

West Sussex Bowls League

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WSBL AGENDA ADM 2026

To be held at Arundel Bowling Club on
Monday 19th October 2026

1. President's Welcome

Chris Rolph not present

2. Apologies for absence

*Chris Rolph, Dave Jackson, Nigel Reynolds, Simon Tooley, Dave Evans
(Maltravers)*

3. Minutes of Previous ADM

Duly Read

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Nothing brought up

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report ADM 2026

Welcome everyone, I would like to thank the Management and Committee of Arundel Bowls Club for allowing us to hold another ADM in their clubhouse. Thank you to Worthing Pavilion for hosting Finals Day once again, a big Thank you to Simon Tooley for running Finals Day, we will miss him. Congratulations to Southbourne, Petworth and Aldingbourne for winning Divisions 1, 2 and 3. A Big Thank you to Francis Fahey for all the work he has done as our secretary, sorting out all the results of matches. Also, Nigel Reynolds as our Treasurer in managing our accounts, And many thanks also to the other members of the Management Committee for their help. So, I wish you all good health during the winter, success for those of you who play indoors, and let us all look forward to enjoying the season in 2027.

David Jackson

6. Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report 2026

Welcome all and thank you for attending the 2026 WSBL ADM.

This is the first ADM since Alan sadly passed away and we should pay thanks that he left the WSBL in such a healthy place.

He was an almost impossible act to follow. Thankfully he left copious notes and excellent templates which have got me through this first season.

I would firstly pay a huge amount of thanks to our Chairman, David Jackson, for his immense help in all things to do with the website. He has made the job of administering fixtures and results much easier than I thought. We are lucky to have a person with such IT ability. He is also a very good Chairman with the WSBL at heart. Dave, keep doing what you have done this season.

I want to thank both Chris Rolph, President and founder of the WSBL for your support and guidance this year, and to Nigel Reynolds who continues to keep our finances on the straight and narrow. Thanks also to the Management Committee who continue to make sometimes difficult decisions; It is never easy to please everyone!

On the money side we must continue to thank the late Peter Chiffins for the continued support of the PC Cup. Just as importantly I would like to thank James Brock, partner of James & James Estate Agency, for his company's sponsorship of the league. Invaluable money for the league. Anyone wanting to sell or rent out a property should contact James first.

Thanks to all captains for getting result forms in quickly, albeit sometimes difficult to read! and thanks also to fixture secretaries for getting fixtures in early. I already have 5 out of 20 sets of fixtures through for season 2027.

The 2026 season went pretty well although we lost 8 games for Extreme Temperature and 6 games for rain

Congratulations to the 3 Divisional winners, Southbourne, Petworth and the returning Aldingbourne. The only 3 outdoor carpets amongst the 20 clubs. That's food for thought!

The PC Cup gave some interesting results with 3 out of the 4 semi finalists coming from Division 2. I went to watch the quarter final between my first club - Marine Gardens - against Chichester. Very well done M G on a great win.

Congratulations to W Pavilion on an excellent win against Norfolk in the final of the PC Cup; and we should also pay thanks to Worthing Pavilion for the use of their greens and clubhouse for Finals Day. The buffet meal was very good and I think the decision to provide a meal rather than give out drinks tokens was the correct one.

'At this point I want to thank Simon Tooley for arranging a very successful Finals Day this year. Unfortunately due to work and other commitments, Simon is standing down from the Management Committee which will leave us 2 people short!! I shall initially take on the responsibility for next year's Finals Day but as a management committee we need 2 more people; Therefore it is time for some of you to stand up and put your names forward please. We can only have one member from any club so the new people cannot come from: Bognor, Crablands, Pulborough, Witterings or Worthing Pavilion. Anyone interested please let me know ASAP. Please don't leave it to the 6 incumbents to do everything.

Sadly we have lost 2 teams from this year; Norfolk B & Bognor B. This has meant that Divisions 2 & 3 will only have 7 teams in 2027.

Clearly it is becoming more obvious that clubs are struggling with player numbers. I have sent to all clubs the numbers of registered players from 2019 onwards, not pretty reading. Registered numbers have dropped from 949 to 857.

To conclude, thank you all for your support this year and let's look forward to another great season with WSBL continuing to be the best and most competitive league in the Southern Region.

Francis Fahey – WSBL Secretary 2026

7. Hon. Treasurer's Report + Fees for 2027 + Officer Remuneration

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Y/END OCTOBER	2026	2025
BANK BALANCE AS AT 30/11/25	4644.58	4525.25

RECEIPTS

Club Team Entry Fees - 2027 Season 22 x £50	1100.00	1080.00
League Sponsorship- James & James		400.00
PC Cup Sponsorship - Legacy	0.00	0.00
		1480.00
	5744.58	6005.25

PAYMENTS

Honorarium - Hon.Sec./ Match Sec.	100.00	100.00
Trophies/Engraving + PC Cup Prize Payments.	587.66	470.00
Finals Day Expenses	500.00	680.75
Hall Donation - Arundel BC	25.00	25.00
*1 Bank Charges	51.92	34.92
Web Site Fees	50.00	50.00
	1314.58	1360.67

<u>BANK BALANCE AT YEAR END</u>	4430.00	4644.58
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NOTE *1 - Bank charges effective 01.01.25

It was agreed that the application fee from 2028 will rise to £55.00

8. Election of Officers

Position	Incumbent 2026	Proposed for 2027
President	Chris Rolph	Chris Rolph
Chairman	David Jackson	David Jackson
Secretary	Vacant	Francis Fahey
Treasurer	Nigel Reynolds	Nigel Reynolds
Fixtures & Results	Francis Fahey	Francis Fahey
Web Info	David Jackson	David Jackson
Man Committee	Paul Leatherbarrow	Paul Leatherbarrow
Man Committee	Francis Fahey	Lindsay Bangs
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Man Committee	Simon Tooley	

Bob Cole of Marine Gardens put his name forward to be a member of Management Committee

9. Proposals for Changes to Current Rules & or Constitution

Crablands proposal to allow Division 1 matches to be arranged Monday to Friday evening was defeated (although this is allowed under the current rule if matches cannot exceptionally be arranged mutually for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday)

Middleton's severe weather proposal was partly accepted after amendment. In future where there is an AMBER warning published, clubs can agree to cancel and share points. However, if both clubs wish to continue to play they can do so. If either team declines then the match will be cancelled and points shared. This will be included into WSBL & CUP RULES

10. Dates for 2027

Proposed dates

- Game to be played between SCB and WSBL at Pulborough on 1st September
- Saturday 11th September 2027 at 14.00: PC Cup Final & Champions v The Rest with presentations afterwards at Worthing Pavilion – to be confirmed

Barry Balchin of WP advised that WP are unsure as to the availability of B green next summer due to ongoing negotiations with Worthing FC. Should B green not be available for Finals Day then the Champs v The Rest will be played indoors

- Monday 18th October at 19.00: WSBL ADM at Arundel - to be confirmed (PC Cup draw to take place at this meeting).

John Kinnard said that this would be confirmed shortly

2027 WSBL DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1 (Play as 4 Rinks)	DIVISION 2 (Play as 4 Rinks)	DIVISION 3 (Play as 3 Rinks)
BOGNOR	ALDINGBOURNE	EAST PRESTON B
CHICHESTER	ARUNDEL	GORING MANOR
EAST PRESTON A	CRABLANDS	MIDDLETON
PETWORTH	MARINE GARDENS	PAGHAM
PULBOROUGH	MALTRAVERS	STORRINGTON
SOUTHBOURNE	NORFOLK	WOR PAVILION B
TARRING PRIORY	WITTERINGS	WORTHING
WOR PAVILION A		

11. PC CUP DRAW

Draw was duly done by Lindsay Bangs and 2027 competition will appear on WSBL website in due course

12. Confirm Club Delegates and Fix Secretaries

All team delegates were asked about any changes to be made to these posts. A few amendments were made with the knowledge that others will be done after certain clubs' AGMs

13 Other Business incl Player Registration & plea for 2 more committee members

Francis Fahey mentioned the player registration sheet which was circulated to all clubs noting that registration numbers have dropped by over 100 during the last 6 years. Clubs were urged to try and find new members by having Open days et al.

Francis Fahey told the delegates that with the resignation of Simon Tooley, there were two vacancies for the Management Committee. He asked for any interest to be directed to him ASAP. Bob Cole of Marine Gardens had put his name forward that morning and subsequently John Bailey of Tarring Priory has put his name forward.

Meeting was brought to a close at 20.21