



## **THE RINK - March 2022**

### **The President speaks**

It is only 4 weeks to Opening Day and I am sure you are all in the process of dusting down your bowls for the big day. The Green is looking in excellent condition thanks to the Contractor and the Gardening Squad. This year we have an excellent display of daffodils etc around the Green which just adds colour and a touch of summer.

Unfortunately I have heard of a few of our members, including myself, having Covid over the past few weeks, but thankfully everyone has had a mild dose and no one has been hospitalised. Lets keep our fingers crossed it gets no worse but we must be careful as the virus is still with us.

The Ladies held a Daffodil Tea this weeks, at which I was present. I must say the Ladies know how to do it in style. They were also able to raise £305 for the Marie Curie which was an excellent sum.

Bill Batten.

### **News**

A new till has been installed in the Clubhouse which will make the ordering and payment processes simpler. We continue to prepare for the start of the new season and April will see our standard curtain raiser events - details are included in the next section.

While there are no mandated restrictions proposed as we head into the new season we ask that everyone remains vigilant and takes sensible precautions. As we exit a long period of restrictions, the committee reviewed the approach to be taken to book and allocate rinks. It has been decided that we will revert to the paper booking system that was in place before COVID - whilst the online system has had its advantages, it is not easily accessible to all and running both an online and paper system has a number of drawbacks. The rink booking sheets will therefore be held at the clubhouse for members to book games, practice etc. Rinks will be drawn by the playing members on arrival for their game which will ensure we are fair in the allocation and use of our green. Further details will be provided at the Clubhouse in time for the start of the bowling season.

Congratulations to Jenny Clark who has been elected President of the Edinburgh Women's Bowling Association. This is great recognition for Jenny and also Blackhall Bowling Club. We wish her the very best in her role!

We continue to collect 2022 fees which are due in the next month - we look forward to a healthy membership for the new season as always.



## **Diary - Upcoming Dates**

- Book Club: 6th April (2pm)
- Cheese and Wine: 20th April (from 7pm)
- Fees Night: 22nd April (from 7pm) - the bar will be open and everyone is invited to come along whether you have already paid your fees or choose to do so on the night
- Opening Day: 23rd April (bowling commences 2pm) - booking required for bowling and/or a catered meal (entry form is up at the Clubhouse)
- Ladies Opening Day: 27th April (bowling commences 2pm)
- Coaching commences: 30th April (10am start)
- "Try Bowls" Open Days: 8th and 22nd May (2pm start)

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