



THE RINK – June 2023

The President speaks

Our Green continues to be busy as our Ladies & Gents members play in the various internal competitions at the club.

Our Ladies came close to achieving a coveted place at Ayr, only losing out to a very youthful Triple from Tanfield BC – very hard luck Jenny, Susan & Joan P. (and also Libby who played so well in the earlier rounds.)

Blackhall Sports Day in early June was blessed with good weather, and our “stall” had a decent number of visitors throughout the day. The hope is that some of the youngsters who enjoyed the occasion will either join now or when they are slightly older, or better still, encourage their parents to join. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to encourage the youngsters.

Our initiative with Blackhall Primary School is now complete – thanks again to the members who gave their valuable time to assist, and in particular Joan Pammenter, who organises things so efficiently. We have recently had discussions at committee level to extend this possibly to other schools in the area, however, this is at an early stage and is unlikely to kick off until next year.

Our various league teams are mostly giving a good account of themselves, with hopefully those participating enjoying the competition, win or lose.

Hat Night and Ladies Afternoon both continue to be well attended, which is very encouraging, as these are both very social occasions – if you haven’t made it along to one or other, please do so – I am sure you will enjoy it.

Coming up in the near future (7 pm on Tuesday 25th July) is a Welcome Night for members who have joined the club in 2022 or 2023 – this is designed to enhance your welcome into the club, with an opportunity to garner information from the club’s office bearers and generally just get to know some fellow new members.

Ahead of that is the Ladies Championship Final on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th July – this is usually an entertaining affair, with fizz and strawberries helping to make it a special occasion. All are very welcome to spectate and partake in the refreshments.

Looking slightly further ahead, we had a bit of a problem when the caterer we had booked for our 125 Year celebration on 2nd September advised they could no longer help us. Fortunately, we have managed to find a replacement caterer, who comes highly recommended. Further details for this event will be advised ASAP.

And finally – on non-bowling matters, congratulations are due to Tom & Jean Rice, who celebrated 65 years of marriage recently, and also to Rod & Annette Armes whose Diamond Wedding (60 years) is on 4th July – bowling, or maybe marriage must be good for you.

Douglas J Main, President.

News: Congratulations go to Anne Stevenson and Edith Maden, the winners of the Ladies' Centenary Quaich, and to Richard Proudfoot and Anne Stevenson(again) who won the Burgoyne Cup.

Coaching continues on Saturdays between 10am and 12noon, but please note there will be no formal coaching on 15th July and 22nd July, but the green will be open for play.

Our next Social is the **Bowling Country and Western** on Saturday 15th July. Sign-up sheet as usual in the Clubhouse. Bowling will start at 3.30 pm and the "Oink" Hog Roast will be served at 6.30pm, with the entertainment following thereafter. Please ensure that payment is made to the treasurer, either by cash or cheque or direct to the Club Bank Account (Sort Code 80 02 22 Account no 00584582) no later than the Wednesday before the event.

The 22nd of July sees us away to Maitland competing for the **Councillor's Cup**. This is an historic Competition between our 2 Clubs and next year will see us celebrate its Centenary. There is a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse, and you are warmly encouraged to put your name down. The game will be followed by a meal and refreshments in Maitland's Clubhouse.

We are holding our **Invitation Pairs** on Sunday 20th August. This is an all-day Round Robin Pairs Competition with members encouraged to invite a bowler from another Club to play with them. Taking part is an excellent way to get to know bowlers from other clubs.

Finally, please remember, particularly for safety reasons, that **you must enter and leave the green by the steps provided**, and not by crossing over the banks!

Upcoming Dates – July/August

- Monday 3rd July - Hat night – (weekly) – please check the club noticeboard for varying start times throughout the season.
- Tuesday 4th July (18.30) -Gent's Top Ten v Colinton. Spectators very welcome. The bar will be open.
- Wednesday 5th July (14.00) - Hat afternoon (weekly, excepting Wed 19th – see below). Players, please sign in no later 13.45.
- Wednesday 5th and 19th July (18.45) – Gent's League matches. Support welcome. The bar will be open.
- Saturday 8th July and 29th July (10.00) – Coaching. NB- No coaching on Saturdays 15th and 22nd July but the green will be open for play.
- Monday 10th July (14,00) – Ladies' Top Ten Quarter Final v Goldenacre. Support very welcome.
- Friday 14th July (14.00) - Ladies' Forth League tie v Maitland. Support welcome.
- Saturday 15th July (15.30) - Bowls Country and Western Social. Food at 18.30.

- Monday 17th and 24th July (14.00) – Ladies’ Heather League tie. Spectators welcome.
- Wednesday 19th July (14.00) – Ladies Championship Final followed by fizz and strawberries. All welcome.
- Saturday 22nd July (14.00) – Councillor’s Cup v Maitland – at Maitland.
- Tuesday 25th July (All day) - Green closed for fertilization.
- Tuesday 25th July (19.00) – New Member’s Evening.
- Wednesday 2nd August (14.00) – Ladies’ Charity Day – all welcome.
- Friday 4th August (All day – start time to be announced) – Nellie Hastie Triples - Ladies