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*Whitehouse & Grange
Bowling Club*

*Handbook
Season 2026*

GREEN EDGES

The north and south edges have been replaced over the close season. East and West will be done over the 2026-27 close season. We shall start the 2026 season as usual East/West direction. Members are requested to limit the use of rinks 1 and 6 until **the end of May** to allow the new edges time to settle. Please make use of all rinks 2-5 (**including the less popular Rink 3**). When we switch to playing South/North Lead players are requested to bring the mats up a little, again to save the head edges.

Members are requested NOT to sit on the green banking.

COMPETITION RULES

You can find folders containing the rules for our own and external competitions in the locker rooms

COACHING

The intention is to run coaching sessions on (most) Thursday and Friday mornings during April and May to try to help members get the most out of the season. Thursdays are primarily aimed at new players/beginners and Fridays at "developers", but there is no hard and fast rule and anyone is welcome to join any of the sessions. All sessions are open to both Ladies and Gents.

On both days sessions will start at 09.45 and aim to finish by 12.00, with a focus on coaching in the first hour of each session. We are exploring how to build in some evening and weekend coaching. It is likely that this will coincide, initially at least, with the four planned Try Bowls sessions on 2nd, 7th, 14th & 16th May. Topics are under consideration and once finalised will be advertised in the changing rooms. They will cover essentials such as:

- Gripping the bowl;
- Placing the mat;
- Stance and delivery (bowl and jack);
- Line and length; Building the head;
- The draw shot;
- Running and heavy shots;
- Tactics;
- Marking and measuring.

We are also exploring with Bowls Scotland the potential of them running a session at Whitehouse and Grange to develop new Umpires."

Etiquette in the Game of Bowls

We call it good manners. Always treat your fellow bowlers the way you would want them to treat you.

1. Be conversant with the Laws of the Game and observe them.
2. Always dress correctly for games.
3. Always start and finish a game by shaking hands with fellow players.
4. Never make derogatory comments about how people are playing.
5. Do not become overconfident just because you are winning.
6. Keep to your own rink. Do not become a wanderer.
7. Always stand still in the head while someone is bowling.
8. Try not to run on the green.
9. Leave decisions to No. 3 on each rink. Others stay away from head.
10. When deciding shots person holding shot asks for "X" amount. Do not touch/move bowls. Up to opposite number to give the shots.
11. Do not wave opposing bowl through head. It will not change course.
12. If your opponent's bowl knocks yours into the head, do not applaud.
13. A badly delivered bowl takes a lucky wick; acknowledge your luck.
14. Acknowledge a good bowl regardless of who has delivered it.
15. Front end bowlers keep clear of the head allowing skips to play.
16. Skips have been watching all bowls; no need to give them advice.
17. Do not stand in front of the numbers or markers/dividers.
18. Never stand in front, or side, or too close to player about to bowl, or make a noise, or step on the mat before their bowl has come to rest.
19. Remain behind the mat /head when it is not your turn.
20. After your bowl has rested, rink possession passes to opposition.
21. Do not barrack a player who is on the mat and about to bowl.
22. Do not stand mid-rink discussing when skips are due to bowl.
23. Walk close to the centre of the rink with minimum delay when changing to avoid distracting play on the next rink.
24. Always inform your opponent if you wish to leave the rink.

Our principles

Whitehouse & Grange Bowling Club is committed to making bowls accessible to all by providing a safe and welcoming environment to enjoy the sport of bowls. This is accomplished by upholding the principles of equity in all aspects of the Club's activities and operations. It is the policy of Whitehouse & Grange Bowling Club to ensure that all members, volunteers, coaches and visitors to the Club receive equitable treatment regardless of age, gender, marital status, employment status, social class, race, ethnic or national origin, religious belief or disability.

Rink Booking

The online rink booking system continues to operate but members may also turn up and play without making a reservation in advance. When the Green is being used for league matches and external competitions, it is not open to members for Club ties or practice sessions. See noticeboards and website for up-dates.

Gents Selection Committee

Derek Nelson, Malcolm Weir & Ross Maguire

Ladies Selection Committee

Gill Brown, Soosan Danesh, Sandra Laidlaw & Rhona Stephen



Gents hat night every Monday

Play starts sharp at 18:30. Register by 18:15
April start 18:00 as gents arrive to play

(incorporating the Reid Troph) £2 entry fee



Ladies points day every Wednesday 14:00

(incorporating the Adamson Trophy)







The Club will continue to run competitions for its members during the season. Draws will be posted on the website and noticeboards. Please ensure you play all your ties by due dates.

Updates to the Calendar can be found on the Club website or on the rink booking system.

Gents EBA evening league matches
Wednesdays 6th May to 29th July(12 fixtures).

Gents Senior league matches (SESBA)
Tuesdays 28th April to 18th August (16 fixtures).

Ladies South Edinburgh Bowling League matches on
Tuesdays home & away from 2nd June to 11th August (8 fixtures).

APRIL		
Sat 11 th	14:00	GREEN OPENING
Wed 29 th	18:30	EBA Sharp Trophy (Two rinks at home and two rinks away) opponents t.b.c.
May		
Sat 2 nd	11:00 -14:00	TRY BOWLS 
Thu 7 th	18:30	TRY BOWLS EVENING 
Thu 14 th	18:30	TRY BOWLS EVENING 
Sat 16 th	11:00 -14.00	TRY BOWLS  
Sat 23 rd Sun 24 th	10:00	Bowls Scotland- Ladies Triples-two days 
Sat 30 th		
JUNE		
Sat 6 th	14:00	Ladies Day (Gents provide afternoon tea)
Sat 13 th	10:00	Club Mixed Aussie Pairs
Sat 20 th		
Sat 27 th		
July		
Sat 4 th	14:00	Robertson Trophy (Ladies v Gents)
Sat 11 th	10:00	Club Drawn Mixed Pairs
Sat 18 th	14:00	Mixed Friendly Braid (Home)

July		
Wed 22 nd	14:00	Ladies Champions Final 
Sat 25 th	14:00	Gents' Champions Final & BBQ  
Sun 26 th	14:00	Bruntsfield Sports round robin @ W&G
AUGUST		
Sat 1 st	14:00	McInnes Trophy Top 12
Sun 2 nd	14:00	Bruntsfield Sports round robin @ C.M.P.
Sat 8 th	10:00	 INVITATION TRIPLES
Sun 9 th		Bruntsfield Sports round robin @ Braid
Sat 15 th	10:00	Club Robb Trophy (Mixed triples)
Thu 20 th	10:00	Gents Senior Drawn Pairs
Sat 22 nd		
Sat 29 th	Note: EBA Finals Day @Slateford	
September		
Tue 15 th	13:00	HOSTING SESBA FINALS at W&G
Thu 17 th	14:00	Mixed Friendly v Falcon (away)
Sat 26 th		GREEN CLOSING

Gents Competitions	Co-ordinator	Date notice Mon.	Entries By(6pm Sun)	Draw dates Mon.	Finals completed by dates
Championship	Malcolm Weir	13 April	10 May	11May	Fixed date Sat 25 July
Two Bowl		27 April	24 May	25 May	By Sat 8 Aug
President's Handicap	Stephen Fox	4 May	31 May	1 June	By Sat 15 Aug
Senior Championship	Stephen Fox	11 May	7 June	8 June	By Sat 22 Aug
Drawn Pairs	Jerry Hughes	18 May	14 June	15 June	By Sat 29 Aug
Nominated Pairs	Michael Dickson	8 June	5 July	6 July	By Sat 12 Sep
Nominated Triples	Derek Nelson	29 June	26 July	27 July	By Sat 19 Sep

Also: 1. Reid Trophy. Monday evenings - Co-ordinators: Douglas Evans & John Holburn.

2. Senior Drawn Pairs **Thurs 20 August** -Co-ordinator: Bill Ellis

3. Those knocked out 1st round Championship entered automatically for Plate

Ladies Competitions	Co-ordinator	Date notice	Deadline entries	Draw date	Competition final by date
Championship	Gill Brown	9 April	7 May	8 May	Fixed date 23 July
Johnston Handicap	Rhona Stephen	9 April	7 May	8 May	By 30 Aug
Jean Will <i>Two Bowl</i>	Gill Brown	9 April	7 May	8 May	By 6 Sep
Drysdale <i>Drawn Pairs</i>	Sandra Laidlaw	9 April	7 May	8 May	By 30 Aug
Coronation Cup <i>(Nominated Pairs)</i>	Soosan Danesh	9 April	7 May	8 May	By 23 Aug
Jubilee Triples	Gill Brown	27 May	24 June	25 June	By 27 June
Sep. Quaich <i>(drawn pairs)</i>	Rhona Stephen	5 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	fixed date 2 Sep

Also: Adamson Points Trophy played every Wednesday afternoon - Co-ordinator: Gill Brown

Notes:

It is the custom that the second person (i.e. the challenger) on the draw to offer dates to their opponent, agree the rink choice with opponent(s) and book the rink for the tie and for singles ties to arrange a marker.

Once drawn, the dates for completion of each round are posted in the draw notices in locker rooms. Any difficulties in completing a tie by the due date should be referred the nominated co-ordinator.

It is customary in single matches that if you are knocked out, you then offer your opponent to mark their next round tie.

Mixed Competitions	Co-ordinator	Date notice posted	Deadline for entries	Draw date	Competition final by this date
Nominated (mixed) Pairs	Gill Brown & Derek Nelson	Mon 11 May	6pm Sun 7 June	8 June	Sat 5 Sep
			Noon on Fridays		FIXED DATES all Saturdays
Opening Day	Rhona Stephen & Nigel Robb				11 April
Aussie Pairs	Rhona Stepheb & Derek Nelson	16 May	12 June		13 June
Robertson Trophy	Gill Brown & Derek Nelson	6 June	5 June		4 July
Drawn Mixed Pairs	Rhona Stephen & Derek Nelson	13 June	10 July		11 July
Bruntsfield Champions & McInnes Top 12*	Gill Brown & Derek Nelson	4 July	(selection)		1 Aug
Robb Trophy	Gill Brown & Stephen Fox	18 July	14 Aug		15 Aug
Closing Day	Gill Brown & Jerry Hughes	30 Aug	26 Sep		26 Sep

*singles (Bruntsfield Champions match), pair, triple, rink and Aussie Pair.



EDINBURGH BOWLING ASSOCIATION. (EBA)

Wednesday evening Gents League matches

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before start for home matches to help put out scoreboards etc.

Skips to collect £2 per player at each match home & away to cover cost of pies.

<i>29th April</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Sharp Trophy v. t.b.c</i>	<i>H &A</i>
<i>6th May</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Lutton Place</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>13th May</i>	<i>18:30</i>	<i>Braid</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>20th May</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Blackhall</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>27th May</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>3rd June</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Pilrig</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>10th June</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Portobello</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>17th June</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>FREE WEEK</i>	
<i>24th June</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Lutton Place</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>1st July</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Braid</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>8th July</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Blackhall</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>15th July</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>22nd July</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Pilrig</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>29th July</i>	<i>18:45</i>	<i>Portobello</i>	<i>H</i>

Pies for home league matches supplied by



External Knock-out Competitions

See noticeboard as draws are made for these competitions



GENTS

Set Singles & Aussie Pairs (Prelim. -Thur. 7th May, 1st round - 14th May)
Edinburgh Plate (3 rinks) (Prelim. - Fri. 19th June, 1st round - 26th June)

Top Five (5 singles) (Prelim.- Sun. 7th June, 1st round - 21st June)
(final at Slateford 16th August)

Summer Knockouts All Finals at Slateford on 29th August

A. Gents (Prelim. -Thurs. 16th July 1st round - 23rd July)

Singles, Pairs, Triple, Rink

B. Seniors (Over 55) (Prelim.- Fri 24th July 1st round - 31st July)

Singles, Pairs, Triples, Rink

Tait Trophy– 2026 Gents champion only 3-6th September

MIXED

Mixed Rink (Prelim. - Sun. 12th July, 1st round -12th July)

Craigentiny Charity Triples W&G send one mixed triple – ??June

LADIES

Set Singles

Aussie Pairs (prelim. Thurs. - 7th May, 1st round -14th May)

Triples May/ June



Gents Top Ten 1st round 14th July (away) v Leith or
Corstorphine



BOWLS SCOTLAND KNOCK-OUT DRAWS 2026

Sunday 17th May	18:30	Mixed	
1st Round	Mixed Pairs	A team v Slateford	@ Colinton
1st Round	Mixed Pairs	B Team v Gorgie Mills	@ Clinton
Monday 18th May	14:00	Gents	
1st Round	Senior Singles	B team v Slateford A	@ Currie
1st Round	Senior Singles	A team v Currie	@ Liberton
1st Round	Senior Singles	C team v Slateford B	@ Balerno
2nd round	Senior Fours	A team v Balerno	@ Slateford
2nd round	Senior Fours	B team v Corstorphine	@ West End
Tuesday 19th May	18:45	Gents	
1st Round	Singles	B team V Slateford	@ Ardmillan
1st Round	Pairs	B team v Carrick Knowe	@ Ardmillan
1st Round	Triples	V Currie	@ Merchiston
Tuesday 26th May	18:45	Gents	
2nd Round	Singles	A team v Colinton / West End	@ Corstorphine
2nd Round	Fours	V Slateford	@ Gorgie Mills
2 nd Round	Pairs	A team v Ardmillan	@ Braid

Saturday 23rd May		Ladies	
2 nd Round	Pairs	V Corstorphine	@ Juniper Green
Sunday 24th May	18:45	Ladies	
QF	Triples	V Craigmillar Park	@ W&G

Hosting: 23^r24th May all day. 25th May 14:00, 26th May, 18:45, 31st May 18:30

Green not available to Members on these dates and times

South Edinburgh Seniors Bowling Association (SESBA)

John Cameron, President 2026

All Tuesdays start 13:30. Please arrive 30 minutes before start

Triples League

28 th April	A	Parkside
5th May	H	Craigmillar Park
12 th May	A	Portobello
19th May	H	Brunstane
26 th May	A	Mayfield
2nd June	H	London Road Foundry
9 th June	A	Jessfield
16th June	H	Braid
23 rd June	A	Merchiston
30th June	H	Liberton
7th July	H	West End

Top Nine

14th July	H	Brunstane
21 st July	A	Mayfield
28th July	H	Merchiston
4th August	H	Braid
11 th August		NO MATCH THIS WEEK
18 th August	A	Portobello

Knock outs

25th Aug. **prelim: Pairs** v Brunstane @ Craigmillar Park
Rink (4) v West End @ Merchiston

1st Sep. **Q/F: Singles** v CMP @ Mayfield **Triples** v West End
@ Portobello

8th Sep. **S/Fs** @ Braid & Parkside

15th Sep **FINAL HOSTED** by W&G

LADIES SELBL

League matches Tuesdays 13:30 H&A

LADIES SELBL

26th May Liberton
2nd June Braid
9th June Craigmillar Park
16th June Merchiston
23rd June Brunstane
30th June Parkside
7th July Mayfield
14th July Juniper Green
21st July No Game
21st August James Baker Trophy at Parkside
SINGLES & PAIRS Thursdays (Knockouts)
11th June Prelim 18th June 1st Round
25th June Semi-Finals @ Juniper Green
9th July Finals @ Mayfield

EWBA

TOP TEN (Knockouts)

22nd June: R1 6th July; Q/F 20th July: S/F
3rd August: Final @ London Road Foundry

CHAMPIONSHIPS (Knockouts)

17th August R1 19th R2 24th QF 26th SF @ Craigentenny 29th
Finals @ Braid.
13th September Charity Triples at Corstorphine

Friendlies

13th May Bishopbriggs (A)
25th June Lanarkshire (H) @ Seafield
7th September (H) @ Angus & Perthshire
16th September Fife (A) @ Carricknowe

Office bearers 2026

Honorary President: Michael Marshal

Immediate Past President: Lyn Blackhall

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Vice -President: Gill Brown

(& Ladies' Match Secretary)

Secretary: John Wright

Treasurer: Peter Burnhill

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