



THE RINK - July 2022

The President speaks

Hello Everyone, it seems no time since my last report but July has been so busy it has just flown by.

With the warm weather last week it was such a pleasure to be playing in short sleeves in the evening without freezing and there was such a lot of ties being played the Green was buzzing, in fact last Sunday afternoon, which is usually a quiet time on the Green, every rink was being used. It is good to see the members using the facilities which are available, especially the new members who appear to be very keen and are down practising very often.

We had a good Saturday evening when we had a Country and Western theme evening. A big thank you must go to the Social Committee for all the organisation put into making this a success.

The Ladies had their Championship Final on Wednesday which was very well attended by both Ladies and Gents who were entertained by an excellent game of bowls and thereafter to Strawberries and Fizz. The Ladies definitely know how to organise and enjoy themselves. Congratulations to Jenny Clark, a worthy winner.

The Match Secretaries have had a busy time this month with all the extra competitions to be organised and a big thank you to Katy and Douglas for their hard work.

News

This months social event was a country and western evening preceded by bowling and we hope everyone had a good time. Thanks as always to everyone who supported the event and those who helped out.

Green update:

Following our update in the last newsletter, the regular meeting with the contractor was held at the start of August. The green is improving slowly however there is no quick fix for the "dry patch" and it is unlikely to be back to normal by the end of this season. We are considering additional Sarel rolling (a roller with spikes) to further improve the green and there is an opportunity to apply various treatments during the close season. These come at a cost and will be reviewed by the Committee. The contractor has agreed to special verti cutting/rolling prior to Gents Final Day (20th August) and the Ladies EWBA Finals Day (26th August).

Bowling update (Ladies section):

- The **Ladies Championship Final** between Jenny Clark and Eileen Batten was this month. The weather was good and it was great to see over 60 spectators around the green. Congratulations are due to both Eileen and Jenny for an excellent game with both ladies playing well. Jenny was the eventual winner - her 8th championship win - well played Jenny. Prosecco and strawberries were served after the game and enjoyed by all.
- The **Heather League and Forth League** games are coming to an end. With one game to play in the Heather League we are 2nd, two points from top spot, and we should finish in the top half of the Forth League - a result we are delighted with. Well done to all our players.
- Our Evening News Charity Triples lost out in their tie

- The **EWBA Championship games** start on 15th August. Jenny will represent us in the singles, and we will have a pairs, triples and fours team – good luck to them all. The finals day will be held at Blackhall on 26th of August as Jenny is President of EWBA. This should be a good day of bowls, showcasing Edinburgh's top lady bowlers and **spectators will be welcome**. Games start at 1.30pm

Bowling update (Gents section):

- **Tuesday (seniors)** - with a small number of games to go we retain some hope of finishing in the top half of the table
- **Wednesday (first team)** - we finished the season with a win against Beechwood. Although we finished in the bottom half of the table, a mere four points separated us from 4th place
- **Wednesday (third team)** - we finished the season with a win against Colinton however that was not enough to lift us out of the bottom half of the table.
- **Thursday (seniors) leagues** - it is likely we will finish outside the top half of the table with a couple of games to go

Other news:

We are reaching the final stages of our internal competitions - if any lucky finalists would like to publicise their matches and attract some spectators please contact the club through the email address at the foot of the newsletter and we will send out a communications to the members.

Our new members event is being held on the evening of 9th August and an email has been sent separately to those members who have joined us recently. We look forward to a great discussion about the experience of joining and being part of our club.

You may notice a new bench at the club. This has been donated by Lynn Nicholson as a memorial to her parents, Catherine and Norman, who were both members of the club. We will be marking this kind donation formally with Lynn at 1pm on 14th August.

Upcoming Dates

- Friday 5th August (all day) - the Ladies are holding their annual Nellie Hastie Triples
- Tuesday 9th August (daytime) - the Carricknowe Ladies friendly and afternoon tea
- Wednesday 10th August (afternoon) - Ladies Charity Day (moved from 3rd August)
- Wednesday 10th August (evening) - Gents Practice (provisional, separate email to be sent)
- Thursday 11th August (evening) - Gents Championship quarter finals *
- Friday 12th August - Village Triples (at Maitland)
- Saturday 13th August - Trinity Friendly (at Trinity)
- Tuesday 16th August (evening) - Gents Championship semi finals *
- Wednesday 17th August (evening) - Corstorphine Gents friendly *
- Saturday 20th August (afternoon) - Gents Championship Final *

- Sunday 21st August (all day) - Invitation Pairs *

Further details, including entry lists where relevant, can be found at the Clubhouse so please register your interest where you wish to play and also note the many opportunities to come along and spectate (with or without a beverage - * indicates when the bar will be open).

Please note that due to other events on the same day there will be no coaching on 13th or 20th August.

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