

Week Two saw a really strong performance from last years Premier Champions Staff of Life. In a match at the Travellers Rest they knocked down 230 pins including two legs of 80. This total pin score will take some beating and ensures the Lifers remain in pole position which they share with the Out Of Town Ripley who again scored maximum points at home to the Village Inn. Both promoted sides recorded their first home wins in the Premier Division. The Gate started their campaign with a fine 7-0 home victory versus the Jacksdale SC and the Honey-pot followed up their opening day loss with a very encouraging 6-1 win away at the Miners. In the other League match in the division, the Red Lion secured their second consecutive 4-3 victory, this time against the Heanor Labour Club.

In Division One the Three Horse Shoes put up a brave performance and only just slipped to a 4-3 defeat against one of the Divisions favourites the Boot & Slipper. But heading the league table are the Sunnyside Club who won at the Alfreton Town Supporters Club and also the French Horn after beating the Keys, neither side having dropped a leg yet this season. Top scorers of the week in Division One were the Station who scored 186 pins whilst beating the Victoria. There were also wins from Jolly Colliers and Langley Mill MW, both of whom are expected to be real contenders this season in the race for promotion.

Week Two also saw the unfortunate withdrawal from the league of Swanwick pub Cross Keys from Division Two. They had hoped to have enough interest in the pub but fell some numbers short so hopefully with a recruitment campaign this year may result to a re entry next season.

In the matches which did take place in Division Two, the White Hart maintained their fine introduction into the Ripley League with an excellent 6-1 win at home to the Somercotes Snooker Club. The Bargate side top the division pursued at this early stage by the Thorn Tree who won 6-1 at the Kings Arms. The Devonshire, although still short on numbers, won at the Eclipse and the Beehive, looking a stronger side this season beat the Crossings Club. The Beehives score was helped by a fine individual performance by Stewart Wickman who knocked down 30 pins all by himself.