



THE RINK - August 2022

The President speaks

I would like to start with thanking the Gardening Squad for all the work carried out around the Green. A lot of hard work done by a few volunteers. I would also like to thank George, the Greenkeeper, for the preparation of the Green for Gent's Final Day.

Gent's Final Day took place on Saturday and I would like to congratulate all the finalists. It was worth noting that the winner of the Championship, Gary Wood, had only been a member for five years and the runner-up, Donald Cameron, only joined last year. It is very encouraging to see new members coming on so well. Also congratulations to Tom Renwick on winning the Senior's Championship.

This Month we took part in the Village Triples held at Maitland, between Dean BC, Maitland BC and Blackhall BC. This is an annual event and for the first time Ladies were also in the teams. It was noted that this was a progressive move.

We also had our annual Friendly with Trinity Bowling Club. It was a very successful day with Blackhall being the overall winners.

Unfortunately the Invitation Pairs had to be cancelled due to the lack of interest. It has proved difficult this year to get people to volunteer to take part in various events. Always remember your Club needs you.

The Ladies had a very successful Charity Day in aid of Dnipro Kids and raised such a wonderful sum (as it stands £846). As always the Ladies were well organised. Perhaps the Gents could try to emulate the Ladies in their organisation.

As we are nearing the end of the Season I want to wish you happy bowling for what is left of 2022 season.

News

In addition to the updates in the report from our President:

- Our internal competitions are reaching the final stages. To encourage spectators, please email the club with the date of any significant matches and we can put out a communication to our members.
- The Ladies finished 5th out of 12 teams in our first season in the **Forth League** - a very pleasing outcome
- Our Ladies finished in top spot of the **Heather League** after a thrilling final game against Carrickknowe - a fantastic achievement!
- The **EWBA Championship Finals** were hosted by our club which was a great honour. Whilst we did not manage to get through to the finals, despite some very close matches, a fantastic day of bowls was had despite the wet weather. Many thanks to the team of people who helped before, during and after the event - you did Blackhall Bowling Club proud!
- **Tuesday and Thursday Leagues (Gents Seniors)** - the season has now concluded and whilst we had some good results we finished in the bottom half of the table.
- We formally marked the donation of the bench with Lynn Nicholson in memory of her parents, Catherine and Norman, who were both members of the club.

- We are working on the calendar of events for the close season and would encourage our members to email the club with any ideas to be considered to make use of our facilities and provide opportunities to get together outside the bowling season.
- Related to the previous point, and subject to the level of interest, consideration will be given to restarting the bridge club - please look out for the notice in the Clubhouse
- Next year will be our 125th anniversary and we plan to mark the occasion with a one-off internal event - more details will follow in due course

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday 3rd September - coaching (please note that this will be the final coaching session of the season)
- Saturday 10th September - "Top Ten" event where our Ladies and Gents will play each other (singles involving the respective club champions and pairs, triples and rinks from selected by the match secretaries). This is a new event and one we hope will attract a good crowd
- Sunday 11th September - Anderson Triples - please note we still require entries to make up the required numbers
- Wednesday 21st September - Ladies Closing Day, which will be played for a new trophy, the Vicki Ritchie Salver (kindly donated by Vicki's family)
- Saturday 24th September - Closing Day
- Saturday 1st October (provisional) - Race Night
- Wednesday 19th October - Ladies Annual Dinner

As always, further details, including timings and 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.

Picture Gallery

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If members have photos they would like to be included in future newsletters then please send them to the club email address.

Picture Gallery



Gentlemans Finals Day with Bill Batten, Tom Renwick, Gary Wood and Donald Cameron



EWBA Finals Day with their President, Jenny Clark and (below) Les Dickson with Lindsay Trotter and Derek Fairbairn making the most of the day.



Senior Quaich Triples Winners - David Venters, Peter Brodie, Jim Melles (presented by Bill Batten)



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