

HARROGATE BOWLING CLUB

CLUB COMPETITIONS OVERVIEW 2026

FINALS WEEKEND

The finals of the 2026 Club Competitions will be played on Club Finals weekend which is scheduled for Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September (reserve day Monday 7th September).

It is understood that all competition entrants are aware of these dates and are available to play if successful in reaching finals.

RULES

Competition Rules are available on the club noticeboard and on this website.

ENROLMENT

Entry forms will be provided by email at the start of the season as well as sign-up sheets in the clubhouse.

Closing date for club knockout competition and league entries is 25th April with knockout draws taking place on 30th April at 4:30 p.m. immediately after the first club afternoon of the season.

Any HBC members who are unfamiliar with the competitions or would like some support in choosing which to enter are invited to contact the Competitions Secretary (Mark Peatman) or the Ladies/Gents Captain (Ann O'Halloran/Gary Preston).

To facilitate this, we will be holding two enrolment sessions: Thursday 9th April @ 1.30 p.m and Saturday 11th April @ 1.30 p.m. to explain more clearly the different competitions and leagues but also to encourage members to sign up for these and participate.

Closing date for sign-up to external leagues is 18th April 2026.

An overview of the HBC Club Competitions leading to club finals weekend is given below, hopefully this is clear but if you have any questions please contact Mark, Ann or Gary.

Other one day events and leagues are played throughout the season and information on these is provided below after the competitions section. The Bowling Group encourages all club members who have either not entered club competitions in recent years or have never entered to consider doing so.

Make 2026 the year you will have a go in at least one competition.

The Finals Weekend produces winners and runners up, but only because many other bowlers have entered and lost their matches. Have a go and enjoy the early rounds or more of the often-long-established competitions, some of them named after and in memory of key members of our Harrogate and Yorkshire bowling history.

Any questions please contact Mark Peatman, Ann O'Halloran or Gary Preston.

LADIES COMPETITIONS

The Fleming Cup

A four-woods knock-out singles competition, first to 21 shots.

This is the Ladies' Club Championship, the winner of which has the option to be entered into the following year's Bowls England Champion of Champions competition by the Club Secretary.

The Joy Liddell Anniversary Rose Bowl Handicap

A four-woods knock-out handicap singles competition, first to 21 shots.

The 'net' handicap of the two players is displayed at the start of the game.

The Gilly Pairs

A four-woods managed draw pairs knock-out competition over 18 ends, each pair consisting of one high and one low handicap player.

GENTLEMENS COMPETITIONS

The President's Cup

A four-woods knock-out singles competition, first to 21 shots.

This is the Gentlemen's Club Championship, the winner of which has the option to be entered into the following year's Bowls England Champion of Champions competition by the Club Secretary.

The Schofield Trophy Handicap

A four-woods knock-out handicap singles competition, first to 21 shots. The 'net' handicap is displayed at the start of the game.

The Gentlemen's Pairs

A four-woods managed draw pairs knock-out competition over 18 ends, each pair consisting of one high and one low handicap player.

MIXED/OPEN ENTRY COMPETITIONS

The Gordons Open Singles

A four-woods knock out open singles competition, first to 21 shots.

Named in honour of long-standing members and servants of the Club, Kay and Peter Gordon.

A new rule for this competition has been introduced for 2026 - **previous winners are not eligible for entry.**

The Bill Bentall Novices Trophy

A four-woods knock-out open singles competition, first to 21 shots.

Entry is ONLY for bowlers with up to five years bowling experience in total on any flat, crown or indoor bowls rinks, and not having won a club singles trophy from any club/format.

This competition has a later start date in the season to permit new members to enter and therefore has a later entry closing date (to be announced).

The Ebor 2-4-2 Competition

A managed draw, four-woods open pairs competition over 16 ends, played in Australian pairs format, each pair consisting of one high and one low handicap player.

The Horobin Trophy

A managed draw four-woods mixed pairs knock-out competition, played over 18 ends, each pair consisting of one high and one low handicap player.

The Fenwick Trophy

A two-woods mixed pairs knock-out competition, played over 18 ends, pairs being self-selected rather than drawn.

If you do not have a partner but would like to enter, when the entry forms are issued you should add your name and leave the name below blank. Players without a partner will be listed on the club noticeboard before the

closing date and the bowling group can facilitate matching up the remaining pairs.

The Verity Frearson Mixed Triples Competition (08 Aug 2026)

A three-woods mixed triples competition in which two groups of managed drawn teams play in a round-robin format over one day, leading to a final which is played on the Finals Weekend.

Each team should contain one new/recent member with no more than two seasons' outdoor bowling experience. Entrants must be available to play on both the round-robin date and Finals Weekend.

Entry details to follow.

OTHER INTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2026

ONE-DAY COMPETITIONS RUN BY THE CLUB CAPTAINS

The Canning Cup (31 Aug 2026)

An annual Gentlemen v Ladies competition played in rinks format.

The W B W Trophy (12 SEP 2026)

A mixed one-day, two-woods drawn pairs competition, played in a league format.

ONE-DAY COMPETITIONS, RUN BY THE COMPETITIONS SECRETARY AND ASSISTED BY THE CLUB CAPTAINS.

The Manor House Challenge (04 May 2026)

Sponsored by The Manor House

A relaxed one-day sponsored competition played on the May Day Bank Holiday Monday.

The winner to be determined by the highest individual total score from a series of short managed drawn team games.

[New] The Glenda Emmett Trophy, (23 May 2026)

Sponsored by The Yorkshire Hearing Clinic

A new one-day sponsored competition, format to be communicated once season has started. This is a historic trophy, re-introduced this season with a new sponsor.

The Bradley Trophy, (18 Jul 2026)

Sponsored by J&L Bradley - Heating Engineers Ltd

A one-day sponsored three-woods mixed triples competition, in which two groups of 6 self-selected teams play in a 5-end competitively scored round-robin format, leading to a final match over 8 ends.

OTHER COMPETITIONS/INTERNAL LEAGUES,

RUN BY THE ORGANISERS AND ASSISTED BY THE CAPTAINS.

The Club Afternoon

(Played on Thursday afternoons)

An organised roll-up event of 8 plus 6 ends with a tea/coffee break in the middle and a token prize for the player with the highest individual score for the afternoon.

The Mulholland League Trophy

An 'Aussie Pairs' internal league played over 12 ends on Monday mornings (10:30 am start) over the season.

Managed drawn maximum eight balanced teams drawn annually.

The Hollingworth League Trophy

An open three-woods triples internal league played over 16 ends (6:30 pm start, 6pm in August) on Tuesday evenings over the season.

Managed drawn maximum eight balanced teams of at least six players drawn annually.

The Gentlemen's Evening League Trophy And Associated League Cup (Run by the Gentlemen's Captain).

A Gentlemen's three-woods triples internal league played over a fixed two hours (6.30 pm - 8.30 pm, 6 pm start in August) on Monday evenings over the season.

Managed drawn maximum eight balanced teams drawn annually.

NB

All the handicap and managed drawn competitions will use the tiered handicap system agreed by the Bowling Group.

Competitions with 'managed draws' should not use individual player handicaps during matches on the scoreboard, as handicaps have already been used when making the draw.