



WOODPLUMPTON VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE



2024

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League Officials for 2024

President	Mr. Darrel Edwards – Owd Nells
Chairman	Mr. Malcolm Cooley
Honorary Secretary	Mr. Anthony Nichols
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Neilson Robertson
Honorary Fixtures/Results Secretary	Mr. Keith Rhead
	Mr. Neilson Robertson
	Mr. Anthony Nichols
Honorary Competitions Secretary	Mr. Garry Bamber

Hon. Auditor

Jean Moran - Longridge Cons.

League Representatives

Mr T Yaxley	Fulwood 'A'
Mr M Johnson	Broughton 'A'
Mr T Tomlinson	Barton 'A'

Woodplumpton Veterans Bowling League: -

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League Secretary

The position is one of the four named members of the League Management Committee.

The Secretary takes full and total responsibility for the general running of the League.

Items associated with role:

- a. Book room for AGM and for Fixture distribution/Fee receipt days
- b. Issue notice of AGM along with AGENDA and minutes of last meeting
- c. Confirm Officers for new season.
- d. Formally invite a Club to take on the role of President.
- e. List any important correspondence.
- f. New team applications/ Team resignations
- g. Receive Propositions, Notices of Motion, Nominations etc.
- h. Any necessary revisions to League Rules for AGM agreement
- i. Secretary's report for AGM
- j. Revise Presidents Rota
- k. Keep League records up to date.
- l. Correspond with BCGBA and NL&FCBA as necessary.
- m. Co-ordinate all information for AGM
- n. Printing
- o. Sponsors
- p. Facebook administration

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League Treasurer

The position is one of the four named members of the League Management Committee.

The Treasurer takes full and total responsibility for the financial well-being of the League.

which includes budgeting and control of all income and expenditure to maintain that situation.

The only item which falls outside this role is the income and expenditure on the Doubles Event which is within the Competition Organisers Role.

Items associated with role:

- a. Maintain a bank account for League with appropriate signature(s)
- b. Produce year-end balance sheet and it have audited.
- c. Give Treasurer's report at AGM.
- d. Set budget for years income and expenditure.
- e. Set Fees for coming season.
- f. Collect Fees from Clubs in League
- g. Collect Fines for not attending "Presidents Day".
- h. Collect any sponsorship money.
- i. Paying Online bowls fee
- j. Paying BCGBA Fee and County Fee
- k. Paying for entry to C of C County competition.
- l. Paying for Annual League insurance
- m. Paying out Prize Money for Leagues/ KO CUP/ Presidents Day
- n. Paying Honorariums

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Reimbursing sundry expenditure to those that incur costs for approved items associated with running the League etc.

1. Gift for outgoing President
2. Gift for supplier of game cards
3. Engraving
4. Office Sundries

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League Fixtures Secretary

The position is one of the four named members of the League Management Committee.

The Fixtures Secretary takes full and total responsibility for the League and KO Cup competitions.

which includes sorting out League teams. Players, preparing fixtures and KO draw.

Dealing with Online bowls, entering results etc, Maintaining contacts list.

Items associated with role:

- a. Obtain a list of teams entering League for Season from Secretary
- b. Prepare structure for new season and agree with others.
- c. Prepare proposed dates for new season.
- d. Prepare fixtures for new season.
- e. Carry out cup draw at AGM. (Have blank sheets ready to record draw.)
- f. Submit fixtures to Online bowls for placing on site.
- g. Bring Cup handicaps up to date.
- h. Obtain up to date lists of players from teams entering along with Captains etc.
- i. Update players lists on Online bowls.
- j. Produce and Distribute Fixtures, League Rules, match, and game cards to teams.
- k. Update cup fixtures online as results come in.
- l. Enter weekly match results Online.
- m. Receive player registration updates and keep lists current.
- n. Arrange venues for KO Cup semifinals.
- o. Ensure Trophies are available for presentation at appropriate time.

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League Competitions Secretary

The Position is one of the four named members of the League Management Committee and covers the very important duties of organising and running the Presidents Day Competition and the end of season Doubles Competition.

Items associated with role:

Presidents Day

There is a list of Clubs who have in the past taken on the role of League President via their nominated person. Additionally, there is a list of Clubs who could be invited in the future based on the dates they joined the League and the last time they held the appointment.

Unfortunately, with the advent of COVID, some clubs not wishing to take the role on and a club accepting the 2024 role and then withdrawing, the list is in disarray and needs updating.

To stabilise the situation and give time for the list to be properly reviewed.

It is understood that Owd Nells will be invited to take nominate the President for 2024 and Pen Sports in 2025.

When the updated list has been established, the following procedure might then be followed:

- a. **League Secretary** contacts the next Club on list towards the end of August and invites them to take on role for following season. A list of "Presidents" duties is available and can be sent with invite.
- b. Should a Club turn down the role they would drop to bottom of list unless an acceptable reason is given. The **League Secretary** then contacts the next club on the list.
- c. The nominated President would be installed at the AGM in January/February.

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- d. Traditionally "**Presidents Day**" would take place on the Thursday between the two halves of the League Season.
- e. The **Competitions Organiser** would be responsible for organising the event and liaising as necessary with the Presidents Club to present the event.
- f. The **Competition Organiser** would send out the invitation notice to the League Clubs setting out details and requesting entrants' names.
- g. The invitation could be sent using the League's contact system.
- h. Prize money would be as budgeted for by the **League Treasurer** and provided for presentation on the day.
- i. There is no entry fee for entering this competition.
- j. Clubs not represented are fined £10.
- k. The **Competitions Organiser** would collate the entries, make the draw, set the timings, and run the competition on the day.
- l. Notifications to entrants can be made on Facebook or via the League Online Bowls administrator.
- m. The Sanderson Trophy will be needed from the previous winner for presentation on the day.

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Presidents Day

Check List

1. Confirm date with Fixtures and results Secretary and President for Presidents Day
2. Issue notification to Clubs and request Entrants name via League system
3. Make draw for Presidents Day and produce competition sheet.
4. **Home players in Presidents Day and the League Doubles competitions should be handicapped by 50% of the "on cards chalks" ...i.e. if the games are played with six on the card, then home players would receive only three.**
(The proposition was made in an effort to reduce the obvious advantage that home players have from playing regularly on their home green.)
5. Produce game cards for competition.
6. Issue start times to entrants.
7. Ensure all equipment/ assistance will be available on the day.
8. Trophy and prize money
- 9.

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Doubles Event

- a. The end of season "DOUBLES COMPETITION" is a self-funding event, held on Thursday(s) after Cup Finals Day.
- b. The Competition Organiser is responsible for the organisation and running of this event.
- c. It is normally held at the League Presidents home green.
- d. Home players in Presidents Day and the League Doubles competitions should be handicapped by 50% of the "on cards chalks" ...i.e. if the games are played with six on the card, then home players would receive only three.
(The proposition was made in an effort to reduce the obvious advantage that home players have from playing regularly on their home green.)
- e. The Competition Organiser sets the entry fee, prepares the invitation, issues the invitation using the League's contact system, receives entries and fees directly and undertakes everything else necessary for the competition as done for Presidents Day.
- f. Prize money will be made up from the entry money. The Trophy will need to be available for presentation.

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Doubles Competition

Check List

1. Arrange suitable venue and Date.
2. Issue notes to Clubs to notify them via League system.
3. Include note about cost of entry and limitations of numbers.
4. Keep list of entrant's names and contact numbers
5. Make draw for Doubles Day and produce competition sheet.
6. Produce game cards for competition.
7. Issue start times to entrants.
8. Ensure all equipment/ assistance will be available on the day.
9. Trophy and prize money.

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League Rules

1. The League will be known as the Woodplumpton Veterans Bowling League.
2. The Management Committee to consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Chairman, Secretary and League representatives.
3. The AGM will be held in late January/ early February.
4. Propositions for discussion at AGM to be with the Secretary fourteen days before the meeting. A two thirds majority of those voting is required to change League Rules.
5. Each team may send one Delegate to all meetings and can cast one vote on each proposition.
6. Players may only represent one **team** in a season, must have past their 55th birthday and **be a paid-up member of the club.**
7. Players in teams which become defunct may re-register for another team. Proof of age to be produced if requested by the League Secretary.
8. Teams must register a minimum of 10 players with the League. A team in a match shall consist of 8 players.
9. Players may be registered with the League Secretary or Chairman and play in a match on the same day. **After 2nd Thursday in July no further registrations will be allowed.**

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10. Teams will play fixtures according to the fixture list. Matches to commence at 2.00pm.

Start time may be varied by agreement between captains.

Visiting team to have sole use of the green for last 15 minute before start of game.

11. Any changes to fixture dates must be agreed by team Captains and games must be played as near as possible to fixture date listed. The League Secretary must be informed of any such changes.
12. If the Home Captain considers the green unfit for play he shall inform the visiting team no later than 12 noon on the day of the match. A new date must be agreed, and the match played within 7 days of the original. If agreement cannot be reached the match must be played on the Tuesday after original date.

Matches NOT completed in accordance with this rule may be declared NO RESULT and NO points will be awarded to teams.

ALL outstanding League games must be completed by the last day of the season.

13. Any match postponed on the last day of the season must be played within the following seven days unless otherwise agreed with the League Management
14. If a match is abandoned for any reason, the **remainder** of the match to be completed as Rule 12.
15. Each League game shall be played under British Crown Green Rules. The Home Captain shall determine the order of play.

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Visiting players shall have first throw of the Jack. All Jacks to be standard bias. All games to be to 21 up. Players to be matched by turn of cards for first League game. Thereafter, by current average before game is played. Such averages should be entered on the result card. Players off scratch to be placed between plus and minus averages

16. Match points to be totalled by scoring one point per game won plus three points for an away aggregate win, two points for a home aggregate win, two points for an away aggregate tie or one point for a home aggregate tie.
17. Each team shall keep their own score card for each game and shall check progress at least once every five ends. In the event of a dispute which the captains cannot resolve, the game shall re-start at the last agreed score on the cards.
18. If a player does not play due to the absence of an opponent their score will be entered as 21-0 on the score card. The player's future average will be based on a score of 21-10.
19. A player not available to play at 2.45pm will be considered absent. A Substitute player may be used if available otherwise Rule 18 will apply.
20. If a team plays an unregistered player, or one not having reached their 55th birthday, that game will be scored as 21-0 against that team and Rule 18 will apply.
21. After the first four games are completed refreshments (tea/coffee with optional milk and sugar and biscuits) will be provided by the home team.

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22. Results must reach League Secretary within 48 hours of the match. Team Captains must check and sign results card. Result cards to be retained by home captain if not submitted to League Secretary
23. If, at the end of the Season, a tie occurs at the top or bottom of any Division, final positions will be decided by reference to results between the teams in the season.
24. A System of promotion and relegation will be operated between Divisions at the end of the season on the basis of two up and two down. In the event of teams having equal points, Rule 23 will apply.
25. A Doubles competition for the Len Hutchinson Trophy **may** be held at the end of the season. Entries will be invited in August. The entry fee per pair will be determined each season.
26. President's Day will be held at the President's home green. Every team shall send one player to the competition. **Teams failing to be represented at President's Day will be fined £10.** The competition to be organised on a straight Knock Out basis and the winner to receive the Catterall Cup. Home players to receive half number of chalks allowance on card.

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Cup Rules

- A. To be eligible to play, a player must have played in at least **TWO** League Matches during the season before Semi Final and Cup Final Matches.
- B. Preliminary and First Round matches will be played on the greens of the Club drawn first.
- C. Semi Finals will be played on Neutral greens decided after the semifinal draw is made. Teams will be notified of the venues.
- D. The Final will be played on the League Presidents home green on the date stated in the Handbook.
- E. In ALL games players are matched up by turn of cards.
- F. In Preliminary and First Round matches the away team receives 16 chinks towards their aggregate score. If two teams from the same club play each other this will NOT apply.
- G. In Preliminary and First Round matches the home captain decides the order of play and the away team members get first use of the Jack. The Rule still applies if two teams from the same club are drawn together. In this case the Team drawn out first is the "home" club.
- H. In Preliminary and First Round matches practice is allowed. The away team having use of the green for the 15 minutes before the start of the game.

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- I. In Semi Finals and Finals NO additional chinks are given under Rule "F" except in the Final and then only if the President's Club team were to qualify, in which case their opponents would receive 16 start.
- J. In Semi Finals and Final matches team Captains make alternate choice of order of play and use of Jack.
- K. In ALL matches, if aggregate scores are tied the team with most wins goes through or wins the trophy.
- L. If match is still tied on aggregate and wins then Captains nominate three players each to play 11 up. Team winning two games goes through or wins trophy. First choice of order of play to be decided by toss of coin.

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Handicaps

M. In ALL matches the previous year's Divisional Cup Winners will give 30 chalks start to their opponent before other Rules are applied. The Handicap will be reduced to 15 in the following year and to NIL the year after. The maximum handicap under this Rule will never exceed 30 chalks.

The Handicap will not be applied where a Team is promoted for the following season. Outstanding handicaps will be reapplied if Team is relegated in season following promotion.

Handicapped teams in 2024 KO competition:

Division 1

Frenchwood, as 2022 winners, will be handicapped by 15 chalks in cup games

Singleton as 2023 winners will be handicapped by 30 chalks in cup games.

Division 2

Owd Nells OT, as 2022 winners but promoted will not be handicapped.

Penwortham Sports, as 2023 winners but promoted will not be handicapped.

Division 3

Scorton, as 2022 winners but promoted will not be handicapped.

Out Rawcliffe BC, as 2023 winners but promoted will not be handicapped.

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Dates for League & Competitions - 2024

2nd February AGM

8th March Collection of Fees and Team Lists and distribution of cards, information etc

21st March KO Cup Preliminary Round

28th March KO Cup Round 1

4th April League Games Commence

20th June Presidents Day

5th September Last Game of the Season

12th September KO CUP Semi Finals Day

19th September KO CUP Finals Day

26th September Doubles Day 1 Venue – Owd Nells

3rd October Doubles Day 2 Venue – Owd Nells

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WVBL - Trophies & Cups

Doubles: Len Hutchinson Shield. replaced recently.

Presidents Day Sanderson Cup replaced recently.

Division One Champions Shield

Division Two Myerscough/Cragg Shield ... recently provided.

Division Three Cookson Cup ... provided around 2010.

Division One KO H W Gent Cup ... battered and worn ...
name band full.

Division Two KO J. Kilshaw Cup ... not in great condition.
possible errors in names on trophy

Division Three KO Whittaker Cup ... provided around 2010

Malcolm has a virtually brand-new cup which he is happy to donate to the League perhaps replace the H W Gent Cup and call it: -

"DIVISION ONE KO COMPETITION" M & DM Cooley Trophy

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Future Presidents Day List & Duties of President

A member Club is invited to nominate a suitable person to act as League President for one year.

The President is usually installed at the League AGM held in late January/ early February.

The League usually hold THREE events on the President's Club green during his year in office.

If possible, President should be available to present Trophies etc at events.

The competitions are:

- **The Presidents Day** is usually held on a Thursday in the middle of the normal League fixtures. The competition takes the form of a knockout event between one player from each team in the League. The Sanderson Cup is presented to the winner of the competition. The President's club are asked to provide refreshments in the form of sandwiches, scones, cakes and the like at reasonable cost .. all catering profits are retained by the club. The Presidents Club may also organise a raffle with proceeds to the Club Funds.
- **The Divisional Cup Finals** are held on the second Thursday after the end of the League fixtures. All three matches are played on the same day. Arrangements for catering (tea, coffee, and biscuits) and raffle are as for the Presidents Day.
- **The Doubles Competition** has recently been held on one or two Thursdays at the end of the season. In recent years the competition has been thrown open to any pair from any team in

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the League. Arrangements for catering (tea, coffee, and biscuits) and raffle are as for the Presidents Day.

The President does not have to provide any prizes or cash on Presidents Day, Cup Finals Day, or Doubles Competition Finals Day.

The League provides all prizes for the competitions along with Score cards and overall control sheets.

The Club are requested to provide 8 scorecard boards, 5 jacks and mats, measures, a table and chair for the Secretary, volunteers for measuring and marking, and a tannoy system if available. A Car parking spot nearby for the League Secretary would be appreciated if possible.

Please advise of car parking arrangements for competitors and visitors to the events.

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Past Present & Future Presidents

President	Club
2014 Betty Jones	Garstang
2015 Ron Davis	Whittingham
2016 Harry Pinder	Longridge Cons
2017 Bill Johnson	Ashton B.C.
2018 Bob Sanderson	Catforth B.C.
2019 John Garth	Woodplumpton BC
2020	No Competition
2021 Roger Jenkinson	Scorton B.C.
2022 Roger Jenkinson	Scorton B.C.
2023 Neilson Robertson	Kirkham Cons
2024 Darrel Edwards	Owd Nells OT
2025	Great Ecclestone
2026	Elswick
2027	Out Rawcliffe
2028	Woodplumpton
2029	Garstang
2030	Longridge Cons
2031	Lonsdale

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2032	Whitechapel
2033	Whittingham
2034	Broughton
2035	Singleton
2036	Moor Park Sports
2037	Scorton
2038	Kirkham Cons

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2023 AGM Minutes

Minutes of 2023 AGM - Held at Woodplumpton BC on Thursday 26th January 2023

Chairman, Peter Watson, **opened the meeting at 2pm** and welcomed the Delegates. **A silence** was held in respect of bowlers and friends who had passed away in the last 12 months.

Roll call indicated that 31 Clubs were represented with 4 apologies. Out Rawcliffe were welcomed to the meeting.

Circulated **minutes of 2022 meeting** were approved. Only matter arising was President for 2023 but this has been resolved.

Usual **correspondence** from County and BCGBA had been received along with one further application for membership of the League.

Secretary reported on 2022 Season. Sadly, St Michaels had made a late withdrawal from the League. Scorton and Deepdale were thanked for their support for use of facilities for League events.

Treasurer's report showed a loss of £494.10p on year which was less than expected after promised reduction of League fees. The League remains in a strong financial position and the reduced fee would be continued for a further one year.

Outgoing **President**, Roger Jenkinson from Scorton was thanked for all his efforts over the last three years. He installed Neilson Robertson of Kirkham Cons as new President for 2023.

Officers for 2023 were re-elected. Volunteers are requested to join the delegates team. A number of responses were happily received. Thank you.

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League will have three Divisions of twelve teams. KO Cup competition would be held. President's Day is 22nd June. A doubles competition may be held at the end of the season.

League fee of £20 may be paid by internet banking if desired.

KO Cup will start on 23rd March, League on 6th April.

Fixture cards, League Rules etc will be issued at Woodplumpton BC on 9th March between 2.00 and 3 .00 pm. TEAM LISTS and FEES required. Please notify Secretary about changes of captains, telephone numbers, e mail addresses etc. Information on online bowls will be updated when information is received.

Presidents Rota has been updated. GT ECCLESTON to be invited for 2024. Two teams declined Presidency for 2023.

Draw for Preliminary and First rounds of Cup took place.

Any other business ... No notices of motion or propositions

Jim Kenny will represent League in County Champion of Champions competition.

Fixture cards MAY be available after 20th February – contact Secretary.

It is understood that the County decided not to support the introduction of the £1 per head charge proposed by BCGBA. No supporting documentation as to why this proposal was made or how it was to be collected.

Meeting was closed 2.45 A Huge thank you to Woodplumpton BC for the use of the Hall and particularly K Andrews for preparing the room.

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Insurance Certificate - 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE (a)

(Where required by regulation 5 of the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998 (the Regulations), one or more copies of this certificate must be displayed at each place of business at which the policy holder employs persons covered by the policy)

Policy No: PLON99/0092564

Name of Policyholder: Woodplumpton Veterans League - BCGBA

1. Date of commencement of insurance policy: 1st January 2024
2. Date of expiry of insurance policy: 31st December 2024

We hereby certify that subject to paragraph 2:

1. the policy to which this certificate relates satisfies the requirements of the relevant law applicable in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Island of Jersey, the Island of Guernsey and the Island of Alderney (b); and

2. (a) the minimum amount of cover provided by this policy is no less than £5million (c); or

(b) ~~the cover provided under this policy relates to claims in excess of - [£ -] but not exceeding [£ -];~~



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Signed on behalf of
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(Authorised Insurer)

Notes:

- (a) Where the employer is a company to which regulation 3(2) of the Regulations applies, the certificate shall state in a prominent place, either that the policy covers the holding company and all its subsidiaries, or that the policy covers the holding company and only the named subsidiaries.
- (b) Specify applicable law as provided for in regulation 4(6) of the Regulations.
- (c) See regulation 3(1) of the Regulations and delete whichever of paragraphs 2(a) or 2(b) does not apply. Where 2(b) is applicable, specify the amount of cover provided by the relevant policy.

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