



THE RINK - JUNE 2025

The President speaks

The season is now well underway and competitive games (internally and externally) are starting to fill up the calendar. Hopefully our internal matches are proceeding to schedule and the Match Secretaries are not having much chasing to do. Representative matches have been taking place and though we have lost out in some, we retain an interest in others. It was good to see these being advertised to encourage some support - if you can support our representatives in any future ties I am sure that would be appreciated.

The calendar is also looking nice and busy with forthcoming internal and external one-day competitions and friendlies - I am sure these will be well supported as always and appropriate entry forms will be up at the Clubhouse in due course. Repeating myself from last month, I would encourage members to refer to the website which holds a calendar of all of these events as well as Hat Nights, Coaching, League matches and other matters.

Having considered our financials for the current year as well as the previous two (where we made a loss), we intend to do more in the way of fundraising in order to help balance the books. We are very happy to hear any ideas in addition to the events that we will announce in due course. Please see "News" below for our first big event.

As usual, a massive thanks to everyone who has put in hours of work to run the Club. I would also reiterate my AGM comments and encourage as broad a group of members as possible to lend support in whatever way you can. It can sometimes be the same people who are involved in many aspects of the Club - members just like everyone else who give up their time, skills and effort. So if you feel you can help, please let us know one way or another either in response to specific asks or just to make yourself available generally.

Gary Wood, President.

News

As you know, many of our members have been busy representing the Club in external Competitions. Well done to Norman Davidson and Lyn Woods who won their Bowls Scotland Mixed Pairs tie last Sunday. They play again tonight (1st June) in the Quarter Finals against Willowbrae at Hillside BC - 6.30 pm start.

Also, Susan Gardiner has reached the Semi Finals of the Bowls Scotland Over 55 Singles. She next plays (against Tanfield) at Trinity Bowling Club on Tuesday 3rd June at 2pm.

All support will be gratefully received by the players. Good luck to them and all others still representing the Club.

We have a **Social** on Saturday 21st June – our always popular “Bowling Fish and Chips. The bowling will start at 3pm with the food arriving at 6pm. £13 per head if you want to eat. Sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Please sign up and PAY no later than Monday 16th June. There will be a raffle – prizes will be gratefully received.

And some other dates for your diaries:

- Blackhall Sports Committee Children’s Sports Day takes place at Ravelston Park on Saturday 7th June, between 12.30pm and 4pm. We hope to organise our usual Bowls Tasting Sessions for the Children (and their parents). We need help on the day. If you are able to help for an hour or two, please contact Conor Cadden or Jenny Clark who aim to organise a rota.
- The Ladies chosen Charity this year is the Macular Society and their Charity Afternoon will be held on Wednesday 18th June. All are welcome. There will be a fun game of bowls starting at 2pm followed by a short presentation about the Charity and tea and cake. If you wish to play, please arrive no later than 1.45pm. The theme colour for the afternoon is yellow!
- We have been delighted to welcome 9 new Playing Members this year, and we will be holding our New Members Event for this and last year’s new members on Tuesday 1st July. Individual invitations will follow.
- As Gary has mentioned, we intend to undertake some additional fundraising and the first big event is planned for **Saturday 19th July** and will take the place of the previously advertised Bowling and Pizza. Fuller details will be announced shortly but the plan is to have a fun relaxed day with bowling in the afternoon followed by a meal and refreshments in the Clubhouse. **Please keep the date free.**

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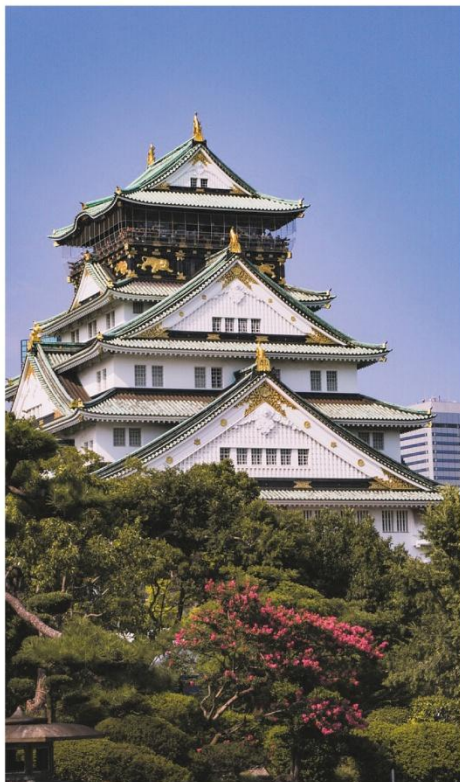
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Upcoming Dates –June

- Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th June (14.00) – Ladies’ Heather League Matches.
- Monday 2nd June - Hat night – (weekly) – please check the Club noticeboard or Website for varying start times throughout the season – presently 18.30
- Wednesday 4th June (14.00) – Hat afternoon (weekly). Players, please sign in no later than 13.45. (Please note the Ladies Charity Quaich will be played on Wednesday 25th June -see below).
- Thursdays 5th and 12th June (9.30 until 11.00) – Blackhall Primary School Taster Sessions.
- Saturdays 7th, 14th, and 21st June (10.00-12noon) – Coaching. (Please note there will be no coaching on 28th June – but the green will be open for play).
- Saturday 7th June (14.00) - Hosting 4 Bowls Scotland external ties.
- Saturday 7th June (12.30–16.00) – Blackhall Sports Committee Children’s Sports Day – Ravelston Park.
- Wednesday 11th June (18.30) – Gent’s 1st 16 League Match v Braid BC.
- Fridays 6th, 13th and 20th June (14.00) – Ladies’ Forth League Matches
- Thursday 17th June (13.30) - Gents NW League Match v Queensbury.
- Saturday 21st June (15.00) - Bowling, followed by Fish and Chips.
- Wednesday 25th June (all day – start time tbc) Ladies’ Centenary Quaich.
- Saturday 28th June (13.30) – Burgoyne Cup – mixed Competition – sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.



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