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Welcome to Denby

The Newsletter of Denby Bowls Club.

Review of the season so far

We are already two months into the 2026 season and the halfway point in the league fixtures will soon be upon us. Let's have a quick look at how our teams have started.

Tuesday League (P4, W2, L2, D0)

After only 4 games Breadsall and Rykneld look firm favourites in the South Derbyshire Tuesday League. Denby are well placed in 4th place and, having already played both Breadsall and Rykneld away in the first 4 matches we look capable of challenging towards the mid or higher end of the table as the season progresses.

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Over 55's (P5, W0, L5, D0)

Needless to say, without a single win to our credit we are sitting in 10th and last place in Division 3 after the opening 5 games. The next few weeks will be key, with fixtures against several of the teams in the bottom half of the table due to take place. If we can pick up points in those matches the Table could look very different by the end of June.

Doubles (P6, W2, L3, D1)

A solid start for the Wednesday Doubles team. Reassuringly, the two teams below us in the table have both played a game more. Further, we have recently gained more strength in depth in the squad with players like Wendy and Andy Tollman and Wayne Birch opting to play if selected.

Ladies (P4, W0, L4, D0)

Whilst the Ladies team have not fared well in the league, they have had two excellent cup results against Chaddesden in their last 2 matches and have gone through to the semi-finals of the cup competition. If they can maintain that form in forthcoming league matches they can improve their position.

Saturday Singles (P5, W1, L4, D0)

Having been promoted last season, our Saturday team are finding it tough in the higher Division. Nevertheless, having played the top teams in the Division in their last 2 matches, on paper, an easier run of fixtures lies ahead of them in the coming weeks.

Good Luck to all our teams

2026 Club Singles Competitions - Radfield Cup & John Pinnington Trophy

*The two exciting annual club singles
competitions launched in the 2025 season will
be taking place again this year.*

Once again, both will begin as a single tournament, which will be open to all club members to enter if they wish. It will be played in two stages, the first stage on a league basis and the second stage as a knockout competition.

Stage One

All entrants will be divided into groups of 3 to 5 players (depending on the number of entrants), and each player will play the others in their group. Matches will be played over a 6 week period during July and August, at times arranged to suit the participants (including during social bowling sessions where possible). Results will be compiled into a league table for each group.



2025 Radfield Cup winner,
Martin Smith



In 2025 the John
Pinnington Trophy
went to Clive
Buxton

Stage Two

Once all Stage One matches have been played, the winning player(s) in each group will qualify for the knockout stage of the Radfield Cup. All other players will proceed to the knockout stage of the John Pinnington Trophy.

There will be a draw to determine the fixtures for the knockout round(s). This will culminate in a “finals day” to determine who wins each of the two trophies.

Knockout rounds to be played in August with a finals day taking place in September. We hope that this will be a social occasion, with as many members as possible coming along to enjoy the event and to lend their support to the finalists.

Handicaps

To give everyone a chance in these competitions some players, should they enter, will be handicapped to give their opponents a fair chance. The players to be handicapped will be those with a win percentage of 50% or above based on singles results in competitive matches up to 30th June 2026.

Handicaps will represent the number of points start awarded to the opponent of the handicapped player at the beginning of the game. Where two handicapped players play each other, only the net handicap will apply.

In stage One, handicapped players will be drawn from a separate pot and spread evenly across the groups.

Entries

The cost of entry will be £5 per player. 50% of entry fees will be donated to a local charity (chosen by the winner of the Radfield Cup), with the remainder going to the Club.

Entries are now open and will close on 30th June when the draw for the league stage of the competition will be made. Entries including the entry fee to Ian or Ronda.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Bowls buddies equipment including target wedges, catchers and target mats has been purchased with a £1000 grant.
- The high-pressure pump used to water the green has broken down & has been taken for estimate/repair.
- Some of the Club's heavier bowls have gone to be turned down to smaller weights & sizes and will be available at the end of June.
- **A “Bowl and A Brew” event is being planned for Sunday 28th June. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or family member to try their hand at bowls. See other dates as follows:**

Dates for your diary

2026 has been dubbed “Big Bowls Summer” in an effort to maximise the benefit from TV coverage of bowls at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. The Club Committee have agreed a programme of activities over the course of the summer:

Tuesday 2nd June – u3a v Denby Challenge Match

- U3a team to play a Club team in Tuesday League format (4 singles, 2 doubles)

Sunday 28th June – “Bowl and a Brew”

- Open Day for non-members to try Bowls
- Club members to bring a friend or family member
- 1 o'clock: 20-minute coaching session for non-players to run through the basics
- 1.20pm: players organised to play a Round Robin or to play social games of doubles.
- 3.30 – 4pm Players break for tea & biscuits in the Institute before they go home.

Sunday 19th July – Family fun day

Features:

- Bowls Buddies circuit around the green featuring target mats, bowls catchers and target wedges.
- “Hit the Jack” prizes
- Other activities (face painting, colouring competition or similar)
- Tea, coffee soft drinks and cake available to buy

Monday 24th August – Club Doubles Competition (Brookvale Challenge Cup)

- Round Robin tournament

Sunday 27th September – Club Singles Competition Finals Day (Radfield Cup and John Pinnington Trophy)

- Semi Finals & Final

To be confirmed:

– **Heanor Bowls Club visit for Flat v Crown bowling day**

– **Visit to Denby Cricket Club** (Bowls station to be included in kids cricket training circuit)