



THE RINK – July 2023

The President speaks

Well, it's hard to believe we are already at the end of July – as we move into August, we reach the sharp end of many of the internal competitions – good luck if you are still involved in any of these.

The Ladies have already had their Championship Final – congratulations to Jenny Clark who triumphed yet again in an entertaining and well attended final against Eileen Batten. The customary fizz and strawberries were well received by everyone at the end of play.

The Ladies Forth League has concluded –our ladies have achieved a very creditable third place in only their second year competing in the League – well done ladies.

Our Gents have a couple of league matches to play – two good wins could yet secure a top two finish which would bring promotion to Division 4 – come on ye Gents.

Our Tuesday Seniors team are also doing well in the NW Seniors league – a strong finish in the final few matches could clinch the title – come on ye Senior Gents.

August also features several friendly matches, including Trinity, Village Triples and Corstorphine. Although billed as “friendlies”, these are often very competitive affairs. However, it is always nice to meet up again with some old friends and the matches are generally played in a very good spirit.

Our much anticipated 125th Anniversary Dinner is looming ever closer (Saturday 2nd September), and I am delighted to note that this has been extremely well supported by our members. It looks like we may need a shoehorn or two to squeeze around 80 attendees into our clubhouse. Please ensure your menu choices have been ticked and that your payment reaches our treasurer by 19th August. Our match secretaries are working on a suitable format for the bowling side of the day, with entertainment being planned for the evening, so all in all it promises to be an exciting event.

Our green was closed last Friday (28th July) for fertilising – this hopefully ensures that our green continues to be an excellent playing surface – it has been gratifying to hear many visiting players compliment us on our green – well done to our contractor and our Green Sub Committee. On a similar theme, our multi-talented Gardening Squad continue to work hard to ensure our club grounds look neat and tidy.

Our experimental Honesty Bar has been in operation now for a couple of months – this seems to be another success, with fairly regular use at those times when our bar is closed. If you have any particular requests, please let either Debbie Gibb or Cammie Pammenter know – I'm sure they will try to ensure your tittle is available if at all possible.

Finally, enjoy your bowling and please try to always show consideration to your opponent.

Douglas J Main, President.

News:

Our next Social is the **Bowling and Afternoon tea** on Saturday 26th August. Sign-up sheet (will be up shortly if not already there) as usual in the Clubhouse. Bowling will start at 14.00 (12 ends) and the afternoon tea will be served at 16.00. Cost is £6.00. 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.

A reminder also that 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. £10 per pair and food will be available to purchase during the day.

Our Bar Convenor Debbie Gibb is keen to hear if you have any comments and/or suggestions re the operation of the bar and its stock. You will find a suggestion box in the lounge to enable comments to be made.

Upcoming Dates – July/August

- Monday 3rd July - Hat night – (weekly) – please check the club noticeboard for varying start times throughout the season.
- Tuesday 2nd August (14.00) – Ladies' Charity Day in aid of The Yard, Stockbridge. Bowls followed by a presentation by the Charity and tea and cake. All welcome. If you wish to play, please sign in by 13.45.
- Wednesday 2nd August (18.30) – Gent's League match v Pilrig. Support welcome. The bar will be open.
- Friday 4th August (10.30) - Nellie Hastie Triples. Ladies Round Robin Competition. Green closed to non-competitors until approx. 17.00.
- Saturday 5th August (10.00) – Coaching. NB- No coaching on Saturdays 12th, 19th, and 26th August but the green will be open on 12th and 26th August for play.
- Wednesday 9th August (14.00) - Hat afternoon (weekly). Players, please sign in no later 13.45.
- Thursday 10th August - (18.30) – Gent's Championship Quarter Finals. Bar Open.
- Friday 11th August - (18.30) – Village Triples at Dean.
- Saturday 12th August (14.00) – Trinity Friendly.
- Tues 15th August - (18.30) – Gent's Championship Semi Finals. Bar Open.
- Saturday 19th August (14.00) – Gent's Championship Final followed by sandwiches and sausage rolls. Bar Open. All welcome.
- Sunday 20th August – (10.00) Invitation Pairs.

- Saturday 26th August - (14.00pm) August Social – bowling followed by afternoon (Bowler's) tea - (16.00). Bar Open
- Sunday 27th August - Ryder Cup – gents.