

South Wales Bowls and Recreation Centre



NEWSLETTER



April 2025



Jackie Rule

As you can see from the photograph the newsletter has a new editor—me, Jackie Rule.. Most members know me, but for those who don't, I am a bowls player and a volunteer at the bowls centre.

John Lock has been producing the newsletters for three years now, and is a hard act to follow, but I will try my best. On that subject I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working with John and I will miss doing so in the future.

Members are welcome to contribute to the newsletters. If you have an item you would like included please send to me at:- Jackie@sullyibc.com



Shaun Gray

On behalf of the Trustees, as we promised in our last email, we are now able to provide a further update following John's departure and subsequent conversations including the present Rinks Committee.

As a result each Trustee will undertake a specific role to sit alongside the general overall management role as a Trustee of SBF.

Keith will be Head of Coaching, Shaun, Head of Stadium, Estates and Facilities, Andy, Head of Commercial and lead Director for Extra End and Andrew, Head of Bowling & Pétanque, as well as lead Trustee for our external relationships with Sully Sports, Charity Commission, Companies House etc

Our primary focus, as always, is continuing to improve the experience for our bowlers and we are delighted to announce that Greg Lammerton becomes our new Rinks Manager, continuing his excellent and much valued work both within SBF as well as Welsh Bowls.

We will continue to provide further updates over the coming months but would welcome any feedback, suggestions etc to any of the Trustees. Email contact details are below, or just grab us when we are in sight!

“As part of our efforts to maintaining and improving the experiences of our bowlers, we are pleased to announce that, as in the last few years, there will be **NO increase** in the subscription and rink fees for the 2025-2026 season.”

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Message from Your New Head of Bowls and Petanque

That's right—I'm back for a second term, and I'm absolutely delighted to be returning as your Head of Bowls and Petanque! It's an honour to once again join the Board of Trustees for the Sully Bowls Foundation, helping to ensure our bowls stadium and pétanque pistes remain the best in South Wales.

Andrew Evered

Looking back, the mission of the South Wales Bowls and Recreation Centre has always been clear: to make Sully the beating heart of excellence for bowls and recreational activities in our region. This goal is as true today as it was when I first became involved six years ago. Together, we've grown from challenging times—membership hit a low of fewer than 200 during the COVID pandemic—into a thriving community of over 700 members. That incredible growth is thanks to your passion, hard work, and dedication.

A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers—you are the backbone of SWBRC. Whether you're maintaining the bowls carpet, organising events, or lending a helping hand behind the scenes, your contributions are invaluable. Together, you keep the spirit of SWBRC alive and vibrant.

NEW TRUSTEES

We are pleased to announce that two of our lady members have been appointed as Trustees.

Kay Clarke is now a trustee and **Ladies Captain**.

Sue Boardman is now a trustee and **Head of Youth Bowls**.

We extend a warm welcome to them both and look forward to working with them.



Coaching Report



Keith Harry

Well here we are at the end of another highly successful winter season and with a very significant increase in player numbers.

Some of the newcomers will have been experienced bowlers who have moved indoors but many will have passed through our basic coaching programme. For that we, the Trustees, thank our enlarged group of coaches for their efforts in showing newcomers the joys of our great sport and instilling our enthusiasm into them.

The initiative between the Vale of Glamorgan and Pete Rawlings on a Monday evening has been particularly successful and we hope that the newcomers will continue to develop and enjoy this great pastime. Hopefully, that same programme will be available in the next Winter Season.

Please remember that life doesn't come to a standstill at SWBRC for the summer so if you know of anybody interested in taking up bowls then refer them to me at keith@sullyibc.com or on 07711160547.

Keith Harry.



Alan Thomas—Sully Petanque Club

Sully Petanque Club kicked-off its new season in style, with over 30 members and guests enjoying a fantastic opening day. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with players of all skill levels taking to the piste for friendly matches and a great afternoon of socializing.

The club's presence also caught visitors' attention from the Bowling Club and the Social Club, who expressed interest in learning more about petanque and possibly joining. The growing excitement around the sport is a positive sign for the club as it looks to expand its community.

Currently, Sully Petanque Club meets on Monday and Saturday afternoons. However, as the days grow longer and the weather improves, members look forward to spending more time on the piste, with additional evening playing opportunities.

Anyone interested in learning more about petanque or joining the club should email sec.sullypetanqueclub@yahoo.com. The club welcomes new members and encourages anyone curious about the game to come along and give it a try!



League Guidelines

As we approach the start of the Summer Season, bowlers joining league teams for the first time might appreciate some guidance with regard to the roles that apply to each position in the team.

Fours teams are made up as follows:-

- Lead – Places the mat and bowls the jack - if last end won.
Collects the bowls and takes them back behind the mat - if last end lost.
- Second – Keeps score – home team keeps the card, away team changes board.
Always agree card and board between you to avoid errors.
- Third – Measures for shot, where needed, and decide/agrees the number of shots with the opponent third only thirds are allowed to do this. All other players on the rink should stand well behind the head and not take part, or comment, on the decision made.
- Skip – The Skip is in charge of the team as director. The skip instructs the Lead, Second and Third as to what the game plan is and how to play shots with the best chance of producing a score for the team. The Third advises the Skip.

The Summer Season Leagues are mostly Triples:-

In triples games the roles of second and third are merged, meaning that the second marks the score card and measures for shot. However, marking of the scorecard can be allocated to another player.

Saturday 3rd May 2025

James Alexander is Phil Collins



South Wales Bowls and Recreation Centre
Saturday 3rd May 2025 Meals served from 7.30pm

James Alexander as PHIL COLLINS

Listen, sing, and dance to the fantastic James Alexander as the legendary **PHIL COLLINS**

Hits include
You Can't Hurry Love
In The Air Tonight
Easy Lover
Against All Odds
(Take a Look at Me Now) **And Lots More . . .**

Tickets **£18**
including choice of Meals from set menu

Ticket No.

James Alexander

Tickets On Sale Now!

We will continue to provide the very best in entertainment from top UK Tribute acts to the very popular singers, groups and entertainment

May 2025 - the sensational James Alexander as PHIL COLLINS

June 2025 - THE TWO BEATLES - definitely not one to be missed

July 2025 - Jimmy Jermaine voted UK's No. 1 CLIFF RICHARD Tribute act.

August 2025 - Swing into Summer with New Faces Winner JEFF HOOPER

September 2025 - well Worth waiting for . . . THE VALLI BOYS

October 2025 - Firm Butlins favourite Ed Jones as ELTON JOHN

November 2025 - the much wanted return of the very talented LEE GILBERT

December 2025 - 'Mistletoe and Tom' with the brilliant Dean Jones as TOM JONES



EXTRA END



Bookings now being taken for

EASTER SUNDAY on Sunday 20th April 2025

We will have a special menu to celebrate Easter.

Watch the notice board for details.

Don't forget to pre-book!

Kerry

FISH FRIDAY

**Members 10% Discount
on all Food & Drink**

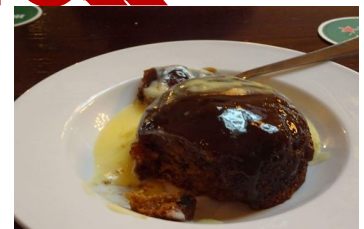


And loads more . . .

SUNDAY LUNCH



Delicious Starters



Mouth watering
desserts

**Pre-booking definitely
advisable 02920 530999**

300 CLUB WINNERS

March 2025

1st Prize	£200	No.	37	Sandra Jodrell
2nd Prize	£100	No.	142	Marianne Sullivan
3rd Prize	£ 60	No.	176	Russell Turner
4th Prize	£ 50	No.	180	Dave Kempson
5th Prize	£ 40	No.	20	Lesley Tocock
6th Prize	£ 30	No.	162	Nigel Whitby

Membership of the 300 Club is now closed for 2025.

Cash prizes for the remainder of the year will be:-

1st- £200, 2nd- £100, 3rd- £60, 4th- £50, 5th- £40 6th- £30

As always, the monthly draws will take place at Quiz night on the last Friday of each month.

Jackie

Future Events – Save the Dates!



Competition Finals Weekend (Bowls):



12–13 April 2025

Whether you're on the green competing or cheering from the sidelines, this will be a weekend to remember!



Summer Indoor Bowls Season Begins:



14 April 2025

Please complete the registration forms ASAP



Winter 2025/26 Season Starts:



22 September 2025

Mark your calendars for the start of another thrilling season.



JOHN LOCK

I cannot possibly distribute this newsletter without mentioning our ex-Chairman and Trustee, John Lock, who for personal reasons has stepped down from both roles.

It was a privilege for me, and all volunteers, to assist John in his quest to develop and improve the experience for members at Sully Indoor Bowls.

On behalf of all Trustees, members, volunteers, and Extra End staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for all his hard work and devotion to the club for the past three years, and Lindsey of course, for always being by his side.

We all look forward to seeing you back playing bowls and relaxing in the Extra End.

CHAT BOX

This is a new addition to the newsletter, for members to contribute and mark special birthdays, anniversaries, events, and moments to remember from a game played. (No negatives please)

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Rogers and Stephen Kennedy on their forthcoming marriage on April 22nd.

We all wish you many happy years together.



WELL DONE SULLY RAIDERS

On March 8th the Sully Raiders (2) played Barry Athletic, winning 24-9. One end resulted in Sully scoring a 'HOT SHOT' (all eight bowls in the count).

WELL Done!!



However!!! Kerry Evans tried to claim NINE shots—not only greedy, but obviously impossible, unless there was a magician with an extra bowl up his sleeve!!!!



WELSH INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

Congratulations to Gavyn Fielding on his appointment as WIB Men's Championship Captain for Sully Bowls from September 2025. Thoroughly deserved.

If you have an item you would like included please send to Jackie@sullyibc.com or give me a note when you see me.

Bowls for Sale or Wanted

FOR SALE

Drakes Pride 4H Reasonable condition plus carrier, measuring tape and pick up tool

£65 07922 193438

FOR SALE

Henselite Size 5

£35

Good condition
Alan Hamilton

07584 072156

FOR SALE

Taylor Ace Woods Size 4
4 Bowls

£60 ono

Phil 07931212639

FOR SALE

Set of 4 Taylor Elite size 4 plus Set of 2 Allmark Size 4

£30

**Contact Glyn on
07546 984307**

FOR SALE

Set of 2 Lazer Size 00
Set of 2 Drakes Pride Size 2
Set of 2 Cotswolds Size 3

*Contact Steve Clarke
01446 407344*

FOR SALE

**4 Concorde Size 3
Outdoor bowls**

£30

**Mike Birnage
02920531710**

FOR SALE

**Drakes Pride Trolley
Includes bowls carrier**

**Very good condition
Maroon**

£25

**Tel:
07510043944**

FOR SALE

**Taylor Ace Xtreme Grip Size 00
Pink & White Speckles**

As new—used approx 4 times

£400 new will accept

£300

**Tel: Jane Evered
07951401624**

WANTED

**Vector Lazer/VS
Size 4**

**Mike Chessehman
01446 626242**

WANTED

**Set of Bowls size 1
Any make**

**heavy or medium
Malcom Thomas**

07580197333

WANTED

**Drakes Pride
Professional
Size 0H**

**Contact Maria
07756092732**

