



THE RINK – October 2023

The President speaks

They think it's all over – well it is for another year. Seems like no time at all since our Opening Day in April – how time flies when you are enjoying yourself.

I think we have had an enjoyable and successful season, with the weather being mostly kind and the Green playing as well as I can remember it.

September saw a number of finals being played as well as the re-introduction of the Autumn Pairs – congratulations to all of the winners, and commiserations to those who just missed out. We had an excellent attendance on Closing Day on 30th September – conditions were initially fine for the bowling in the afternoon, however some unwelcome precipitation threatened to spoil things towards the end of play – everyone was happy to get back into the clubhouse.

The Gents had their prize giving, and I had the happy task of presenting the trophies and prize money where applicable to the various winners. Prizes for the Mixed Competitions were also presented. Particular congratulations are due to Debbie Gibb who became the first lady to win the Monday Hat Night Trophy, sharing first prize with yours truly after a season where Hat Night was played every single Monday night – not sure if that has ever happened before. For any of you who haven't played in the Hat Night, I encourage you to join in next year – it is an excellent way to get to know your fellow club members of both genders.

Following the Gents and Mixed presentations at Closing Day, Katy Lessells read out the various ladies' winners, though the ladies will continue to present the actual trophies at their upcoming Ladies' Dinner. We then had an enjoyable buffet meal, washed down as usual by a few shandies. We are now moving into our winter programme, with table tennis, bridge, book club and probus clubs keeping our members occupied during the close season. The highly successful monthly Saturday bacon rolls, and coffee morning also kicks off this Saturday (7th October).

Notices are up in the clubhouse for the various Christmas / New Year celebrations, with most of these functions being heavily subscribed already – get your name up ASAP if you want to participate.

Finally, thanks are due to all the various people within the club who stepped up to help during the season – you have all done a wonderful job ensuring that our club continues to be such a success.

Douglas J Main, President.

News:

As you know, at the request of our member Louise Wood the Club hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. This was a great success and £700 was raised for the Charity. Well done Louise and all your helpers. The Club has received a letter of thanks from Louise which is forwarded with this Newsletter.

Our next Saturday Night Social is the Spice Night on Saturday 14th October, commencing at 7pm. Cost per person is £10 which will include Chinese Food. The Signup sheet is up in the Clubhouse. Please sign up and pay by Tuesday 10th October.

The November Social will be a Ceilidh on 18th November. More details and signup sheet to follow.

And finally, now that the Bowling Season is over for another year, can we ask Members please to take-home jackets and bags and other belongings which are lying loose in the Changing Rooms?

Upcoming Dates – October

- Tuesday 3rd October (14.00) – Table Tennis (weekly)
- Wednesday 4th October (14.00) – Book Club
- Saturday 7th October (10.30) – Club Coffee Morning – Scones and Bacon Rolls.
- Thursday 12th October (14.00) – Bridge Club (weekly)
- Saturday 14th October (19.30) – Spice Night. - Chinese Cuisine and “Memorable Music”. Signup Sheet in Clubhouse. Names and payment by Tuesday 10th October please-£10 pp.
- Wednesday 18th October (19.00 for 19.30) – Ladies Dinner and Prizegiving at Bruntsfield Golf Club
- Wednesday 25th October (10.30) – Coffee Morning.