year. This fee entitles Clubs to participate in all activities organised by the Association. Any resignation of a Club from the Association must be notified to the Hon Secretary before the Annual General Meeting

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Deputy President, the Hon Secretary, the Hon Treasurer, the Hon Competition Secretary, and the immediate Past President, together with three members elected from the Club Delegates. Substitute Delegates are not allowed to serve on the Executive Committee

(b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt Officers or Committee Members to fill posts left vacant at the Annual General Meeting or becoming vacant subsequently. In such cases, the post of President, Deputy President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Competition Secretary or shall be confirmed either at an Extraordinary General Meeting or by postal vote with all Clubs entitled to participate. The Executive Committee shall select the method of confirmation they consider most appropriate to the circumstances.

(c) The Executive Committee shall report to a Council comprised of two Delegates from each of the Clubs affiliated to the Association at least once during the year in October and has power to call further meetings as and when they consider it necessary. Twenty persons attending shall form a quorum. Substitute Delegates are allowed to attend the Council meetings.

(d) The Deputy President, the Hon Secretary, the Hon Treasurer, the Hon Competition Secretary shall be elected at the Annual general Meeting, to hold office for the period of one year only but shall be eligible for re-election with the exception of the Deputy President, who shall automatically be elected as President. The retiring President shall serve on the Executive Committee for the period of one year immediately following her term of Office.

(e) The Annual General meeting shall be held in the third week of November each year.

(f) Any member of an Affiliated Club may attend the Annual General Meeting but only the delegates or their substitutes may vote on any motion or proposition. Officers shall not have power to vote at any Council or Annual General Meeting with the exception of the Chairman of that Meeting who shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie. However, any Officer who is also the delegate for her Club shall have the vote as a Delegate.

(g) Nominations for Deputy President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Competition Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Association Hon Secretary by September 30th. Affiliated Clubs shall be entitled to propose and second any Member of the Association (with the consent of the Nominee) for any office. Should no nominations be received for an office or executive committee member prior to the Annual General Meeting, nominations shall be accepted from the floor.

(h) Any Officer not wishing to seek re-election shall send her resignation to the Association Hon Secretary by August 31st.

(i) Fourteen days' notice shall be given of all Council and Annual General Meetings,

(j) Any Affiliated Club may send a written request to the Hon Secretary to call a Special Meeting of Members. Such requisition shall state the nature of the business to be brought before the meeting. If the Executive Committee consider the matter of sufficient importance, it shall instruct the Hon. Secretary to call a Special General Meeting. A proposal submitted jointly by no fewer than five Clubs shall require the Executive Committee to call a Special General Meeting. The Notice of the meeting shall state the business for which it has been called, and no other business may be transacted at that Meeting.

(k) At Annual General Meetings and Council Meetings, two non-voters shall be appointed as Scrutineers. They will issue voting papers (which must be used on all occasions) and will be responsible for counting the votes cast.

6. THE HON. SECRETARY AND THE HON. TREASURER

(a) The Secretary shall convene the Executive Committee Meetings, such Meetings shall be held as often as required to deal with the business of the Association and, in any event, not less than once bi-monthly.

(b) The Hon. Secretary shall ensure an account is kept of all business transacted at the Meetings and shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a report of the proceedings of the Association since the previous Annual General Meeting.

(c) The financial year shall end on September 30th

(d) The Hon. Treasurer shall render a correct statement of accounts, duly audited by the Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting each year. Copies of the statement of accounts shall be available for the October Council Meeting

7. BADGES

Badges are awarded to bowlers who play at least one Association Match per year for two years. In the event of a match being cancelled for any reason, that game will still count towards the players total requirement provided the player remained available to play up to the point of cancellation. Badged players to wear the Association badge on the top right-hand side of their W&DLBA shirt.

8. DRESS

Players selected for Watford & District LBA matches must wear the Association shirt with black bottoms. Plain white fleeces, cardigans and waistcoats can be worn. If a hat is worn it should be plain white. Regulation bowling shoes must be worn on the green. Sandals are not permitted on the green.

9. MISCONDUCT

The Association adopts Bowls England Regulation No 9 – Disciplinary Rules in relations to misconduct at Association games and competitions. This is to include Rule 9A and 9B dealing with the appeals procedure.

10. ALTERATION OF RULES

Any alterations or addition to the foregoing Rules shall be made at the Annual General Meeting. Any proposed alterations to the Rules shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary at least 28 days before the Council Meeting, duly signed by two Officers of the Club submitting the proposal.

PLAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT REGULATION BOWLING SHOES ARE TO BE WORN ON THE GREEN AND THAT SANDALS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR W. & D. PLAY

It should be appreciated that no code of laws governing a game has yet achieved such perfection as to cope with every situation and bowls is no exception. Unusual incidents frequently occur. It is well, therefore, to remember that the laws have been framed in the belief that true sportsmanship will prevail and that in the absence of any express rule commonsense will find a way to complete a happy solution to a knotty problem.