

# Club Friendly Tour

Burford v County Arts BC Norwich

at Norwich 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

	<b>Burford</b>	shots	<b>County Arts BC</b>	shots
R1	John Hurren	11	C. Rajeet	16
R2	Martin Oliver	26	R. Larter	9
R3	Steve Gould	22	M. Harvey	10
R4	Paul Barrow	17	A. Gill	11
R5	Tim Stacey	16	L. Dixon	17
R6	Brian Clarke	12	P. Deeley	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

After a quick dash around Norwich, we made our way to the County Arts Bowling Club which, for a Friday afternoon, was quite a hive of activity with many members present.

John Hurren on Rink1 was tied 5-5 at the 8<sup>th</sup> end but their opponents moved ahead to be 7-11 up at the 13<sup>th</sup> end and although John's four managed to pull back to be 11-12 down a four against at the final end left them losing by 11-16. On Rink2 Martin Oliver lost the first two ends but then never looked back finding themselves 14-6 up at the 9<sup>th</sup> end, then 21-9 at the 14<sup>th</sup> end. Winning the last four ends gave them a resounding 26-9 victory. Steve Gould dropped early shots and were 3-6 down at the 6<sup>th</sup> end but then pulled ahead to be 12-7 up at the 12<sup>th</sup> end. Three shots against on the next two ends put the scores at 12-10 on the 14<sup>th</sup> end but fifteen shots without reply on the final four ends resulted in a 22-10 win. Paul Barrow on Rink4 was tied at 2-2 on the fourth end but then picked up regular shots and were 10-6 up at the 12<sup>th</sup> end but then were pulled back to be one shot down 10-11 at the 15<sup>th</sup> end. Seven shots on the final three ends gave a final score of 17-11. Rink5 proved to be very close throughout with Tim Stacey exchanging shots with his opponent 8-8 at the 7<sup>th</sup> end, 13-16 at the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14-17 going to the last end where they were only able to find two shots and unfortunately lost 16-17. Brian Clarke on Rink6 never really got started and were 3-11 down at the 10<sup>th</sup> end and pulled back to be 11-13 at the 14<sup>th</sup> end. Four shots against one on the last four ends gave a 12-17 loss.

Three games each was declared a draw by the County Arts captain which, whilst agreed, it was mentioned that an overall score of 104 shots to 80 shots might be argued to be a visitor's victory.

With a membership of 650 it was easy to account for the number of members present however, there is a strong preference to indoor bowls and on occasions there are problems in fulfilling outdoor fixtures. An annual electricity bill of £40k takes a fair chunk of the membership fees which are surprisingly £80 for both indoor and outdoor bowls; plans are in progress to install solar panels to reduce the electricity bill.

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