



Coaches Roll into Sole Bay Bowls Club

Now over halfway through the Outdoor Season, lots has been occurring at Sole Bay. This year has seen the Club go from strength to strength attracting new members through our Open Day, enjoying success in local leagues and competitions and providing our members with fun and fellowship at our regular rolls ups and social functions.

In early July, Sole Bay had the pleasure of hosting a County Match featuring our very talented Suffolk Ladies versus Northants Ladies. Over twenty Club members in their Club shirts and greys, made sure the day was a total success by working behind the scenes as barmen, caterers, meeters/greeters, car park attendants etc. A suited Kevin Doyland, our President, officially welcomed everyone and handed over an immaculate green (well done Fred and Kevin) before play started. Suffolk won the match quite convincingly and afterwards 60 players and guests enjoyed a sumptuous two course meal. They obviously enjoyed the experience because they are returning on August 8th (1.00 pm start) to play arch rivals Norfolk Ladies. If Suffolk win, they go through to the National Finals at Skegness. Please come along and support – enjoy tea and cakes as you watch some excellent bowls.





Mid July Saw another coach roll in!

Mid July saw another coach roll into our car park with a team from the RHP Club in Chelmsford to play a friendly match against Sole Bay. Having spent the morning enjoying the delights of Southwold, 45 players and guests enjoyed an afternoon of Bowls on our outside rink and two teams even played against SB on the indoor rink.

Following a keenly contested match, a few drinks, an excellent meal, a presentation to the magnificent catering staff, lots of laughter and a few well chosen words from our President, we saw our guests depart on their way back down the A12 vowing to return next year.

A touring team from Northants arrive on Sunday 24th September to play against our Outdoor stars.



Club Competitions

Internal club competitions are now well under way as our gladiators inch closer to the Finals on September 10th. Only two casualties so far and this was due to being summoned for cataract operations. It is worrying that they both reported that they can now see the cot at the far end of the rink!

Club fees - Good News!!

At our most recent Club Committee, following lengthy discussions, it was decided that our Club fees and subscriptions would remain the same as this year.

Marigold misery!!!

For those not aware, if you play at home in League matches or even friendlies, the opponents will get a cup of tea.

The Sole Bay team which loses by the biggest amount, have to do the washing up. One team which often seem to find themselves in this unfortunate position, now bring a pair of marigolds!! Imagine the delight of team members when Messrs Goldsmith, Collings and Rennick were seen at the sink, two weeks in a row!!



Club development plans

The future of our Club has been the subject of discussion for many years. Following the members decision to raise funds by selling off the Bowls Green for the refurbishment of the Indoor Arena and in particular to replace the asbestos roof and side walls, progress has been slow and painful at times.

Although nothing is certain in the world of planning and development, some significant progress has been made. The small sub-committee tasked with tackling this minefield has made significant progress. A planning application has now been filed and is awaiting approval.

Should this be successful, we will receive a substantial sum of money which will enable us to proceed to the next stage of the project where we can build a new green, tackle the asbestos situation on the indoor arena and make improvements within the indoor arena.

With money supplied by the developer, we have installed a borehole and this will give us access to free water to use now on the existing green and the new one when constructed. The current green will still be used until the new green is match ready, so there will not be a time when we will be without a playing surface.





LEAGUE MATCHES

Benacre League

With the addition of some new talent, John Block reports that we are faring much better this year and lie mid table. Keep up the good work everyone!

Bob Wright League

Ray Skitt's merry band of bowlers continue to criss-cross the county in search of bowling perfection. They are sometimes successful!

Again we are mid table following some great results and disasters!

Sunshine League

A interesting year but John Yates' group of bowlers continue to battle on against good opponents and testing conditions – Gorleston Cliffs and a fixture list that saw us play 8 out of the first 10 games away. Currently we lie just above the relegation zone. Keep going everybody!!

SOCIAL SUNDAY - 27TH AUGUST

Bowls - Roll Up at 1.30 pm

BBQ + BAR - 3.30 pm

PLEASE SIGN UP ON BOARD

If you want to play or just enjoy Kevin's creative skills.

New blood needed! Do you have a pint to spare??

Not so long ago, our Club was in a dire state – financially and losing members. Several senior members eventually took control of the situation and managed to turn the ship around.

Over the past couple of years, great progress has been made as a Bowls Club and socially. For it to continue, we need some new blood and ideas. It is sometimes too easy to sit back and let a few do all the work. We need a little help now particularly on Finance, and Green Maintenance. Speak to John Block, or Robert if you could help.