

**20 September
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Welcome to Denby

The Newsletter of Denby Bowls Club. The Results are In !

The first issue of our newsletter featured a Member Questionnaire, designed to gauge how you feel about key aspects of the Club. The detailed results are at the back of this Issue for those who want to see them and are summarised in the paragraphs below.

1. Do you know who the Club Committee Members are?

No real problems here. A new Committee will be elected at the Club AGM in October and their photos will again be displayed on the noticeboard in the field shelter.

2. Do you know who the Club Safeguarding Officer is?

40% of respondents either didn't know who our Safeguarding Officer is or didn't understand the Safeguarding Officer's role. Ronda is our Safeguarding Officer and an article will be included in our next Newsletter to explain the role.

3. Would you feel comfortable raising any queries or concerns about the Club with a member of the Committee?

A positive response to this question – all respondents felt that they would be comfortable enough to raise concerns with a Committee member.

4. Do you feel that the Committee tell you enough about what is happening within the Club?

Only half of those who replied felt that they were given enough information and 30% felt that they would like to know much more. We will address this by producing newsletters on a regular basis, by updating the "News" section on the Club website much more frequently and by posting information on the noticeboards in the field shelter.

5. Should the Committee ask for more input from members before taking decisions that affect them?

50% of those who replied thought that members should have more of an input. We respect that view and, when updating our Development Plan for 2025, we will share the draft Plan with a cross section of members to get their input. We will also continue to speak to members informally to get their views when major decisions arise, as we did most recently with the proposals on sponsorship.

6. Do you feel that you are involved enough in the day to day running of the Club and the changes that are being made

The vast majority felt involved. If you would like to help more then please speak to any member of the Committee.

7. How do you feel about your Club?

You were almost unanimous in the belief that the Club is changing for the better.



DOUBLES TEAM CUP RUN

Our Doubles team enjoyed some late season excitement with a thrilling run to the semi-final of the Wednesday Doubles Division3 Cup.

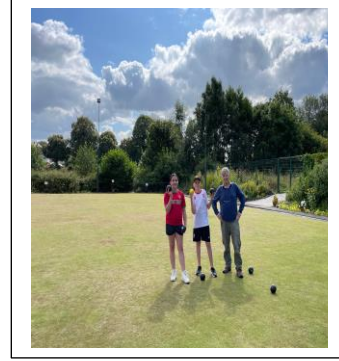
The Round of 16 match against Chaddesden B was played at Allestree, and saw Denby triumph by 90 points to 85, principally due to good wins for Allison & Trevor and Clive and Lorraine.

This was followed by a quarter final clash with Holbrook B played on the bottom green at Belper Pottery – another win for us this time by 87 to 71.

Sadly, there was no trip to Wembley, with Allestree B winning the semi-final by 90 points to our 71.

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

FAMILY BOWLING SESSIONS



One of the main aims of the Club is to promote the sport of Crown Green Bowls and to attract new people into the game to secure its long-term future. In August Ian & Lorraine ran Friday morning sessions designed to attract families to the Club and to get children to give bowls a try.

Although they weren't fully booked, the sessions did attract 20 people to come along and give bowls a go. Only a couple of them had bowled before and the objective of the sessions was to give everyone a condensed overview and then to get them actively playing a competitive game. It was great to see three generations – grandparents, parents and kids – playing together and having fun.

We hope to repeat these sessions in the school holidays next year and will be trying to publicise them more widely so that we can reach more people.

MAKING OUR CLUB MORE ACCESSIBLE



We were lucky enough to get a grant earlier this year from Amber Valley's UKSPF Community Fund to help us make the Club more accessible. The grant is being used to complete repairs to the paths around the green, to repair the disabled toilet facilities in the Institute, and to buy equipment to allow those less physically able (including young children) to bowl.

We purchased some Bowls Buddies – soft bowls suitable for kids or people with dementia- earlier in the year and the latest arrival, pictured here, is our "Bowls Royce" wheelchair specifically designed for use on indoor and outdoor bowling greens. We also have a portable ramp to give access to the green over the gullies.

Later we will be purchasing some bowling aids, such as bowling arms and pushers which, hopefully will allow more people to bowl and/or keep our existing members bowling for longer.

2024 DATES FOR YOUR

1st OCTOBER – END OF SEASON

The last social bowling session of the season will be on Monday 30 September and our final u3a session will be on Tuesday 1 October. After that date the green will be closed for maintenance – repairs will be made to the 3rd path at the Bottle Brook end of the green and the green will scarified, aerated, over-seeded and fertilised to improving the playing surface for 2025.

FRIDAY, 11th OCTOBER – END OF SEASON EVENT

Our End of Season Event and Annual Awards will be held from 7 till 10 pm at Alfreton Golf Club. Tickets cost £20, including a hot & cold buffet, and are available from Ronda or Ian. Everyone needs to vote for their “Players’ Player of the Year” – the person you feel deserves recognition for their contribution to the club in 2024. Voting slips will be available on the night or from Ronda or Ian if you are unable to attend but still want to cast your vote.

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER – CLUB AGM

The Club AGM will be held at 2pm at the Institute (or, should the Institute be unavailable for any reason, at Sawmills Village Hall).

Come along to have your say on how the Club is run and who you want to make up your Committee for 2025.

	FULL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS	% Responses
Q1	Do you know who the Club Committee Members are?	
A1	<i>I don't know who is on the Committee.</i>	
A2	<i>I know who most Committee members are.</i>	40
A3	<i>I know who all our Committee members are.</i>	60
Q2	Do you know who the Club Safeguarding Officer is?	
A1	<i>I don't know who it is or understand their role</i>	20
A2	<i>I know who it is but don't understand their role</i>	10
A3	<i>I know who it is and what they are there for</i>	60
A4	<i>I understand the role but don't know who it is</i>	10
Q3	Would you feel comfortable raising concerns with the Committee?	
A1	<i>Yes – I could raise any issues with any of our Committee members</i>	80
A2	<i>Maybe – I would be comfortable speaking to some but not all</i>	20
A3	<i>No – I would not feel able to raise my concerns with anyone</i>	
Q4	Do you feel that the Committee tell you enough about what is happening within the Club?	
A1	<i>No, I would like much more information</i>	30
A2	<i>I feel that the amount of information given to members is about</i>	50
A3	<i>I am not interested in what the Committee are up to, I just want to play bowls</i>	10
A4	<i>I like the newsletter – keep it up</i>	10
Q5	Should the Committee ask for more input from Members before taking decisions that affect them?	
A1	<i>Yes, the Committee should ask members what they think about before taking decisions on any major issues</i>	50
A2	<i>I feel that members are consulted when the need arises</i>	30
A3	<i>No, we elect a Committee to run the Club on our behalf and we should trust them to get on with it</i>	10
A4	<i>No answer given</i>	10
Q6	Do you feel that you are involved enough in the day to day running of the club and the changes that are being made?	
A1	<i>No, I am not given enough information about how I can get involved</i>	10
A2	<i>No, I would like to be on the Club Committee!</i>	
A3	<i>Yes, I help when I can</i>	80
A4	<i>No answer given</i>	10
Q7	How do you feel about your Club?	
A1	<i>Nothing much has changed</i>	
A2	<i>Things are going downhill</i>	
A3	<i>The Club is changing for the better</i>	90
A4	<i>I have not been a member long enough to comment</i>	10