



## SOLE BAY – REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FINALLY GETS UNDER WAY

After 5 long years of meetings, more meetings, planning and a lost contractor, the redevelopment at Sole Bay Bowls Club has finally begun. Over the last few weeks, various trees and bushes have been removed to allow for the building of our new green at the rear of the Indoor Arena. A borehole has also been sunk to ensure we have access to cheap water to keep the green irrigated.

Beaulay Homes and Sole Bay Bowls Club have now signed and exchanged contracts. The Club will always be indebted to Derek Rumsey and Robert Nokes who formulated a plan and have guided the Club through difficult negotiations to ensure we have enough funds to provide stability for the future. Brian Raymond, with help of Robert, Colin and other Committee members, has been charged with the task of project managing the project.

We will keep you up to date as things progress and things are going very fast as you will gather from the ‘alps’ of earth which have been dug out so far.





## BINGO BINGO BINGO - Sole Bay Style!! March 2024

41 enthusiasts signed up for our second evening of Bingo fun. The assembled crowd first enjoyed a feast comprising of Shepherds' Pie/Veg and Homemade Sherry Trifle with the latter definitely laced with Sherry, they then wobbled into the main arena to begin the serious business of the evening. Sheets and Dabbers bought, the first game got under way.

Trevor Saville was in charge of the mike and drum of balls. £5 for the first line, £10 full house. As more and more numbers were called, it became apparent that most players were waiting for one number in the 80's to complete their line. Trevor/Karen then realised the sheets had numbers from 1 to 89 but they only had numbers in the new machine of 1 to 79. Chaos!! But we got there in the end! As Trevor called the numbers, Alan Buck, reliving his early job on Great Yarmouth seafront, added their popular names.

Six rounds were played with Jan Batten winning the lucrative last round where the prize money was doubled. With lots of banter and alcohol consumed, everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and of course the Club did well financially.

A big thank you to the Social Committee (Linda W, Linda C, Karen and Jan B for the delicious food), Trevor and Karen for juggling the balls, Colin and Brian for dispensing drinks, other helpers and, of course, to all the punters for their support. It is much appreciated.





## SOLE BAY STARS SHINE IN IPSWICH

A Sole Bay team was selected recently to play for Suffolk against Cambridge. The team of Terry Connelly, Geoff Dulieu, Bill Smith and Alan Buck won their match 36 – 15. This also proved to be Suffolk's Top Rink. Well done everybody. You are all stars!!

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Outdoor Bowls Committee Meeting in Pavilion at 9.30 am

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Outdoor Bowls - Working Party Required –

To Tidy up Pavilion, Equipment Shed and Bowls Green Surrounds. Meet at 9.30 am.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – INDOOR BOWLS FINALS** – Check noticeboard for programme and start time.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Outdoor Green opens with a roll up. 2.00 pm start. Followed by Tea & Cake. Bar also open!!

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Club Indoor Bowls Presentation Night.**

More information will follow shortly.

### OUTDOOR SEASON

Starts on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April with a Roll Up at 2.00 pm.

Tea and Cake after the masterclass of Bowls.

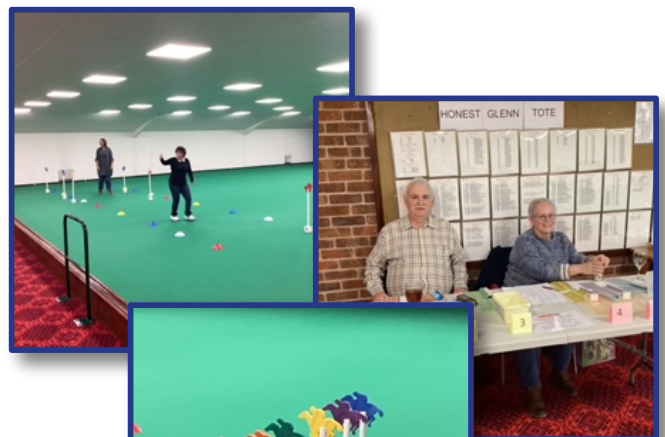
## SOCIAL NEWS

### Race Night – February

Following a sumptuous meal of either Beef or Chicken casserole followed by Apple Crumble, a Fun Evening of Horse Racing took place in the Indoor Arena in early February. With Trevor providing the commentary and Honest Glenn Chapman assisted by Alison on the Tote, what could possibly go wrong?

As usual with Sole Bay social events, expect the unexpected! Rather than the traditional films, our painted horses were made of wood, a Brian Raymond design. With the throw of a dice, a horse was identified and moved one space along the race track. Our two jockeys (Linda Whiting and Karen Saville) nimbly moved their steeds towards the finish line accompanied by lots cheers and heckling.

Big thank you once again to the Social Committee and support staff.





## ADULT JUNIOR TOURNAMENT Saturday 16th March

For many this is a highlight of the year. Once again Graham and Bridget Denny very generously sponsored this event. The competitors play for a beautiful glass trophy. The winners get cash prizes and hand-made dishes to commemorate their success.

20 competitors supported by family and friends played three sets of bowls in two leagues. The standard of bowls was amazing. In fact, four of the Juniors will represent Suffolk in the National U18 finals. These four are defending their title they won last year. It was a pleasure to watch some youngsters (U10s), with their small woods, bowl with style and precision. They also know the rules and etiquette.



David Walsh, our New President, was up very early to polish his chain of Office and then opened the Tournament by welcoming everyone and hoping they had a fantastic day. He then tucked into bacon rolls which all competitors and guests enjoyed.