



THE RINK - AUGUST 2025

The President speaks

I'd like to begin by recognising and sincerely thanking everyone involved in the recent fundraiser. It was a fantastic effort by all, and I'm pleased to report that we raised an impressive **£2,500!** This is a testament to the hard work, generosity, and community spirit of our club members. Fundraising like this plays a key role in supporting the club's ongoing activities and I'm proud of what we achieved. I am also very grateful to the many local companies who kindly donated gifts some of which we used and some of which will be used in future events.

I would also like to express my thanks on behalf of the Club for the donation of the recently installed security cameras. The donor would like to remain anonymous - thank you very much for your kind gesture. These will help make it a safer environment for those of us who have responsibility to respond to occasions when the alarm is triggered.

On a less positive note, I am disappointed that we have had no response to our request for potential Office Bearers for next year. As mentioned last month, a number of long-standing Office Bearers are "retiring" and it is no exaggeration to say that the Club cannot function without replacements. It is also worth saying that many current Office Bearers have held several different Committee roles and indeed are currently involved in multiple areas in support of the Club. **Therefore it is time for others to step up - and contact me directly regarding the role you can play.**

On the playing front, congratulations to Jenny Clark for retaining the Ladies Championship and commiserations to Susan Gardiner after a very close encounter. It was great to see a large turnout supporting both players. August 16th will see the Gents Championship and Senior Championship - this event has been less well attended recently and I would encourage you to come along in support of the players and the Club. We also enjoyed our visit to Maitland for the Councillors Cup narrowly losing out (but we kept the trophy anyway!). There are many other competitions (internal and external) taking place with finals not far away - I wish everyone the best of luck and hope you continue to enjoy the bowling season.

I'd also like to mention a **WhatsApp Broadcast Group** that we intend to trial. We have been running a small pilot recently which has had a favourable response. This is a **one-way broadcast group** (members receive updates but can't reply within the group itself — helping to keep communication clear, focused, and free from clutter). Such a group would complement rather than replace existing communication channels and act as a more immediate, timely and succinct way of sharing information and hopefully generate a real sense of activity at the Club. Administrators would likely include the match secretaries, captains, green convenor, bar

convenor and club secretary who can share information/reminders about current events. This will be explained further in an email communication to members (including a request for mobile phone numbers where we do not have them - should a member be happy to supply one).

As always, I would like to sincerely thank the many people who help run the Club and the various events that take place - I have seen at close quarters the amazing work that goes into these across a range of areas. There are too many people to mention however you know who you are. THANK YOU!

Gary Wood, President.

News

We have a busy month ahead.

Our Mixed Rink of Susan Gardiner, Anne Stevenson, Douglas Main and Gary Wood had a good win recently against Brunstane BC in the First Round of EBA Knockouts and play again this Sunday evening the 3rd August at 6.30 at Tanfield BC against Colinton. Some support on the night from Club members would be much appreciated!

As Gary has mentioned, the Gent's Club and Seniors Championships are reaching the later stages. Dates for the Quarter and Semi Finals are included below. The Finals are due to be played on Saturday 16th August and will be followed by a finger buffet. We hope for a good turnout to support the players.

On Sunday 17th August we are holding our Invitation Pairs. This is an all-day Round Robin with members inviting a guest player from another Club to play with them. The day will kick off with bacon rolls and filled rolls and cakes and tea and coffee will be available to purchase throughout the day. And of course, the bar will be open. At present we have 12 couples entered but would ideally like 16. It's a really fun day – please enter with a fellow bowler from another Club if you can.

And finally, some news from the ladies.

They had a great day on Friday 1st August when 30 ladies played in the Nellie Hastie Triples. Many congratulations to the winners, Linda Rogers, Edith Maden and Jean Peden who won a very close Final against Margaret Brown, Linda Cartmell and Debbie Gibb. Hard luck to the runners up but they all played a great game. Thanks to Ladies' Match Secretary Anne Stevenson for organizing the play so well and to all who helped on the day.

And congratulations to the Ladies Forth League team who secured second place in the League this year.

Upcoming Dates –August

- Saturdays 2nd, 23rd and 30th August (10.00-12noon) – Coaching. (Please note there will be no coaching on 9th and 16th August. Green will be open for play on the morning of the 9th. Please do feel free to come down for a roll up. The green will be closed on the morning of the 16th August for preparations for the Gent's Championships in the afternoon.)
- Monday 4th August - Hat night – (weekly) – please check the Club noticeboard or Website for varying start times throughout the season – presently 18.30.
- Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 26th August (13.45) – Gent's Seniors League Matches v Corstorphine, Corstorphine B and Willowbrae respectively.
- Wednesday 6th July (14.00) – Hat afternoon. Players, please sign in no later than 13.45.
- Thursday 7th August (18.30) - Gent's Championships Quarter Finals
- Saturday 9th August (14.00) – Annual Friendly v Trinity BC.
- Monday 11th August (14.00) – Ladies' Heather League Match v Coltbridge.
- Tuesday 12th August (18.30) – Gent's Championships Semi Finals
- Wednesday 13th August (18.30) – Gent's 1st 16 League Match v Whitehouse and Grange.
- Thursday 14th August (14.00) – Hosting Forth League Top 6 Semi Finals.
- Saturday 16th August (14.00) – Gent's Championships Finals
- Sunday 17th August (start time tbc) – Invitation Pairs.
- Wednesday 20th August – Gent's Friendly v Corstorphine – at Corstorphine.
- Wednesday 20th August (18.15pm) – Hosting 4 EWBA Steel Trophy (singles) Ties.
- Sunday 24th August (PM) – Gent's Ryder Cup Social.
- Monday 25th August (14.00) – Hosting 3 EWBA Quarter Finals ties.