



THE RINK - May 2025

The President speaks

We started the season in style with our Opening Day and Ladies Opening Day in very acceptable weather. A huge thanks to everyone who assisted in preparing the Club inside and out over the close season and in the lead up to these popular days. There are too many people to name individually and it was a fantastic example of teamwork.

We now turn our attention to playing matters as various leagues, internal competitions and external knockouts begin. A lot of work goes into preparing for these and our Match Secretaries will be particularly busy just now.

We are very pleased that our Club Tops arrived in time for the start of the competitive season. It will be great to see our players and teams sporting the new attire when we play in the various leagues and external knockout competitions.

Our website is in the process of being revised to make it more useful for our members. In particular, the calendar of events will be helpful, highlighting what is happening at the Club on both the bowling and social front as well as other information such as green maintenance times, coaching dates and away fixtures.

We hope for good numbers at our forthcoming Open Days and Open Evening. These have proven to be a great way to attract new members and anyone who you think may be interested in giving bowling a try are very welcome. Spread the word!

Great progress continues to be made on securing sponsors for the season as you will see from the banners. If you do use any of these companies then mention you are from the Club as this will increase the chances of continued sponsorship.

As was mentioned recently we have taken some additional steps regarding health and safety to ensure we are doing the right things. Everyone has a part to play in this regard.

I wish you all the best on and off the green this season.

Gary Wood, President.

News

We have a busy month ahead, between hosting external ties and playing in them, and the start of the Ladies' and Gents' Leagues. The dates of our Home League Games are included below. Why

not come along and enjoy the bowling/support our teams. The bar will be open for some of the evening / weekend games and the Honesty Bar is always available!

This month also sees the start of our Bowling tasting sessions for Blackhall Primary Schoolchildren. These sessions will take place every Thursday from 8th May until 12th June. As a result, the green will not open for general play on those days until 11am.

We have a **Social** on Saturday 17th May.

Bowling, commencing at 2pm, followed by Afternoon Tea and a few games of Bingo, all in good company. You can sign up at the Club. All members – including very new ones are very welcome. Tea will be served around 4pm. Cost is £10 per person for tea.

Finally, Donald Cameron is looking for a small team of volunteers to help polish the Trophies in the Trophy Cabinet on Saturday 10th May between 10am and 12noon. If you are free, your help will be much appreciated. Dusters/polish will be available or bring your own if you prefer!

Sponsorship Update

This month we'd like to introduce **Hear Here** as our latest sponsors of Blackhall Bowling Club.

We're absolutely delighted to have them on board, and we know that you'll all show them our usual big Blackhall welcome.

Mark (Coyle) brings with him 20 years' involvement in, and personal experience of, hearing issues, and offers you all this in the privacy of your own home too. (They're also very kindly offering club members a 10% discount until the end of July 2025.)

A huge thank you to Hear Here for their support.

The Company's advertisement at the end of this Newsletter includes their full contact details.

Upcoming Dates –May

- Fridays 2nd and 16th May (14.00) – Ladies' Forth League Matches
- Saturdays 3rd, 10th and 31st May (10.00-12noon) – Coaching. Please note there will be no formal coaching on Saturdays 17th and 24th May (because of other Club events happening later on these days) but the green will be open as usual in the morning for play.
- Sunday 4th May (14.00 – 16.00) – Open Day.
- Monday 5th May (14.00) – Ladies' Heather League Match.
- Monday 5th May - Hat night – (weekly) – please check the Club noticeboard or Website for varying start times throughout the season.
- Wednesday 7th May (14.00) – Hat afternoon (weekly). Players, please sign in no later than 13.45.

- Wednesdays 7th and 21st May (18.30) – Gent's 1st 16 League Matches.
- Thursdays 8th, and 15th May (14.00) - Gents NW League Matches.
- Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May (9.30 until 11.00)- Blackhall Primary School Bowling taster sessions.
- Saturday 17th May (14.00) Bowling, Afternoon Tea and Bingo.
- Monday 19th May (14.00) Hosting 4 Gents Bowls Scotland external ties
- Tuesday 20th May (14.00) Hosting 2 BS Ladies' external Ties; Ladies' Friendly v Maitland.
- Tuesday 20th May (18.30) Hosting 4 Gents BS external ties.
- Thursday 22nd May (18.45) – Hosting 5 EBA Ties.
- Saturday 24th May (18.00) Open Evening.

Opening Day 2025



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