



# Newsletter



## Alan Johnson: Bowler, President, Life Member - A Cherished Part of Our Club's History

This month we lost one of our most charismatic and popular bowlers, Alan Johnson. Alan joined the club in 2010 and was President of the club for two years. Earlier this year he was made an honorary life member.

He had a very dry sense of humour and was always willing to have a chat. He was always very welcoming to new members and willing to impart some of his vast knowledge of bowls, giving tips and hints on how to play better. He was a very accomplished bowler, playing both indoors and outdoors for Ricky. Alan sponsored the Prelude Cup, a tournament for new members.

His funeral was very well attended, showing what a popular person he was.

Alan will be sadly missed but fondly remembered and our best wishes go to Sheila and all his family.

## A note from our Captain

I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by - we are now just five weeks from Finals Weekend and seven and a half from the end of season.

The Preliminary rounds of the Prelude Cup are scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 7th August with the hope of fitting the Final into Finals Weekend in September.

On Saturday 23rd August we have the Triples Finals. The semi-finals will be played in the morning with a break for lunch before the Final in the afternoon.

Finals Weekends are generally a lot of fun but also a chance to lend relaxed support to all the competitors.

In addition to our internal competitions, we still have seven friendlies to negotiate; and the Charity event on August Bank Holiday Monday, so please check the fixtures board and sign-up.

Many thanks.

*Denise Starkey*





# Club Member Profile

## Steve Daniels

*Club Member*

Steve first came down to the club just after Covid, when Roger and Lesley Bishop persuaded him to give bowls a go. Having always played sport – mainly football and golf – he quickly got hooked and found himself enjoying the game more than he expected.

Away from the green, Steve coaches his five-year-old son Charlie's football team, which keeps him busy most weekends. He says one of the things he enjoys most about bowls is the mix of competition and friendliness. He wanted to bring more of that spirit into the club. That's why he started the Friday Night League, giving members a fun but competitive way to play regularly together.

## Matches and tournaments

### Club matches:

Played 14 - won 7

The club played in the Daniels Family Trophy vs Linslade Bowls Club in memory of Steve's Grandad where we won 47-46

### Mens Vets

The green team won 2 and lost 1, leaving them third in Division 2

The Yellow team won 2 and lost 1, leaving them 5th in Division 5

### County League

We lost on both rinks vs a very strong Mill End side who went on to win our division

We lost overall to Met Bushey but won on 1 rink which gave us an additional 2 points to finish second in the division

### Watford & District tournaments

Nick and Roy lost their 4th round match in the W&D mens pairs. They played against two very good and experienced bowlers from Garston (one being an ex national champion)

Jake, Paul and Steve lost their W&D triples away to Herts.

Derek, Steve, Jake and Paul unfortunately lost in the W&D 4's to Potton End. A very frustrating evening as they were leading.

### Juniors U18's & U25's

Jake had a very busy month, reaching semi-finals in the U18's singles, U25 singles and the U18 pairs. Unfortunately, playing against more experienced bowlers, he couldn't quite make it to the finals this year but at his age, there is plenty of time. The club is very proud of his achievements

### Ladies

Our Ladies team played three league matches, winning 2 and losing 1.

In the Watford and district Triples Lesley, Margaret and Denise lost their match against Berkhamstead. It was a close match and our ladies only lost out on the last end

### Friday Night League

The Friday Night League has been a great success with six teams taking part. Congratulations to Rod Brown, Lesley Bishop and Steve Daniels for topping the table. We now move on to the knockout stages, where the top four teams will battle for the title.

## Other news

We have not received any further updates on the progress of the lease. We have highlighted a number of repairs and other outstanding matters that need to be resolved before we can sign the lease. You may have noticed that work has started on the provision of a shed at the rear of the clubhouse for the mower and other grounds maintenance equipment. This is being carried out by TRDC.

We have had a couple of minor accidents in the club recently and I would just like to remind members that if there is an accident, it needs to be reported to a committee member so that it can be logged in the accident book. Whilst we do have a couple of first aiders in the club, we cannot guarantee that they will be present when an accident occurs. There is a first aid box on the chest of drawers in the clubhouse as well as a defibrillator. However, for anything serious, always call 999.

