



South Wales Bowls and Recreation Centre

NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Trustees Update

Summer stadium works are virtually complete, all I have left are a couple of minor tidy up jobs. We have built a new coffee area, assembled new benches, installed new sponsorship signs and tidied up all the cables to the electric wheelchairs. Please can all users ensure that they hang the cables up, not leave them draped across the floor. The coaching cupboard has been moved to reception, giving coaches better access to equipment.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me over the summer months, and I look forward to having a restful winter season playing bowls instead of moving them.

We have arranged a 'Meet the trustees' session in the Extra End for Thursday 18th September at 5pm. Come along if you have any questions or concerns.

Shaun Gray

So just to add re the stadium works, Extra End has achieved a fantastic 5 star hygiene and food rating from the last inspection visit, up from a 3 star rating, which is a huge achievement and all thanks to Kerry and her team. As Shaun has said we are halting any other works for the winter, but planning the next round of improvements.

The Christmas opening hours are :-

Closed Tuesday 23rd up to and including Friday 26th

Re-opening Saturday 27th up to and including Tuesday 30th

Closed from Wednesday 31st up to and including Friday 2nd January

Re-opening Saturday 3rd January

Entertainment for 2026 has now been largely booked in and will include our usual tribute acts including Gary Barlow, USA Legends and ABBA. The programme will also include returning acts like Nicky Smiles. New to Sully Bowls is a medium evening, and also the fabulous Ceri Du Pree!!

Full details will be available in the October newsletter

Andy Cowell

Welsh DJ League

After the great response and successful run last season of the Welsh DJ league, we can confirm that there will be 2 teams entered for the 2025/6 season in which both ladies and gentlemen are welcome to submit to play. Selection will be purely on merit with the best candidates being chosen to represent the stadium.

Kay Clarke

Dress Code – Leagues and Competitions

Bowls clubs, countrywide, and worldwide, maintain a dress code for league and competition games. Sully Indoor Bowls is no different. As we approach the 2025/26 Winter Leagues Season the trustees would like to remind all bowling members of the dress code required for all league and competition games, both internal and external.

Men

Predominantly white/club colours polo shirt
Or - matching team design shirt, providing all players are wearing them
Grey or white trousers or shorts (no jeans or jogging trousers)
Flat-soled shoes (no tread to protect the carpet). No Crocs!
Shoes must be clean soled and not worn outdoors

Ladies

Predominantly white/club colours polo shirt, or blouse
Or - matching team design shirt, providing all players are wearing them
Grey or white skirt, trousers or shorts (no jeans or jogging trousers)
Flat-soled shoes (no tread to protect the carpet).
No Crocs, flip flops, espadrilles, platforms or fashion shoes.
Shoes must be clean soled and not worn outdoors

The safety of players is important and proper sports shoes/sandals must be worn

The dress code is in place to maintain standards at Sully, and remain in line with bowling Organisations. We expect all members to comply, but, it has been noted that some members are choosing to ignore this rule. Team leaders and skips are expected to ensure that all members of their team are aware of the dress code, and willing to comply. Steps may be taken to remove a team from the league if the players refuse to follow the dress code rule.

This dress code is only mandatory for league and competition matches. If you do not wish to comply with the dress code, please do not enter a team, or put your name forward to play on a team. Feel free to book a rink and enjoy playing roll-ups, that have no dress code attached.

Trustees

Winter Leagues 2025/2026 Season

The Winter indoor season starts on Monday 22nd September, that's less than 5 weeks away! If you have not completed a team registration form and paid the registration fee then please do so now. Tuesday evening and Thursday pm triples have a low entry number.

All registration forms, especially Wednesday and Saturday Club Leagues (no registration fee required), must be handed in as soon as possible.

Once all the teams are registered we can commence organising the fixtures, this takes time. Please don't leave it until the last minute so, as to avoid disappointment, don't forget, you have to be in it to win it! Many thanks to Peter Rawlings who is setting up this season's leagues.

Many thanks also to Chris Ackland who will be organising all our Club and WIBA competitions. He will be updating us in the next Newsletter.

John Lock

The End of the First Year of Sully Petanque Club.

Many thanks to SWBRC, because without their help we wouldn't even exist. We have created a club aimed at the social side of petanque, but we also have a single league team. We are looking to create another team in the future and perhaps develop a youth side.



We jumped through the hoops set for us by the Welsh Petanque Association, creating a bank account was a mean feat at the outset, but was the first of many, but without it we couldn't exist. We had to get 2 tons of grit onto the pistes, which was accomplished with the help of many of the lady members and most of the team on a sunny afternoon. The pistes needed repair, due to vandalism, we had to put down new lines, repair the sleeper edging and make eight new scoreboards as the lot who left took ours! We have a brand new Sully Petanque Club sign, so people can see who we are.

We held 3 melees, one played, one washed out and one to be played Saturday 6th September (come rain or shine). Our team Sully Phoenix played all over the vale in the Welsh Petanque League. We played 10 matches, won 3, drew 2 and lost 5 total points 11, plus 2 play off matches which we both won 3-1. Next year we start in division 4.

I would like to thank our committee for all their help and support, Alan Thomas Chair, Linda Thomas Secretary, Sue Roberts Treasurer, Maggie Grayson membership, Jane Powell membership liaison, and me Tim Roberts Club Captain.

I would also like to thank the team for their efforts in getting to and playing matches, and for their support, not only in the melees but just because they stayed with us instead of going to the vale. We will look forward to the final melee of the season and to the forthcoming league, it's all change as the WPA have mixed up the teams in our league, so some battles to prepare for. We have learned a lot and we hope that our membership have enjoyed our first season and look forward to many more..

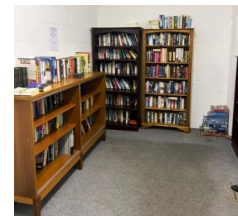
Tim Roberts - Team Captain Sully Phoenix Petanque Club.

CHAT BOX

Eve Morgan and friends have been very busy over the past weeks, sorting and re-arranging the books and jigsaws corner. It has a new home in with the wheelchairs. Please help keep it neat and tidy, and remember to pop something into the donation box.

Thanks to everyone who helped, your work is much appreciated.

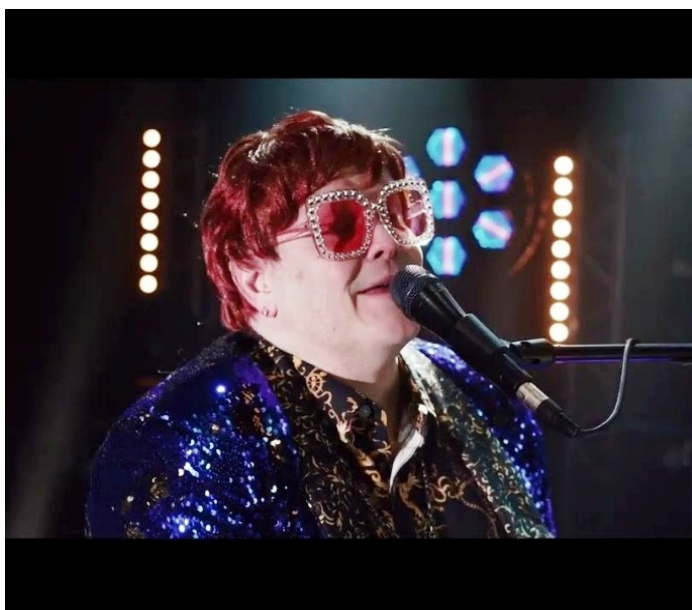
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On Friday 26th September we are playing host to a team from Camelford in Cornwall. The match will commence at 6pm.

If you are interested in playing, can you please contact **Shaun Gray**.

# ED JONES AS ELTON JOHN



**Saturday 4th October**

**£18 including a meal**

**Tickets go on sale**

**9am Monday 8th September**

**Maximum 10 tickets per person**

**First come - First served!**

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

**4th October 2025 - Firm Butlins favourite Ed Jones as ELTON JOHN**

**1st November 2025 - the much wanted return of the very talented LEE GILBERT**

**6th December 2025 - 'Mistletoe and Tom' the brilliant Dean Jones as TOM JONES**

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Watch this space next month for the announcement of acts and dates scheduled for 2026.

Bristol Indoor Bowling Friendly - Sunday 28th September

The coach taking bowlers to Bristol for the above game has a number of spare seats.
The cost of a seat on the coach, to include a breakfast roll in the Extra End at 9am, is £10 to be paid on your membership card.

So if you fancy coming along as a spectator, or want to go on a shopping spree you, are welcome to join us for the trip.

To enable the organisers to finalise all arrangements, and ordering of your free breakfast bap, please add your name to the list as soon as possible.

To add your name, please contact: **Shaun Gray - 07827325047**



EXTRA END



Cake and Coffee Mornings

Every Wednesday 9.30 till 11.30am it's

"Cake and Coffee Morning"

£4.50 including a coffee fill-up... and a chat of course!



Happy Hour

Happy Hour is Monday to Thursday from 4pm to 7pm

15% discount on all alcoholic drinks

With a further 10% discount for members

End of Season Team Meals

If you are planning to hold an end of season team meal, you need to book early to ensure we can reserve the table. Please can you contact me to arrange a date, time and numbers. Meal choices will need to be made and noted by me in advance of the booking.

Kerry

FISH FRIDAY

12noon to 2.30pm and 5pm to 7.30pm

Other Meals are available



BREAKFAST TIME!



Starters

SUNDAY LUNCH

Served Noon till 3pm

Pre-booking advisable

02920 530999



Chicken/Pork/Beef/Lamb Roast Dinner
Salmon & Ratatouille or Vegan option



Desserts





300 CLUB WINNERS

August 2025

1st Prize	£200	173	Sian Webb
2nd Prize	£100	69	Joe 'Ollie' Plevy
3rd Prize	£ 60	121	Erica Hallet
4th Prize	£ 50	73	Vivienne Chadwick
5th Prize	£ 40	119	Chris Conway
6th Prize	£ 30	85	Chris Conway

Membership of the 300 Club is now closed for 2025.

BOWLING TIPS

Dead Bowl

A dead bowl is one which:

- Finishes in the ditch not having touched the jack.
- Comes to rest so that the whole of the bowl is outside the boundaries of the rink.
- Has been driven beyond the side boundaries of the rink by another bowl.

A toucher becomes a dead bowl if:

- It comes to rest so that the whole of the bowl is outside the boundaries of the rink.
- It has been driven beyond the side boundaries of the rink by another bowl.

A bowl must be removed from the rink and placed on the bank immediately it is accounted "dead". Should a player carry a bowl to the jack end of the rink, that bowl does not become a dead one.

It is permissible for a bowl to travel beyond the side boundary of the rink and return again to the rink without becoming a dead, provided it comes to rest with part, if not the whole, of the bowl within the rink. Under no circumstances shall a boundary thread be lifted while the bowl is in motion.

Rebounding Bowl

Touchers which rebound from the bank to the rink remain live bowls and continue in play.

Non-touchers rebounding from the bank to the rink become dead bowls. Similarly, non-touchers rebounding from the jack lying in the ditch, or from touchers lying in the ditch, become dead bowls

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT



No! This isn't a Wales Most Wanted poster—though it could be.

These are photos of Sully Indoor Bowls qualified coaches.

They all do a sterling job in the coaching and encouraging of new members, and assisting established bowlers when they need help with their bowling standards.

Thank you Keith, Peter, Chris, Shaun, Sue, Nick and Trevor for all your hard work and patience.

Annual Membership Renewal 2025/26

The annual membership renewal for 2025/26 is due on 1st October. All forms for Bowls membership, Petanque membership and social membership are already available in the reception area and behind the bar.

There is no change to the membership fees, they remain as:-

Bowls membership (including WIB affiliation)	£68
Bowls membership (plus locker)	£76
Petanque/social Membership	£35
Social membership	£25

A reminder that you have until 31st October to renew your membership.

If you do not renew, in early November, memberships not renewed will be cancelled and the linked club cards will no longer be active.

Janet Millard & Jackie Rule

End of Year Accounts 2024

Would all members please note that the End of Year Accounts relating to 2024 for Extra End CIC and Sully Bowls Foundation have been finalised.

If you would like to examine the accounts, please contact me on:-

accounts@sullyibc.com or in person at the club.

John Millard

Bowls for Sale or Wanted

FOR SALE

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

£65

Steve Clarke
07922 193438

FOR SALE

Taylor Vector Vs Size 3
Dark blue/yellow stripes
Re-stamped 32

£200 ono

Contact Paul S
07960111503

FOR SALE

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

Contact Steve Clarke 01446 407344

FOR SALE

Henselite Size 5

£35

Good condition
Alan Hamilton 07584 072156

FOR SALE

Henselite Ladies' Bowling Shoes
Size 5

£20

Tina Johnson 07594486764



FOR SALE

Electric Wheelchair
Two speeds
Height adjustment
New batteries
In great condition

£325

0788601016

WANTED

Set of 4 bowls 00
Jacqueline
07778592592

WANTED

Drakes Pride
Professional Size 0H
Maria
0756092732

WANTED

Set of 4 bowls Size 1
Pauline
07708439848

