

Bury Billiards League

Week 21 24th February 2026

Elton Liberal Club Seal the Championship

Scorecards

Seedfield Bowling Club B v Rugby Road BC on 24/2/26									
		Handicap				Handicap			
Home Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score	Visiting Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score
P Holt	77	80		188	R Denson	90	87		200
G McGovern	120	123		176	S Walker	44	41		200
B Ridley	132	135		174	A Lees	72	69		200
				Total					Total
				538					600
				Points					Points
				0					5

Castleton Bowling Club v Walshaw Con Club on 24/2/26									
		Handicap				Handicap			
Home Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score	Visiting Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score
A Hardman	129	132		187	DT Samuels	112	109		200
E Smith	42	39		200	DJ Samuels	42	45		142
B Schofield	138	135		200	B Samuels	119	122		186
				Total					Total
				587					528
				Points					Points
				4					1

Elton Liberal Club v Castleton Bowling Club B on 24/2/26									
		Handicap				Handicap			
Home Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score	Visiting Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score
B Holden	42	45		143	P Mather	-121	-124	31,39,64	200
R Pearson	103	103		200	M Richards	127	127		196
P Taylor	37	37		200	P Deakin	23	23	30	191
				Total					Total
				543					587
				Points					Points
				2					3

Wardle Con Club v Seedfield Bowling Club A on 24/2/26									
		Handicap				Handicap			
Home Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score	Visiting Player	Start	Next	Breaks	Score
S Brown	125	128		177	P Johnson	-66	-69	33 & 30	200
A Brown	144	141		200	P Eslick	46	49		127
R Greenwood	89	92		177	B Crux	119	116		200
				Total					Total
				554					527
				Points					Points
				3					2

WK 21 Report

Its been a momentous week in the Bury Billiards League with several issues being sorted in the final week of competition. The League Championship, Best Average, Best Veteran Average, Highest Break, Most Wins and Winners of the Last 7 Competition were finally decided.

In the League, Elton Liberal Club were almost certain of winning but needed one more point to confirm the Championship, but they were playing the only other team that could deny them, Castleton B. Castleton had to win 5-0 to claim the title. Paul Mather took the first game over Bruce Holden recording breaks of 31, 39 and 64 his 44th break of the season. Roy Pearson secured the necessary point for Elton in the second with a very narrow win (200-196) over Mark Richards. The final game saw Paul Taylor win, again by a narrow margin (200-191) over Phil Deakin who recorded a break of 30.

Castleton A secured third place in the league following a 4-1 win over Walshaw Con Club.

Seedfield Bowling Club B, who a month ago were in line for the championship, slipped to fourth place after a disastrous time having won only one of their last 4 matches. This time round they lost at home 5-0 to Rugby Road Bowling Club who now qualified for the Last 7 Competition.

The final match involve the two bottom teams in the league with Wardle claiming a 3-2 win over Seedfield B.

League Tables

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Date 24/2/26	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points	Team Ko Handicaps
Elton Liberal Club	21	14	0	7	36	27	64	-20
Castleton Bowling Club B	21	13	0	8	35	28	61	-15
Castleton Bowling Club A	21	12	0	9	36	27	60	-10
Seedfield Bowling Club B	21	13	0	8	33	30	59	-5
Rugby Road Bowling Club	21	9	0	12	35	28	53	0
Walshaw Con Club	21	11	0	10	28	35	50	5
Seedfield Bowling Club A	21	5	0	16	28	35	38	10
Wardle Con Club	21	6	0	15	23	40	35	15

Breaks over 30

P Mather 31, 39, 64, P Johnson 33 and 30 P Deakin 30.

LAST 7 Match Comp LEAGUE TABLE

Date 24/2/26	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
Elton Liberal Club	7	5	0	2	12	9	22
Castleton Bowling Club B	7	5	0	2	10	11	20
Rugby Road Bowling Club	7	5	0	2	10	11	20
Seedfield Bowling Club B	7	4	0	3	12	9	20
Wardle Con Club	7	3	0	4	10	11	16
Castleton Bowling Club A	7	3	0	4	9	12	15
Walshaw Con Club	7	3	0	4	9	12	15
Seedfield Bowling Club A	7	1	0	6	10	11	12

Since Elton and Castleton B are League Champions and Runners-Up respectively, they are not eligible to win the Last 7 Competition. That means the honours go to Rugby Road BC (5 Wins) over Seedfield B (4 Wins) by virtue that they won more of the matches even though they have the same number of points.

High Breaks

Player	Breaks
P Mather	111, 103, 101, 94, 69, 68unf, 66, 65, 64, 64, 55, 54, 52, 52, 51, 50, 47, 46, 46, 43, 43unf, 40unf, 39, 39, 38, 37, 36, 36, 36, 35, 33, 33, 33, 33, 32, 32, 31, 31, 31, 31, 30, 30
P Deakin	66, 57, 44, 37, 36, 36, 32unf, 32, 30
T Jump	45, 37, 35, 33, 32
P Johnson	47, 45, 44, 43, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 35, 33, 31, 31, 31, 30, 30, 30
E Smith	44, 42, 31, 30
J Ingham	40
D Hamlett	38
P Taylor	36unf, 34, 33, 31, 31
S Walker	35
T Smith	34, 31
B Holden	34, 33
R Greenwood	33unf
P Eslick	33
DJ Samuels	32, 31
A Lees	30

unf = unfinished

Other League Issues

Most Wins

Forename	Surname	Initial Handicaps	Running Handicaps	Played	Won	Lost
Bruce	Holden	57	45	21	13	8
Bryce	Crux	131	116	21	12	9
Alan	Lees	84	69	18	12	6
Paul	Mather	-106	-124	16	12	4
Paul	Taylor	46	37	18	11	7
Elvet	Smith	45	39	16	11	5
Phil	Deakin	41	23	16	10	6
Gary	McGovern	135	123	15	10	5
Paul	Holt	80	80	20	9	11
Mark	Richards	110	127	20	9	11
Bob	Capron	85	85	18	9	9
David	Samuels	48	45	18	9	9
Steve	Chant	135	135	16	9	7
Bill	Schofield	135	135	19	8	11
Roy	Pearson	50	103	18	8	10
Alastair	Hardman	135	132	13	8	5
April	Brown	130	141	20	7	13
Phil	Johnson	-75	-69	17	7	10
Trevor	Smith	53	59	17	7	10
Roy	Denson	78	87	15	7	8
Paul	Eslick	37	49	17	6	11
Stan	Gac	115	97	10	6	4
Sam	Walker	50	41	10	6	4
Terry	Jump	-5	-11	9	6	3
Stuart	Brown	110	128	17	5	12
Rob	Greenwood	65	92	16	5	11
Brian	Ridley	126	135	12	5	7
Darren	Samuels	115	109	10	5	5
Alan	Rosbottom	105	105	6	3	3
Mick	Middleton	90	90	5	3	2
Derek	Hamlett	76	73	6	2	4
Frank	Gac	115	115	5	2	3
Daz	Whitehead	105	105	5	2	3
Danny	Morgan	105	105	3	2	1
Brian	Samuels	104	122	9	1	8
Martin	Bennett	103	109	5	1	4
Sid	Ash	90	90	3	1	2
Bill	Whittaker	107	110	2	1	1
James	Fletcher	0	0	1	1	0
John	Ingham	10	7	1	1	0

Best Averages

While Paul Taylor has the best average and also qualifies as a Veteran, it will be recorded that Phil Deakin won the Best Average Prize with Paul Taylor getting the Best Veteran. Commiserations should also go to Stan Gac who would have won the Best Average but failed to play over half of the fixtures, having only played 10 matches.

Forename	Surname	Initial Handicaps	Running Handicaps	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Win Margin	Average
Paul	Taylor	46	37	18	11	7	3437	3064	20.7	1.1217
Phil	Deakin	41	23	16	10	6	3026	2777	15.6	1.0897
Gary	McGovern	135	123	15	10	5	2860	2631	15.3	1.0870
Paul	Mather	-106	-124	16	12	4	2930	2702	14.3	1.0844
Steve	Chant	135	135	16	9	7	3099	2937	10.1	1.0552
Bryce	Crux	131	116	21	12	9	4002	3853	7.1	1.0387
Alan	Lees	84	69	18	12	6	3323	3225	5.4	1.0304
Elvet	Smith	45	39	16	11	5	3003	2936	4.2	1.0228
Bruce	Holden	57	45	21	13	8	3877	3792	4.0	1.0224
Roy	Denson	78	87	15	7	8	2763	2717	3.1	1.0169
Brian	Ridley	126	135	12	5	7	2264	2232	2.7	1.0143
Bob	Capron	85	85	18	9	9	3421	3401	1.1	1.0059
Alastair	Hardman	135	132	13	8	5	2473	2459	1.1	1.0057
Paul	Holt	80	80	20	9	11	3738	3719	1.0	1.0051
David	Samuels	48	45	18	9	9	3273	3257	0.9	1.0049
Trevor	Smith	53	59	17	7	10	3046	3058	-0.7	0.9961
April	Brown	130	141	20	7	13	3783	3799	-0.8	0.99579
Mark	Richards	110	127	20	9	11	3733	3791	-2.9	0.9847
Bill	Schofield	135	135	19	8	11	3615	3696	-4.3	0.9781
Roy	Pearson	50	103	18	8	10	3386	3476	-5.0	0.9741
Stuart	Brown	110	128	17	5	12	3174	3338	-9.6	0.95087
Paul	Eslick	37	49	17	6	11	2938	3235	-17.5	0.9082
Rob	Greenwood	65	92	16	5	11	2788	3156	-23.0	0.8834
Phil	Johnson	-75	-69	17	7	10	2547	3210	-39.0	0.7935
Stan	Gac	115	97	10	6	4	1953	1706	24.7	1.1448
Sam	Walker	50	41	10	6	4	1914	1831	8.3	1.0453
Darren	Samuels	115	109	10	5	5	1934	1886	4.8	1.0255
Terry	Jump	-5	-11	9	6	3	1568	1579	-1.2	0.9930

Team KO Competition

In the coming weeks we start this season's Team KO Competition with teams divided into two groups who will play each other group member in a round robin format. Team Handicaps are applied dependant on their final league position and will be applied to each match. Individual Handicaps are now fixed and matches points are awarded as in the league. Once we reach the Knockout stage matches will be decided on aggregate scores only. One other change will involve team captains issuing the full list of players, handicaps and order of play before the match begins.

Team KO	Hcp
Elton Liberal Club	-20
Castleton Bowling Club B	-15
Castleton Bowling Club A	-10
Seedfield Bowling Club B	-5
Rugby Road Bowling Club	0
Walshaw Con Club	5
Seedfield Bowling Club A	10
Wardle Con Club	15

TEAM KO FIXTURES			
Group A		Group B	
1	Elton Liberal Club	1	Castleton Bowling Club B
2	Castleton Bowling Club A	2	Walshaw Con Club
3	Rugby Road Bowling Club	3	Seedfield Bowling Club B
4	Seedfield Bowling Club A	4	Wardle Con Club

	Group A		Group B	
03/03/2026	1 v 2	3 v 4	2 v 3	1 v 4
10/03/2026	3 v 1	2 v 4	3 v 1	4 v 2
17/03/2026	2 v 3	4 v 1	2 v 1	3 v 4
24/03/2026	Team KO Semi-Final - 1st Leg			
31/03/2026	Team KO Semi-Final - 2nd Leg			
07/04/2026	Easter Week			
14/04/2026	Team KO Final 1st Leg			
21/04/2026	Team KO Final 2nd Leg			
28/04/2026	Individual & Pairs Final & League Presentation Evening			

Team KO Handicaps

Handicaps are now fixed for the remainder of the season. Players highlighted in grey are ineligible for the Team KO as they have not played enough league games.

Registrations & Handicaps	Initial	Team KO	Registrations & Handicaps	Initial	Team KO
Castleton Bowling Club A			Elton Liberal Club		
Alastair Hardman	135	132	Bruce Holden	57	45
Elvet Smith	45	39	Paul Taylor	46	37
Bill Schofield	135	135	James Fletcher	0	0
Terry Jump	-5	-11	Mick Middleton	90	90
Frank Gac	115	115	Roy Pearson	50	103
			Shaun Blackmore	88	88
Castleton Bowling Club B			Dave Chapman	67	67
Paul Mather	-106	-124	Dave Carr	135	135
Phil Deakin	41	23	Tom Garrett	110	110
Derek Hamlett	76	73			
			Rugby Road Bowling Club		
Castleton Bowling Club Pool			Roy Denson	78	87
John Ingham	10	7	Sam Walker	50	41
Mark Richards	110	127	Alan Lees	84	69
Daz Whitehead	105	105	Trevor Smith	53	59
			Sid Ash	90	90
Seedfield Bowling Club A					
Paul Eslick	37	49	Walshaw Con Club		
Phil Johnson	-75	-69	Rob Capron	85	85
Bryce Crux	131	116	Brian Samuels	104	122
			David Samuels	48	45
Seedfield Bowling Club B			Alan Rosbottom	105	105
Garry McGovern	135	123	Bill Whittaker	107	110
Paul Holt	80	80	Darren Samuels	115	109
Brian Ridley	126	135			
			Wardle Con Club		
Seedfield Bowling Club Pool			April Brown	130	141
Danny Morgan	105	105	Stuart Brown	110	128
Martin Bennett	103	109	Rob Greenwood	65	92
Steve Chant	135	135	Vinny Taylor	110	110
Jim Peters	132	105	Phil Greenwood	100	100
Richard Bennett	132	132	Stan Gac	115	97
Dale Jones	42	42			