

Denby Dale Bowling Club

Members Update following the Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2024

The season is upon us, bowls have been dusted down, practice games have been held and we are raring to go. Good luck everybody. Enjoy your bowling.

1. Website

Our website – denbydalebowling.co.uk - has recently been undergoing some changes. Mick Jennings is doing a very good job in updating it. You will find useful information on it and we will continue to post new information on it as the season unfolds. Take a look at it and see what's currently available and standby for further changes during April and May.

You can now get information about the monthly schedule on the green, direct links to Bowlsnet pages for each league, minutes of committee meetings, copies of these updates and other stuff.

We are working on the photograph on the opening page!

2. Do you fancy learning some new IT skills.

Mick will be making some technical changes and he is looking for any member who might like to be involved in putting stuff on the website and maintaining the website. If you might be interested in receiving a little training from Mick in how to do this and be willing to get involved in doing it after training, that would be great. Contact Mick on mickjennings2727@gmail.com.

3. David Barraclough

David has left the committee after 9 years of service. We would like to thank him on behalf of all members for his contribution to the Club over that period of time. He will, of course, continue as joint captain for the 10 man vets and will no doubt give us the benefit of his wisdom as the club moves forward. Thank you David.

4. Club Information Sheet for New Members

As mentioned in the AGM in January, we have been working on an updated information sheet for new members. This is now posted on the website for all members to look at


5. Raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease campaign and Stand up to Cancer

Peter Hanson is going to do a Bowlathon at the green on Saturday 15th June, starting at 9.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. He will be setting up a Just Giving Page. He will put more details on the club notice board shortly.

Paul Hutchinson has asked me to send this message out to all club members.

From: Paul & Claire Hutchinson

Subject: Stand up to Cancer - Dog walking challenge

- Me and my wife Claire are aiming to walk Leo  our crazy cocker an average of 5 miles every day throughout April to help Stand Up To Cancer raise vital funds for cancer research. I'm sure Leo is up to the challenge, not too sure about me and Claire but we will definitely do our best. We will keep posting regular updates of our progress throughout April so we would be so grateful for your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to our page.

Many thanks, Paul, Claire & Leo  x. Here is our Just giving page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/pauls-giving-page-19103678555881>

6. Membership Recruitment Taster Sessions

We have set two dates for the taster sessions. They are Sat.13 April and Sat.20 April. Starting at 10.00 am on both days. The idea is to invite people who are interested in joining the club to come along to a fun session. Any support you can give on the days will be welcome.

7. The Green and Clubhouse

The green surround is looking good. Thanks to all involved , especially Peter Hanson and Andy Wilson. Also the new kitchen window is nearly fully installed, thanks to Peter and Andy.

8. Advertising Board.

Our first advertising board will be appearing on the fence shortly. It is for Carpet Barn in Scisset who supplied, free of charge all the artificial grass which is now round the green. The retail cost of the grass would normally be over £1500. Well done to Peter Taylor for negotiating the deal.

9. Japanese Knotweed

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will be coming sometime in May/June to look at the extent of the problem. They will give us a quote and we will then, in collaboration with the Cricket Club, apply for funding from the Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust. The work will be done in September. It will need to be repeated for 6/7 years to finally eradicate it.

10. Internal Competitions

Finals Day for the Club Competition will be Thursday 29 August. Karen Taylor and Paul Hutchinson will organize this competition. Entry forms will go up on the notice board shortly.

There will be a mixed Doubles Tournament to be drawn on the day on Sunday 30 June.. Details will follow.

11. This season's Fun Day.

This will be held on 19th September. More details closer to the day. It will be even more fun than last year's!!