

Presidents AGM Report 11/01/2026

This season has been interesting to say the least. At the beginning of the season, I was not sure we would have enough members or finance to see us through the year. However, due to an influx of new members, both social and playing, things are looking a little better. The financial side I will leave to the Treasurer to report on.

We have a new electric wheelchair, thanks to a donation from various sources namely Ascot Priory, Sheila Lee and an anonymous donator, and I hope you all agree that the new surface at the front of the Clubhouse is a great improvement.

My thanks firstly go out to my colleagues on the Executive Committee. We have all worked tirelessly to keep things moving as smoothly as we can and I hope that Club members can see and appreciate that what we do is for the good of the members and the Club. My own special thanks must go to June, who has done a super and efficient job, sometimes under trying circumstances. The Secretary's job is a hard one, yet alone without having to deal with problems that do not come under her remit. So well done June, great job.

I would like to thank also Carole and all those on the Social Committee for all the functions they have arranged and those that have helped. Money raised from these events is quite substantial and well done for this.

I would like to thank Jo and her merry bunch of helpers for the great meals she has done throughout the year, especially the Christmas meal, I think everyone would agree that she has done a wonderful job and also raised a substantial amount of money for the Club.

Thanks to all of the bar staff, who have given up their time to run the bar on a weekly basis, especially Linda as Bar Manager and Neil for keeping the bar well stocked.

Thank you to Ian for the management and upkeep of the Clubhouse and grounds, not forgetting the ladies who do the watering and gardening. Also, a shout out to Kevin, who never stops using the blower to clear the paths and green to make it safe for everyone.

Thank you to Eddie for running of the crib nights, bingo and Club competitions.

Finally, my thanks to Ian and Irene for running the Men's and Ladies section and to Carolyn as Club Captain, also to all those on the selection committee. But my biggest thanks, must go out to you the members for supporting the Club by putting your names down for games and supporting the Club's functions.

I have enjoyed the last year, and it has been an honour to represent the Club as President. I hope I have served the Club well and hope the next year will be even better. However, to achieve this, all members must pull together as one. No matter what committee or personal opinion you have, we are one Club and we are all pulling together to make it run smoothly. Behind the back remarks or saying things are not right and does not help, put your doubts or opinions to the new Committee so that we can iron out any issues.

Let us have a bigger and better 2026 and show that Great Hollands Bowls Club is going to be a force to reckon with.

Thank you

Ray Furnell