



Newsletter



New 5-Year Shirt Partnership with Mercer & Hole

We're excited to announce a new five-year playing shirt partnership with local accountancy firm Mercer & Hole, based right here in Rickmansworth.

Their generous support has enabled us to modernise our team kit and give the club a fresh, smart new look that's been very well received by members and visiting teams alike.

This partnership is a major step forward in helping to secure the club's long-term sustainability, and we're incredibly grateful to Mercer & Hole for backing our vision for the future.

To celebrate the partnership, we recently hosted the Mercer & Hole Rickmansworth team at the club for a fantastic team-building session. It was a brilliant afternoon of fun on the green, and we were proud to present them with their very own Rickmansworth Bowls Club shirt. A big thank you to all the RBC volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

The Mercer & Hole team were full of praise for the club and the welcome they received—and they're already looking forward to coming back next season for another go!

A note from our Captain

We are now 9 weeks into a season in which we have had extremes of weather - from torrential rain to searingly hot days - and by all accounts, still more to come.

On 12th June we hosted a 'have-a-go' fun evening for Mercer & Hole, our new shirt sponsors. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have asked to do another one - a testament to Steve Daniels who organized it, and to all our members who assisted on the night.

Our internal Club competitions are up and running, and first rounds should be played by the end of June.

We have, so far, played 11 friendlies and it is encouraging that six of our 2025 new members have, not only taken part, but shown great skill and determination for ones so new to the game. The future of our club looks bright.

We had originally planned for the Prelude Cup competition to be played in July but, due to clashes with external competitions, it has had to be moved to August. We will keep you informed.

And finally ... strive to win but also remember to enjoy!

See you on the green.

Thank you,

Denise Starkey





Club Member Profile

Denise Starkey

Club Captain

Denise, a lifelong sports enthusiast, never saw herself playing bowls—she thought it was for “old people.” That changed in 2017 when she attended an open evening at Rickmansworth BC with her friend. Her friend got a dog and Denise found a new passion.

Guided by coach Jim McMurray, she gained confidence and began competing in 2021. Since then, she’s won multiple titles and served as club Treasurer from 2021–24. She now laughs, hoping Jim doesn’t think he’s created a monster!

Matches and tournaments

Club matches:

Played 11 - won 5

National tournaments;

Roger Barton qualified for the last 16 of the para singles competition to be played during the National Finals at Leamington in August.

County

County U25's - Jake and partner Kieran Davis (from Berkhamsted) are now in the semi final.

We recorded our first County League (4s) win vs Croxley with wins on both rinks.

Watford & District tournaments

Watford and District Fours Paul, Derek, Jake and Steve are through to the second round after beating a strong Garston team.

Watford and District Triples - Jake, Paul and Steve are through to the third round after beating Broadway.

Watford and District Pairs - Paul and Steve lost to Bushey Met in the third round.

Watford and District Pairs - Roy and Nick are through to the fourth round after beating Croxley.

Watford and District Vets Fours - Rickmansworth started the defence of their title with Nick, Roy, Alan and Jim winning at Bovingdon.

Watford and District Vets Triples - Derek, Roger Bishop and Roger Barton lost in the first round at Croxley.

Ladies

Watford and District Fours - Denise, Lesley, Margaret and Mary are through to the second round after beating Kings Langley.

Watford and District Triples - Denise, Lesley and Margaret are through to the second round after beating Abbots Langley.

Other news

We have been advised that TRDC legal team are now preparing the draft lease! We are in the process of seeking fee quotations from local solicitors to act on our behalf.

There has been a huge amount of debris left in the garden at the top of the green. We are going to advise TRDC that as from 1st August, we will be locking the gates. We will advise members of the code for the padlock on the pedestrian gate before it is fitted.

Due to the Ladies having difficulty obtaining grey trousers, the committee agreed that as from next season, we will all wear black shorts and trousers for matches.

You should soon see some new pushers and scorecard holders to supplement those that we already have.

Finally, We also had the pleasure of welcoming our local MP, Gagan Mohindra, to the club. He enjoyed a quick go on the green and took time to chat with members about the club’s future plans and ambitions.

