



Bowls Club Newsletter

January 2024

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!!

2024 is hopefully the year that sees all our exciting Club development plans start to fall into place and become a reality.

2024 will see a new green constructed and be ready for the 2025 season. We now have a bore hole that will supply free water for the new green and our old green whilst we need it.

The asbestos roof and side panels of the Indoor Arena will be replaced. On the inside of the arena, we will be working on a new lighting and ceiling system.

CALL MY BLUFF

An evening of 'Call my Bluff' at the end of November was organised by Glenn and Alison Chapman. Six teams of four persons listened to a panel of three (Glenn, Trevor and Karen Saville) who explained the meaning of a strange word. Some definitions were obscure and some outrageous. Teams then had to decide which of the panel was telling the truth. Trevor maintained that he did not lie, Karen's smile swayed a lot of people and Glenn was Glenn!! Chaos ensued.

There were eight rounds of this keenly fought contest which was made even more exciting and raucous by trips to the bar and plenty of friendly banter. At the halfway stage, as the panel rested, nibbles and refreshments were served and it soon became apparent that the thermostat of the oven was faulty, as the garlic mushrooms were cremated!

In the end, the President's team (Kevin D, Sandie D and David Walsh) reigned supreme. Well done to winners, audience and Glenn/Alison for organising the entertainment. Big thanks to catering/bar team for all their hard work. A great evening!

CHRISTMAS ROLL UP

On Saturday 16th December, the Indoor Arena hosted a very Festive Roll Up for 26 keen and suitably attired Club Bowlers. Christmas jumpers, hats and even a complete Santa (well done Alan Buck!) enjoyed a very different roll up.

Once the Bowls was finished, the Bar was opened, and hot bacon and sausage rolls were served and welcomed by all. The six winners of the Xmas Draw were very happy indeed. Well done to Janet Wood, David Kerridge and Tony Cocker who won the three top prizes.

Thanks to Jan B and Linda W for cooking bacon and sausages at Home and Linda C for organising the Xmas Draw.





SOLE BAY STRIKES GOLD AT 2024 WORLD INDOOR BOWLS

Sole Bay Bowls Club AGM Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm

For some the highlight of the year, our Bowls Club AGM, will take place in the Club House on Wednesday 21st February at 7.00 pm.

Some Good news Bar will be open to ease some members through this traumatic event!

The Management Committee are always looking for new blood to help run and improve our Club over the next few years. If you feel you can help, nomination forms for different positions have been posted on the noticeboard in the Indoor Arena. All nominations will need a proposer and seconder. Any Member nominated must be in agreement and willing to stand.

If there are any issues you would like to raise, notice of these must be submitted to our Chairman, John Block at least 14 days before the meeting.

In line with our constitution, the Notice of this meeting, the Agenda and a nomination form for all posts is on display in the Indoor Arena.

When Linda Coe put up a list in August asking whether anyone was interested in a day trip to Potters to experience the 2024 World Indoor Bowls Championships, 26 people committed to attend on Tuesday 9th January. This was brave, considering no programme of events/competitors had been finalised at that point.

By committing very early, we were able to secure a very good deal. With over 20 people we were all charged half price for the Tournament ticket and a two course lunch held in the Gallery Restaurant.

Things got even better as the programme on the day featured 4 top class matches. Our first game saw local boy and decorator, Wayne Willgress (Rank 8) lose to a star of the future, Harry Goodwin.

After lunch, we enjoyed two top-class pairs competitions. The first semi final featured Mark Dawes (R5) & James Chestney (R13) who lost to Stewart Anderson (R3) & Darren Burnett (12). To follow this gem, we saw Paul Foster (R1) & Jason Banks (R16) beat Robert Paxman (R4) & Jamie Walker (R10) in a thrilling match that was settled with a tie break.

Some enthusiasts stayed on for the final singles match at 7.30 pm which saw Billy Mellors from Scotland just beat Jason Greenslade (R9) in a tie break.

Following our amazing trip, we are all now hoping for inspiration when we return to our league matches and rolls ups. Watch out everybody!!





Dennis Fairs 1932 – 2023



One of Sole Bay's characters has sadly passed away. A great wit and excellent bowls player. A check on the Honours Boards over the years saw him a regular winner and Club supporter.

Even in the last few years when he was still able to bowl outside, he could still bowl some telling woods and when he did, there was still a twinkle in his eye.

For those who remember Dennis, his family have set up a Tribute page @ dennisfairs.muchloved.com

They have even asked for donations to Sole Bay Bowls Club in his memory instead of flowers. RIP Dennis.



Have you signed up!

**For a great night of fun
on Saturday 3rd February**

**See Poster for details and
sign up sheet on club board**

PLACE JUST BETS PLEASE!