



South Wales Bowls and Recreation Centre

NEWSLETTER

May 2025



Congratulations To All Our 2025 Competition Champions

Mens Singles Champion – **Gavyn Fielding** (Second year running)

Ladies Singles Champion - **Wendy Grant** (Second year running)

Mens Over 60s Singles Champion – **Paul Gray**

Margaret Osborn Novice Cup – **Tricia Smart**

Open Under 25s Singles Champion – **McKenzie Stevens**

Ladies Pairs - **Angela Gray & Rose Weaver**

Mixed Pairs - **Gavyn Fielding & Leah Jenkins-Trask**



Mens Over 60s Pairs – **Ken McLeod & Rod Hudson**

Mens Open Pairs - **Gavin Fielding & Richard Janes**

Mens Over 50s Triples - **Cassie Ackland, Clive Collins, Gary Eastment**

Mens Open Triples - **Cassie Ackland, Chris Ackland, Mathew Gershenson**

Ladies Triples - **Jean Rogers, Marilyn Greenslade, Susan Croll**



Mens Open Fours - **Charles Coomber, Rob Grant, Colin Grant, Andrew Evered**

Ladies Open Fours - **Leah Jenkins-Trask, Tricia Smart, Wendy Edwards, Sonia Ford**

Mens over 60s Fours - **Brian Griffiths, Graham Cogbill, Dave Curtis, Paul Gray**

Mixed Open Fours - **Paul Clarke, Kay Clarke, Scott Howell, Jude Howell**

**All members are welcome at the winners Award and Celebration evening
Thursday 15th May at 7pm in the Extra End**



Jackie Rule

With the arrival of May we are now settling into the Summer Season.

We wish our outdoor playing members all the best (weather included) for their summer season.

Obviously there are less leagues here at Sully, but plenty to keep us all occupied during the summer months.

Don't forget, if you would like to contribute an item to the newsletter, please send it to me.

Enjoy your summer bowls!



Winter League 2024/25 Results

Monday am Mens 4s	Mike Davies	45 points
Monday pm Ladies 4s	Sue Boardman	32 points
Monday evening Novices	Stan Marcola	45 points
Tuesday am Open 4s	Mike Davies	43 points
Tuesday evening Open 3s	Dave Parker	47 points
Wednesday am Mens 4s	Andrew Harvey	34 points
Wednesday pm Ladies 4s	Jenny Doonan	38 points
Thursday am Open 4s	Joy Kiddie	44 points
Thursday pm Open 3s	Clive Collins	46 points
Friday am Open 4s	Mike Davies	45 points
Friday pm Ozzie Pairs	The Lobsters	48 points
Saturday Clubs League	The Panthers	206 points

The League Winners Dinner will take place Tuesday 20th May
Please arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm service.

Note Will all team leaders please contact Kerry at Extra End to confirm numbers planning to attend the dinner.

Thanks, Greg Lamerton

BOWLING TIPS - 1

Mat Placement

The mat must be placed with its front edge at least 2 metres from the rear ditch, and the front edge of the mat should be on the centreline of the rink. The back edge of the mat can be moved further from the rear ditch, but it must not be placed closer than 23.5 metres from the front ditch.

- **First End:** The mat must be placed by the team that won the toss before the game begins. The mat is placed with the front edge at least 2 metres from the rear ditch (meaning the front edge must cover the 'T') and on the centreline of the rink. The lead player can move the mat further from the rear ditch, but it cannot be placed closer than 23.5 metres from the front ditch.
- **Legal Placement:** The mat is considered legal if the front edge is at least 2 metres from the rear ditch.
- **Alignment:** The mat should be aligned with the centreline of the rink.
- **Foot Placement:** One foot must be on or above the mat when delivering a bowl.
- **Jack Distance:** The jack must be rolled at least 23.5 metres from the front edge of the mat.



The Jack



Do you know where the name for that small target ball we all keep aiming for came from? No? Well, let me share my research with you.

The "jack" in bowls, the smaller target ball, is believed to have originated from the Latin word "jactus," meaning "a cast" or "a throw". Possibly related to the game of "Jactu lapidum", a game involving throwing rounded stones at, or towards, a target.

Some theories suggest that "jack" could also refer to something smaller or inferior, with "Jack-Bowl" potentially being a smaller bowl, later shortened to "Jack".

Shakespeare's play "Cymbeline" (written around 1610) contains one of the first recorded mentions of the "jack" in the context of bowls.

The jack is also known by other names, such as "the white," "the kitty," "the sweetie," "the cot," or "the block," depending on the region or type of bowls played.

The game of bowls itself has ancient origins, with evidence of similar games being played in ancient Egypt and other cultures.

The Two Beatles Tribute Act



**Saturday 7th
June**



**Tickets On Sale
5th May**

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

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**

SUMMER SEASON

Monday 10am	Open Triples
Monday 6.30pm	Beginners & Improvers
Tuesday 10am	Open Triples
Thursday 10am	Open Triples
Friday 10am	Open Triples
Friday 2pm	Aussie Pairs

Don't Forget that rink fees are reduced on Wednesday Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer season.

A two hour roll-up costs just £3—what a deal!



EXTRA END



The Summer Menu is now available

We have introduced new meals and made slight changes to some favourites.

Unfortunately, due to a number of factors we have had to increase prices across the board. In addition to increased prices from suppliers, we also have to cover the increase in National Insurance contributions, and minimum wage rises for all members of staff.

We have attempted to keep the increases as low as possible, and of course, members will continue to receive 10% discount on all food and drinks. Coffee tokens now cost £1.80p, but are still a good deal because non-members will be paying £3 at the machine.



Kerry Evans

Happy Hour

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

15% discount on all alcoholic drinks

With a further 10% discount for members

Come and join us!

FISH FRIDAY

Every Friday 12noon to 2.30pm and 5pm to 7.30pm

Other Meals are available



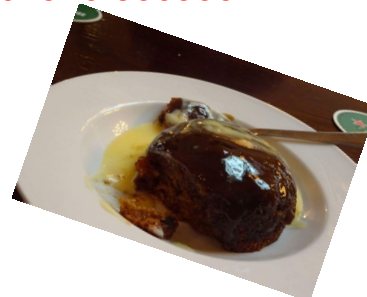
SUNDAY LUNCH

Pre-booking definitely advisable

02920 530999



Delicious Starters



Mouth watering desserts

300 CLUB WINNERS

April 2025

1st Prize	£200	No.	98	Glyn Evans
2nd Prize	£100	No.	177	Lindy Close
3rd Prize	£ 60	No.	86	Stephen Kennedy
4th Prize	£ 50	No.	154	Jane Kennedy
5th Prize	£ 40	No.	172	Vivienne Morgan
6th Prize	£ 30	No.	140	Steve Ellard

Membership of the 300 Club is now closed for 2025.

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

CHAT BOX

CONGRATULATIONS

Naomi Baelz and team mates for winning the WIB Intellectual Learning Disabilities Triples

McKenzie Stevens for reaching the 2025 WIB under 18s Singles Final

Well done, we are all so proud of you both.

THANKS

I want to thank all my wonderful friends at Sully Indoor Bowls for their love and support following the death of my beloved dad.

I would also like to say thanks for the messages of encouragement and congratulations on my WIB Intellectual Learning Disabilities Team's win in the triples competition.

Naomi Baelz

If you have an item you would like included please send to me at:- Jackie@sullyibc.com

VOLUNTEERS

A great many of our members are aware, and appreciate, all the work carried out by volunteers at Sully Indoor Bowls arena. However, some members do not realise how much the smooth running of the club relies on this small band of people..

In addition to general management, accounts, coaching and the complicated organisation of all leagues and competitions there are a myriad of small tasks that need addressing throughout the year, including:-

- Minor maintenance tasks around the building.
- Setting out tables and chairs for an entertainment evening.
- Vacuuming of the arena carpet.
- Preparing and cutting batches of the scorecards we all use.
- Raising funds, by organising or offering assistance.

Have you ever considered 'helping out' in some small (or big) way? If you have some spare time, please speak to a trustee, or mention it to me (Jackie), and I'll pass the message on.

Your assistance would be much appreciated.

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On the subject of volunteers, some recognition—

**Joy Kiddie**, our volunteer in charge of locker management, and the “re-homing” of unwanted bowls, shoes and accessories.

In 2024 Joy raised £1512.69 from sales for club funds, and so far this year a further £236, a total of over £1700 raised to date. Well done Joy, and thank you for all your hard work.

**Greg Lamerton**, does a sterling job as a volunteer who dedicates so much time that it can reach the equivalent of a full time job. Without him we could not enjoy our internal leagues or competitions. He organises them all, inputs all the information, sets it up on the website, produces the fixture lists, and he also prints, cuts and splits hundreds of scorecards into daily sets. Thank you Greg for all your hard work.



**Tricia Smart and Leah Jenkins-Trask**, our two 'Cinderellas', hard at work every Tuesday, starting at 7.30am to clean the carpet ready for us all to play bowls.

Thank you ladies.

**Watch this space for more volunteers next month.**



## A Date for Your Calendar.

Once again, as they do every year, the team from Rhondda Cynon Taf are visiting us on Wednesday 25th June for the day.

Competitions will start at 10am and go through until 4pm, with a break for lunch. I am looking for teams to play on six rinks.

It is always an enjoyable, friendly day, so, if you are interested in joining us can you please contact me to put your name forward.

**Keith Harry— 07711160547**

# 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

**Henselite Australian  
Indoor Deluxe  
Size 000 Brown  
Offers considered**

**Bob Matthews  
07812034767**

## 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

**Drakes Pride d-Tec**

**Size 0000H**

**Heidi Bleach - 07515643513**

## 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**

