Bowls/10-pin report

24/2/17

Top score for host club - Stalham's Jon Pye topped the 10-pin total with a score of 271 – just eight points ahead of Phil Jones on 263. Charlie Lockhart was third with 259 for Stalham and Holt's Andrew Fisher was fourth with 241.

The annual match, which has been taking place for more than a quarter of a century, was held at Rossi's, North Walsham.

In the bowls, Holt's victory margin of 30 points was convincing as the five teams scored a total of 84 points. Stalham did win on one rink by 16-14 as the secretary, Michael Pollitt, Dick Filby and Polly Burnett kept Holt's Jack Hammond, Tony Williams and skip Peter Lilwall at bay – winning in the final end.

Holt's chairman Jimmy Fowell thanked the organisers including Stuart Ross and the staff at Rossi's for all their efforts. About 50 members and guests of both clubs had enjoyed a very good meal – and also a fun evening with plenty of gentle rivalry and companionship. However, he noted that Stalham was clearly improving, especially at bowls.

In reply, Stalham's vice-chairman, Henry Alston, said that Holt had won the bowls every year since 2006. He was sure that members would be re-doubling their efforts in future years.