



Newsletter



A Fresh Season Ahead: New Opportunities, Great Memories, and Exciting Times for the Club.

As we approach the start of a new season, the club is entering an exciting new era. In just a few weeks, we will see increased responsibility and control over our clubhouse, bowling green, and surrounding areas—an important step forward for everyone involved.

It's been encouraging to see so many members already stepping up and joining one of the three working groups dedicated to these areas. Your support and involvement are vital to the continued success of the club. For those who have not yet joined, there is still time, and your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Recently, a group of 28 members and friends enjoyed a fantastic five-day trip to Potters at Five Lakes. Sixteen members took part in a bowls competition, while others made the most of the wide range of activities on offer—bringing home medals and plenty of great memories. The trip was such a success that many are already looking forward to returning next year.

As the indoor bowls season draws to a close, it's worth recognising the strong level of participation throughout. In particular, congratulations go to the men's veterans team, who had an excellent season and secured a commendable 5th place finish out of 10 teams. In addition, several members competed in the various competitions organised by herts bowls club.

With so much positive momentum, we look ahead to the new season with enthusiasm. Wishing all members the very best for the months ahead—both on and off the green. - **Roger Bishop, Club President**

A note from our Captain

As we head into the 2026 season, I look forward to seeing you all on the green again, and to also welcoming new players to the Club.

Our Open Days are 25th and 26th April – if you are able to lend a hand during the weekend, it would be much appreciated.

In 2025 we improved on our 2024 'win rate' across all external competitions. This year we will look to further build on those foundations; but we must also remember to enjoy our matches.

Our Club is at the start of a new era. This is a huge learning curve for us all and, if we are to succeed, we all need to pull together.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has already put in time working around the club.

See you soon

Denise Starkey



Club Member Profile



Steve Daniels

2025 Club Champion

Since taking up bowls in 2021, Steve has quickly become a key figure both on and off the green. In 2025, they achieved a major milestone by winning the Club Championship for the first time—an achievement they are proud of and one they are excited to defend this season.

A regular competitor in both the Watford & District and county competitions, Steve plays alongside Paul Bishop, Jake Bishop, Derek Cole and Ian Jacklin. With plenty of important matches ahead, they would love to see as much support from members as possible throughout the season.

Away from bowls, Steve is a football coach at Croxley Green FC and works in marketing for a book printer. Their passion for the club also extends far beyond playing, with a huge contribution behind the scenes. They help run the club's social media, sponsorship and funding, advertising, website, Friday Night League, and green management—playing an important role in helping the club continue to grow and thrive.

Upcoming matches April & May

Watford & District

Pairs 29th April

- J Danavell v S Daniels & P Bishop (Away)
- S Kirton v D Cole & J Bishop (Away)
- N Bessant & R Robinson v D Brown (Home)

Triples 1st May

- D Whittlebury v J Bishop, P Bishop & S Daniels (Away)
- N Bessant, M Gibson, R Bishop v P Fuller (Home)

Singles

- Dy Martin v Nick Bessant (Home)

County

Unbadged Singles 8th & 11th May

- Brian Paske v Nick Bessant (Away 8th May)
- Steve Daniels v Gary Bothwell (Home 11th May)

4s 12th May

- J Bishop, P Bishop, S Daniels & I Jacklin v Andrew Walker (Home)

Pairs 15th May

- P Bishop & S Daniels v Glenn Williams (Home)
- Colin Shortall v N Bessant & R Robinson (Away)

Triples 20th May

- Dennis Horwood v J Bishop, P Bishop & S Daniels

Other news

The outdoor season will start on April 25th with the open days.

The first aggregate session will be on Monday 27th

If you want to compete in any of the club competitions, please make sure that you have returned the entry forms sent out by Nick to Denise ddstarkey355@gmail.com by 20th April.

Congratulations to Mike Gibson who won the Indoor Handicap pairs at Herts to finish off the season.

