

Team end of 2025 season performance summary for Edgworth Bowling Club

The club wishes to thank all members who play in league matches and represent Edgworth BC to the wider bowling community. We have teams in various leagues, covering all ability levels. Sometimes it is all about winning, other times it is about giving people the opportunity to improve their technical ability and confidence on the green and it may take them months or years to win their first game. Thank you also to those who regularly mark cards, measure when necessary and assist the team captain with the running of the match. It is not easy for a captain to organise everything on the day and then go on to play a game and give an excellent performance.

We also give a huge thanks to those who are willing to act as a team captain, as without your efforts we would not be able to function as a club. Your organisational skills plus knowledge of the rules of the game are indispensable and whilst at times it might feel at times like herding cats, you are an essential part of the club.

Turton League – Monday nights

The team finished bottom of the table again this year but with slightly more points than last season, although no games were won. There will be some new teams in the league next season, so that might shake things up a bit. **Terry Ratcliffe and Margaret Whittaker** were the highest merits in the team.

Blackburn League – Monday nights

We joined this league this season in the 3rd division. There were 4 players from the team in the top 15 league merits; **Stuart Duncan** won the division merit, closely followed by **Roy Medhurst**. The team won 17 of the 18 matches played and are now promoted to the 2nd division.

Municipal League – Home night Friday, away nights are various

This year both divisions were combined and handicaps applied based on the previous year's team performance. Our team finished 4th from bottom this season, having played 26 league matches. Even with a squad of 24 players it often proved difficult to field a full squad, especially on the nights where we had other teams playing. This is an ideal league for novice players as it gives people experience of

league games and away Greens and helps players improve their game and hence their enjoyment. The leading team merit player was **Carol Middlefell**.

Darwen Senior Citizens A – Wednesday afternoons

The team finished second from bottom of the 1st division, 2 points behind the 3rd placed team, so are now relegated to the 2nd division. The team were runners up in the league cup, losing to Butlers who had a 24 point start (equivalent to 3 on each card). Both **Stuart Duncan and Paul Booth** were in the leading merits for the division.

Darwen Senior Citizens B – Wednesday afternoons

The team finished 4th from the bottom of division 3. The team leading merits were **Margaret Whittaker** (who only lost 2 games all season) and **Sandie Whittaker**, both on 13 points, with **Andy Tighe** a close second who only lost 1 game.

Ramsbottom A – Tuesday evenings

The team finished mid table this season, which is our best performance to date in the 1st Division. We had 4 players in the leading merits, with **Peter Oakes** being the highest placed by winning 8 out of his 12 games.

Ramsbottom B – Wednesday evenings

The team finished the season at the bottom of Division 2, however were losing semi-finalists in the League Cup. We had 3 players in the leading merits with **Kathleen H** being the highest placed by winning all 4 games that she played.

Baxter's Removals A – Thursday afternoons

This team finished the season at 5th from the bottom of the league, with 10 wins out of the 26 league matches played. **Stuart Duncan** was our leading merit player, coming 14th in the overall league averages.

Baxter's Removals B – Thursday afternoons

The team finished bottom of the league, with the leading merit player being **Nigel Duckworth**.

This league is ideal for those new to bowling and playing in league matches, as the format is 6 singles plus two doubles games, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Both the A and B teams took on new bowlers this season and the ethos of both team captains is to give newer players games regardless of their performance on the day as the only way people will improve their game and therefore get more enjoyment from the sport is to play regularly. This also applies to the Bolton Municipal league mentioned above.

There are other teams in other leagues that are more competitive for those who want that, where players are happy to fight for their place in the next match by consistently performing as well as they can on the day.