

Arnos Bowling Club

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Obituary for Jack Anastasi 13/4/1937 - 12/4/2026

Let's remember Jack Anastasi, a man who meant so much to so many of us, especially at Arnos Bowls Club, which he truly saw as his second home.

Jack wasn't just a member. He was part of the fabric of the club. A long-time bowler, a captain, and a coach. He gave his time, his energy, and his passion to the game and to the people around him. He had that rare ability to make everyone feel welcome, whether you were a seasoned player or just stepping onto the green for the first time.

One of the stories that really sums Jack up is his part in that incredible Guinness World Record attempt, 36 hours of continuous bowling. That took determination, resilience, and a fair bit of humour too, all things Jack had in abundance.

But beyond the achievements, what stands out most is the man himself. Jack was simply a nice fellow. Easy to talk to, always ready with a story, a bit of advice, or a quiet word of encouragement when it was needed. He made the club feel like more than just a place to play, he made it feel like a community.

I was lucky enough to spend time with Jack, and like many of you, I came to think of Arnos as a second home too, something we had in common. We also shared another bond: supporting Spurs. Like all Spurs fans, we spent plenty of time discussing how we'd sort things out – I don't think we ever quite cracked it, but we certainly gave it a good go.

Jack leaves behind not just memories, but friendships, strong ones. He'll be greatly missed by all of us here, by his friends at the club, and by everyone whose life he touched.

But if there's one thing we can take comfort in it's this: Jack helped build something lasting at Arnos, a spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and love for the game, and that carries on.

Rest in peace Jack. You'll always be part of the club, and part of us.

Leslie Cohen



Club's Open Day

On Saturday 18th April Arnos Bowling Club opened its doors for the start of the 2026 season. Around 30 members came to play and meet old friends. It was a lovely sunny day and the bowling was good. We had to restrict the number of rinks able to be used due to the problems caused by our green maintenance contractors, but it didn't stop the enjoyment. We occupied 5 rinks in the morning and stopped for lunch, and some stopped playing but many carried on until later in the afternoon all enjoying good bowling and fine weather. We are all looking forward to an excellent season of bowling.

Vicki Mara-Collard



Indoor Bowling News



A Great result in indoor bowling Competition

Avnish & Harsha won the pairs match.

Laurie with his team mates won the quads

Congratulations to all three Arnos members



Social Events



WELCOME DINNER - 21st April 2026

Within a few days of the opening of the Arnos Bowling Club, a Dinner was organised to welcome members to the club. After almost a 6 month break, it was wonderful to see everyone and have a good catch-up. We had around 50 members attending the Dinner. The Catering Team prepared an appetizing Indian meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A big appreciation to the team for their hard work. A scrumptious birthday cake was provided by Tony Dolan to celebrate his 79th birthday.



Pravin's Breakfast & Bowls

Sunday 3rd May 2026

On a beautiful Sunday morning, members started arriving at the club from 10 o'clock. We were having a celebratory breakfast for a very special past member of the Club, Pravin. Pravin had been a keen badminton and volleyball for many years. He started Bowls later, but soon got very passionate about it. He encouraged us all to take it up and here we are today - hooked on Bowls in a thriving club. A huge spread of food was enjoyed by everyone. After breakfast everyone enjoyed playing bowls.



Social Evenings

Monthly social evenings will be taking place after the 321 competitions on Mondays. The first one was on the 11 May. Many members stayed back after the competition. They enjoyed drinks and snacks while taking part in the informal quizzes. A raffle took place before dinner. A delicious meal was prepared by members of the catering team. We had 38 members attending the Social Evening .

Bakul Patani