



THE RINK - October 2025

The President speaks

A warm welcome to the latest newsletter, our first since we said a fond farewell to the 2025 playing season. We celebrated the occasion in fine fashion with the traditional closing day game (thankfully played in relatively dry weather), the trophy presentations, a nice buffet meal, the raffle and our September Club Draw. Well done to the winners of the Closing Day MacRobert Thistle Cup - Jenny Clark, Rita McKinnon, Catriona Barnes and Tony Bertorelli. As always, a big thanks to everyone who helped make the day a successful one, your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. I hope everyone enjoyed their playing season whether they were a winner of a trophy or not.

It is hard to believe that another playing season has come to an end. I would like to thank the many people who have contributed their time and effort in support of our Club. There are too many to mention but you know who you are - well done! A special mention though to our Match Secretaries, Anne and Conor, whose role is at full throttle between April and September as well as our Green and Gardening team, led by Douglas, for similar reasons. Great work everyone!

Of course, we don't hibernate for six months and there is plenty on offer at our Club as listed below. A big thanks in advance to the members who run these various activities. Look out as well for our monthly draws - the one for October is already up on the noticeboard. Remember as well to consider our sponsors where you can - business from members would help encourage them to sponsor us again in 2026 contributing valuable funds to our Club. They have also been very generous in donating items which we are using in raffles and auctions.

Best wishes for the close season!

Gary Wood, President.

News

As Gary has said, there is lots going on at the Club over the close season. The Table Tennis starts on Tuesday 30th September and the Bridge on Thursday 9th October. The choir will run on alternate Mondays commencing 13th October.

This week also sees the start of the Club Games Nights on Friday 3rd October and the first Club Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th October.

Also look out for the start of the Crafts afternoons in November – first date is 12th November. More details will be given in next month's Newsletter.

Our Club Social this month is a Halloween Party on 18th October. It promises to be great fun – see the Flyer below. You will find the signup sheet in the Clubhouse or let us know if you wish your name to be added.

Now that the bowling season is over for another year, can members please take home jackets, bags and other belongings which are in the Changing Rooms – including the jackets which are hanging in the Ladies toilets and in the entrance hall.

Upcoming Dates –October

- Tuesday 30th September (14.00) – Table Tennis (weekly)
- Friday 3rd October (19.00) – Club Games Night
- Saturday 4th October (10.30) – Club Coffee Morning – Bacon rolls and scones
- Thursday 9th October (14.00) – Bridge Club (weekly)
- Monday 13th and 27th October (14.00) – Choir
- Saturday 18th October (19.00) Halloween Party – see below
- Wednesday 29th October (10.30) – Coffee Morning

A Halloween Party poster featuring two women dressed as witches. The woman on the left is wearing a black witch's hat and a dark purple dress, holding a wooden staff. The woman on the right is also wearing a black witch's hat and a dark purple dress, holding a small green frog. A white cat is visible in the background on the left. The background is dark and moody, with a greenish glow.

Halloween Party!

18th Oct at 7pm

£10 to include a light supper.

Prizes for best costumes – dress up as much or as little as you dare!

Prizes for best carved pumpkin or turnip – we'll provide the electric candle.

Prizes for guising – a joke, a poem, a song. The world is your oyster.

Spooky quiz and other games.

Club Health and Safety Policy

The Management Committee have spent some time this year looking at the Club Health and Safety Policy and a new Policy Statement for the Club has been produced. This is attached for your information and will be exhibited on the Club Notice Board. Please read the document – it provides information regarding the location (amongst other things) of the First Aid Facilities, the defibrillator, the wheelchair and the Accident Book. It also provides important information regarding Fire safety, including what to do in the case of fire. The document gives the location of the fire extinguishers, the Emergency Exit, the Emergency Break Glass Fire Alarm units - the location of these are also shown on plans in the Clubhouse - and the outside fire assembly point.

Our aim is to provide as safe an environment as possible for Members and Visitors. Please take a little time to familiarise yourselves with the information.