



2023 Indoor Finals – Sunday 2nd April

After weeks of intense battles, Sole Bay Bowls Club managed to reach the conclusion of its 2022/23 Internal Competitions on Sunday 2nd April. 9 different competitions saw over twenty bowlers competing for bragging rights and the coveted Sole Bay pens. There were some extremely close encounters and several were only decided by a tie break shoot out.

It was particularly encouraging to see new faces competing and even winning. A couple of our experienced superstars shone through at the end. John Block successfully played in three finals and delivered over 225 woods during the day with only limited rest between his matches. He then dragged himself home at the end for a hot bath, many Ibuprofen and a rub down with the Sporting Life! A great effort! Well done, John.

All day, competitors and supporters were kept well fed with sandwiches/cake plus drinks courtesy of Maureen Acraman and Linda Coe. It was much appreciated by all. They even found time to play against each other in the mixed pairs final!! Real stars!!

2023 Indoor Finals results:

Triples M.Burley, G. Dulieu & J. Block beat S.Self. M. Denny & R.Skitt (20-14)

Men's Pairs T.Connolly/S Rennick beat L. Rappensburger/J. Yates (17-16)

Ladies Pairs ... M. Spindler/M. Denny beat S. Self/J. Brown (22-11)

Drawn Pairs J. Block/A Buck beat R. Skitt/D Collings (14-4 & 14-4)

Ladies Singles ... J. Crook beat A Yates (21-18)

Mixed Pairs J. Block/L Coe beat R. Nokes/M Acraman (16 – 13)

99 Up Singles J. Block beat R Skitt (99 – 61)

Open Singles & Men's Singles still to be completed

A big thanks to Ray Skitt for organising the schedule of play and the competitions.



INDOOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday 22nd 2023

Features 2 Course hot meal and hundreds of pens!
Cost is £15 per head. Please sign on Board & Pay Robert asap.

SWALLOWS RETURN

After enjoying a very pleasant summer in New Zealand, our two "Swallows", Sue and Robin Pipe, have returned to experience our delightful summer. Welcome back!!

ADULT/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 2023

This fantastic tournament, which is sponsored by Graham and Bridget Denny, took place on Saturday 18th March. It featured Junior Bowlers under the age of 18 playing with an Adult over 3 matches of 8 ends.

The standard of play from the juniors and some adults was amazing. In fact two of the juniors, Ashton and Nathan went on to represent Suffolk U18 County Team and won the EIBA National Under 18's title the next day at Nottingham.





OUTDOOR SEASON AT SOLE BAY

Green Opens 23rd April at 2.00 pm

Roll up with tea and cakes. Please sign List on Board

LEAGUE MATCHES

We have once again entered 3 Leagues and are looking for players. Please sign up on lists in Club so that we can register you.

BENACRE LEAGUE – Monday nights (6.00 pm) Captain John Block Vice Captain Maureen Denny.

BOB WRIGHT LEAGUE – Wednesday nights (6.00 pm)
Captain Ray Skitt Vice Captain Colin Coe

SUNSHINE LEAGUE – Thursday Afternoons (2.00 pm)
Captain John Yates. Vice Captains Jean Crook/Angela Yates

Dress Code for League Games – New White Club Shirts/Greys

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

A number of friendly fixtures have been arranged for our enjoyment.

Chelmsford 16th July.

Earl Soham 4th August (H) and 18th Aug (A), ND Touring team 24th September.
More in pipeline.

HOLIDAY BOOK

To make Captain's job easier, please fill in holiday book/list outside office.



KEVIN AND FRED NEED HELP!!

Our Green Gurus are in urgent need of help over the next few weeks. As we all know from our gardens, nature like this sort of weather and grass/moss/weeds grow at an alarming rate.

Kevin is due to depart for warmer climes in early May. Fred will continue to cut the green but needs help emptying the grass box into the bin for the next 4 weeks.

**IF YOU CAN HELP AT ALL DURING THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.
PLEASE LIAISE WITH FRED.**

OPEN WEEKEND - SATURDAY MAY 13TH & SUNDAY MAY 14TH 10.00AM - 2.00AM

Following our very successful event last year, we plan to run another Open Weekend. Your support and help would be much appreciated. It is important that we show potential new members how playing bowls at Sole Bay can be fun and an enjoyable experience.