



THE RINK – November 2023

The President speaks **Your Bowling Club Needs You!**

Blackhall Bowling Club runs extremely efficiently, with a wide range of bowling and non-bowling activities running throughout the year. This doesn't happen by accident – it takes a lot of hard work by a number of the members to make this happen, and as President in 2023, I am extremely grateful to those members.

However, as in many organisations, it is generally the same relatively small group of members who provide the glue to keep the club running efficiently – now is the time for **YOU** to step up and offer your assistance. At this time of year, we generally reflect on what we did well or not so well during the season, and start planning ahead for the future, including assessing who we can encourage to step up to fulfil the various supporting roles. I am appealing directly to all our members, in particular some of the newer members, who may have something to offer.

As an example, we need support on the social committee – this group works extremely hard to come up with ideas for social functions which will attract members to come along and hopefully spend money at the bar, thus allowing us to keep our subscriptions at a reasonable level. As well as ideas they also play a major part in organising entertainment and food to make these functions as attractive as possible to our audience.

Another area where new blood would be welcome is in looking after the Green – I personally led a small committee which fulfilled this role very well during the Bowling season, liaising with the Green Contractor to ensure that the Green was in tip top condition. This committee system worked very successfully, reporting back to the full Management Committee, however, we are seeking to recruit members from out with the existing MC to take this group forwards. Within the group, we have also established a highly motivated and efficient Gardening Squad, who are to be congratulated on the sterling work they have done to make the Green surrounds so attractive.

So – now is the time to come forward and offer your services – our various office bearers and committee members will be delighted to show you the way in a friendly and helpful manner. We have a club to be proud of, and with your help, we can ensure it stays that way, or possibly becomes even better.

Douglas J Main, President.

News:

We are now fully into the swing of the off-season activities in the Clubhouse – maybe just as well given the recent wet weather!

The latest addition to the range of pursuits available is the **Choir**. The first practice session takes place this Monday 6th November at 2pm and then every Monday at the same time for the next few weeks. There has been a good response to this so don't feel shy about turning up. Many thanks to Donald Cameron for organizing.

The first "Games Night" kicks off this evening (Friday 3rd November). Official start time is 7pm, but help is required at 6.30 to set up.

The Social this month is the "Wee Ceilidh" on Saturday 18th November starting at 7pm. Numbers are bit light at the moment. There will be live music from an accordionist and an opportunity to have a wee jig or just to sit and enjoy. Price is £12 to include light eats. Please do come along if you are free. The more the merrier! Sign up sheet in the Clubhouse or drop an email or give us a ring and we will add your name. Usual methods of payment.

Upcoming Dates – November

- Wednesday 1st November (14.00) – Book Club.
- Thursday 2nd November (14.00) – Bridge Club (weekly).
- Friday 3rd November (19.00) – Games Night (18.30 to help set up).
- Saturday 4th November (10.30) – Club Coffee Morning – Scones and Bacon Rolls.
- Monday 6th November (14.00) – Choir (weekly). All welcome.
- Tuesday 7th November (14.00) – Table Tennis (weekly).
- Friday 17th November (19.00) – Games Night (18.30 to help set up).
- Saturday 18th November (19.00) – “Wee Ceilidh”. Sign-up Sheet in Clubhouse. £12 to include light eats.
- Wednesday 29th November (10.30) – Coffee Morning.