



GONE! GONE! GONE! *(Bingo - Sole Bay Style)*

Our February Social Event featured a Bingo Evening, raffle, alcohol and a plate of either savoury or sweet food brought along by the enthusiastic contestants. Something for everyone!

For many this was a new experience and one that they will remember for a long time. The Kerridge brothers are regular players and even brought their own dabbers. Who knew that Alan Buck was a regular caller at Great Yarmouth? He knew all the calls!

Our host for the evening, direct from the Kursaal, Southend, was Trevor Saville. Once the cards had been distributed, the fun began.

All went well for the first five minutes but then the machine producing the random numbers, began to play up. It started to repeat numbers – hence the crowd chants of ‘Gone, Gone, Gone’ echoing around the room. In fact, if the machine produced two new numbers in a row, a big cheer went up. As more alcohol was consumed the crowd became quite lively with more chants, cheers and abuse for poor Trevor who was stoically holding the situation





together. With all the repeat numbers, the first two games took a little longer to complete and some members were beginning to look suicidal. The third game featured Colin's new system of number selection and it was completed in record time without too many heckles and abuse.

The crowd then descended on the table holding all the plates of delicious food. Well done everyone.

Three more games followed and a pattern emerged. 'Bingo Billy' and the Collings Clan started to dominate the proceedings with lines and full houses. BB continued his run of success into the raffle, much to the delight of his brother.

The Club raised over £250 plus bar takings. A big thank you to Trevor and Karen Saville for managing the numbers and abuse. Linda, Janet and Janice for shuffling the bingo cards and sorting out the raffle.

The next social event features the Sole Bay Stakes - horse racing with a difference on Friday 24th March 2023

WHIST DRIVE – Every Third Wednesday of the Month

This new venture, organised by Maureen Acraman, saw its first outing on a Wednesday afternoon in February. 2 pm to 4 pm with tea and biscuits. Ten cardsharps thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

If you would like to join the March gathering, please sign up on the noticeboard or see Maureen.





Sole Bay Bowls Club AGM Wednesday 15th February 2023

29 brave souls ventured out to huddle together in the Clubhouse to witness the highlight of the year – our Bowls Club AGM.

President Kevin Doyland welcomed everyone and then asked for some silent time to remember all those members who have sadly passed away since the last AGM.

As Derek Rumsey, Chairman of SBBC, was unwell, Ray Skitt chaired the meeting. With key reports circulated prior to the meeting, this meant the meeting proceeded at a swift pace. Graham Denny asked for clarification from Robert Nokes about a couple of items in the accounts and whether the Committee were keeping abreast of fuel costs/best deals. Robert spoke about how he was dealing with different companies to ensure the most advantageous deals.

Election of Officers saw Kevin Doyland re-elected as President. As Derek Rumsey is standing down through ill-health, John Block was unanimously

elected to the role of Chairman. Ray Skitt (Secretary), Robert Nokes (Treasurer), Peter Wenham (Indoor Captain), and John Yates (Outdoor Captain) were all

re-elected. The Management Committee (Maureen Acraman, David Barbrook, Linda Coe, Colin Coe, Kevin Doyland, Brian Raymond, John Spindler, Peter Wenham & John Yates) were elected en bloc.

Under AOB, Bridget Denny asked about the possibility of increasing rink fees and subscriptions. Robert explained that at the present time money from Government grants was still helping the situation. Ray Skitt said that the management committee will be monitoring the situation.

Nigel Anderson thanked all the members of the Management Committee for their hard work, which is purely voluntary.



INDOOR FINALS 1ST AND 2ND APRIL

This year's Club Competitions have been very well supported and are on course to be concluded on Finals Weekend on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April. There have been some thrilling games so far and we hope the Finals prove to be as enjoyable and exciting.

ADULT/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT - Saturday 18th March

This popular tournament sponsored by Bridget and Graham Denny returns on Saturday 18th March. Refreshments are available all day.

Please come along, support and be amazed at the young talent.

See noticeboard for timings.

Sunday 23rd April is a special day this year.

Not only is it St George's Day but also Shakespeare's birthday but.....

Sole Bay Outdoor Green OPENS

Friendly Roll Up at 2.00 pm followed by BBQ as usual manned by our favourite President, Chef Extraordinaire and Greenkeeper, Kevin.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

A reminder to members that the riveting Minutes of our Management Committee meetings (that are held once a month) are displayed on the board outside the office. Please replace on board if you need to study them a little closer and take them down.

In addition, a Year Planner, also located near Office, now features important dates, fixtures, social events etc. Please use it to check events or even add information.