



Bowls Club Newsletter

October 2023

OUTDOOR BOWLS 2023

Another very successful year of Outdoor Bowls at Sole Bay.

We found some new members through our Open Days in May and they soon began to enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our Club.

We hosted two Suffolk Ladies County games later in the year. Whilst the fantastic work on our green by Fred and Kevin was recognised, it was the tremendous effort by Club members to make sure the County had two special days to remember on their trip to Sole Bay. We provided everything - from car parking, meeting and greeting, teas/coffees, bar refreshments and not least provided a three-course meal for over 60 bowlers. Brilliant effort No wonder they want to return next year.

Even more coaches followed into the car park, bringing players from RHP Chelmsford and Narborough (Leics). Happy days apart from those who struggled with Federation Rules! At least, Robert was pleased with the financial return.

HENHAM STEAM RALLY

Once again Blyth Valley Rotary Club (formerly Southwold Rotary Club) asked if we could provide a team of six to park cars at the Henham Steam Rally on the Saturday.

Arriving on site at 8.30 am, our team (John Block, Brian Raymond, Winston Kemp, Janet Wood, Rod Moore and Colin Coe) worked until 1.30 pm neatly parking about 800 cars. Once finished we were able to visit the arena and enjoy the show.

The best news, however, is that the Club has received a cheque for £500 for our services. Roll on next year!!





SUMMER LEAGUE MATCHES

2023 CLUB COMPETITIONS

Sole Bay entered a team in three different leagues and generally fared much better than previous seasons. Well done everyone!!

Benacre League: Caxton narrowly edged us out of fourth place by one point. 5th out of 8 teams.

Bob Wright Shield: Good performance to finish 5th out of 10 teams. It was during our game at Fressingfield in May that play was abandoned after 15 ends due to cold weather! In spite of playing with five layers on, Maureen's and Sheila's faces/hands had turned blue!! English summer!!

Sunshine League: Our best season for a long while with some good performances throughout the year. It was great to see some of our newer players rising to the challenges. We finished 4th out of 10 teams. It made John Yates very happy!!

It is often said beware of the Greenkeeper/Bowler – they know every run and all the bumps on the green. And so it was ... Fred Goldsmith was on fire in all his matches he entered and even the one for which he was ineligible! Once on the cot, he was very difficult to shift. There were some closely fought matches with just one shot difference.

Men's Singles: D. Collings beat F. Goldsmith

Ladies Singles: A. Yates beat J. Crook

Men's Pairs: D. Collings/J. Block beat R. Moore/F. Goldsmith

Ladies Pairs: R. Smith/L. Coe beat S. Self/J. Batten

Mixed Pairs: C. Coe/R. Smith beat M. Acraman/R. Nokes

Drawn Triples: M. Acraman/F. Goldsmith/J. Yates beat J. Smith/C. Coe/J. Block

SOLE BAY WELCOMES BACK OUR INDOOR BOWLERS

Although it means winter is coming, it's great to see bowlers returning to battle with old friends, biases and side ditches!

The usual friendly?? Roll Ups are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 10.30 am start and Saturdays 10.00 am start. Please arrive in good time to be ready to play.

The competitive Sole Bay League, Football League, Planet League, Car League and Aussie Pairs League all feature once again. Check notice board for details.

New for 2023 on Thursday mornings – Kiwi League. Aimed at perhaps some of the newer bowlers, teams of three play two sets of six ends with coffee break in between. Teams have the chance to play a joker – double your points on your nominated end. A couple of games have changed completely when the joker has been played.



OUTDOOR PRESENTATION NIGHT 21ST OCTOBER

28 brave souls left the comfort of their own warm and dry homes to celebrate the bowling achievements of our outdoor stars.

After enjoying a delicious Mediterranean platter of meats and cheeses followed by an Ice cream gateau, Kevin Doyland and John Block enthusiastically distributed cups and, of course, loads of pens to many bemused bowlers. Fred Goldsmith had so many pens, he is thinking of opening a stationery shop!

Once again Ray Skitt tried to explain the rules governing the award of the Victor Ludorum, but after an evening consuming many alcoholic beverages, they were pleased to applaud David Collings as the overall winner

Kevin closed the evening by thanking all for attending and also gave a special thanks for the ladies of the social committee who once again excelled with their culinary skills.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLANS

We are hoping that our plans will receive final approval in November. Once this has happened, we can move forward with our project that will see a new green and the indoor bowls arena's asbestos roof and side walls replaced.

MORE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday November 25th "Call my bluff" evening

Saturday December 16th Christmas Roll Up



WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Linda Coe has arranged a day trip to Potters on Tuesday 9th January.

26 Sole Bay bowlers will benefit from a special deal negotiated by Linda

(2 for 1) to watch the bowls and enjoy a lunch. Look out for us on UTube in our Club Tops!!