



Blackhall Bowling Club

Rink May 2026



The President speaks:

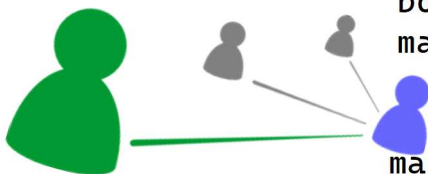
It was great to get back on the green at our successful Opening Day and Ladies Opening Day where the weather was also kind to us (though extra layers were from time to time required, for mid April we were lucky enough). As always, a big thanks to the long list of individuals who helped to make these events happen. Hat Night has also started with 30 members coming along for the first couple of evenings.

Our Match Secretaries have a busy time at the moment sorting the draws for our internal competitions as well as representatives for our external Bowls Scotland and EBA ties. Alongside that, selections will be taking place for the various leagues in which we participate. Good luck to everyone representing our Club.

Our Open Days remain a key way to grow our membership. With one now past (and two new members signed up), we have further events during May to attract new members which is important to help sustain the Club now and in the future. Thanks to everyone who is helping with these events - we hope to gain a number of new members from them.

Gary Wood

Making contact: There is a gender-specific list of members in both locker rooms to facilitate arranging matches. If you have a mobile and your mobile number is not listed please amend the page and I will update the master copy periodically. If you want to be added to the WhatsApp group let me know and that will help keep you informed of urgent pieces of information.



One of our newest sponsors is Cormack Wealth so we thought you should know something about them.

Cormack Wealth is delighted to be sponsoring Blackhall Bowling Club this season. We are proud to be associated with such a prestigious and historic club, and we wish all members every success on the green.

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We look forward to speaking with members over the coming weeks and would be delighted to assist with any enquiries.

Wishing everyone a successful and enjoyable season.

Peter Cormack

Managing Director & Adviser



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It seemed a long time coming but the Club Opening Day on Saturday 18th April with a very acceptable meal afterwards and Ladies' Opening Day on Wednesday 22nd April with a much more delicate Afternoon Tea were great successes.

The teams are being made up for the various external competitions. The list of Gents internal matches are on the locker room pin boards so get started early and beat the rush.

Here are those present on a lovely Opening Day.



The winners of the Alex Manson Trophy were Jim Bishop, Louise Wood, Iain Gibb and George Cairns. They are being photo-bombed by our President Gary Wood and Mike Ashwell, Gents' Match Secretary.



The Garden Squad needs you. We are a small group looking after the gardens around the green. The start of the season is always a busy time and we could do with a few more volunteers.

We meet every Wednesday, 9.00 - 10.15am. Weekly attendance is not necessary but "Many hands make light work". After the session there is an opportunity to enjoy a bacon roll and a blether with fellow

members. No gardening experience necessary. Please contact **Louise Wood** on **0779 555 7131** if interested. Thanks



When not gardening Louise plays a mean game of bowls so she is interested in starting a mixed Hat afternoon on Sundays 2-4 beginning 10th May. The bar will be open and you will have plenty time to stagger home before dark. If you want to participate, give Louise a text or WhatsApp or phone 077955531

The **March 60 Club Draw** took place at the Bacon Rolls morning on 4th April. The lucky winner was Bill Batten whose wife removed £43 from his sticky hands but left him £3 pocket money so we were all happy. Thank you to all who supported the Monthly Draw. It brought around £350 to club funds and enabled a few members to eat a good meal again. We will start a new round in October.



New Members: We have six new playing members this year so far: Maria Dewar, John Turner, Terry Poore, Stewart Ritchie and Peter and Maureen May. Welcome to you all and well done

for turning up and having a go. We hope you feel welcomed and have plenty opportunity to get involved in matches as well as the other activities of the club.

Spot the Jack: If you missed the competition over the summer, the photos were from on our green and I had photoshopped the Jack out. The idea was for you to send me your best guess as to which grid number (e.g.D3) marked the location of the Jack. The Winner and Answer to be in the following month in ***Rink***.

The winner in the April edition was John Waterlow with F8 but not close enough for the £10,000 prize so bad luck John.

The correct answer was F7.

I think we will give this a miss for a while and find something else to entertain you but you're a tough crowd.

Remember to invite friends to the “Try Bowls” Weekend 2nd & 3rd May

TRY BOWLS!



Blackhall Bowling Club

21 Keith Row

TRY BOWLS Weekend

Saturday 2nd May 10-12

Sunday 3rd May 2-4

No experience necessary
Free use of equipment.

Free coaching every
Saturday morning.

All welcome

For more info contact
Donald on 07957573695



Bowls Scotland is still looking for volunteers to help with entrance tickets, general stewarding and a host of other things at the National Championships in Ayr. This is a great event if you want to see high quality bowling close at hand without the cost! Follow this link to see the details. [Request for Volunteers.pdf](#)

If you would like to see something in *Rink* that would be of interest to others in the club feel free to write something for inclusion or let me know what you would want to read about.

Donald Cameron 07957 573695

For your diary, here are the dates for the season ahead. Print this page and stick it on your fridge.

Key Events Calendar

May

1st-4th - BS Try Bowls weekend

3rd - Open Day

16th - Bowls afternoon tea

23rd - Open evening (Invite friends)

June

6th Blackhall Sports Com Sports Day

20th - Bowling and Fish 'n Chips

24th - Ladies' Centenary Quaich

27th - Burgoyne Cup (mixed)

July

15th - Ladies' Championship Final

11th - Councillors' Cup (at BBC) Catering

18th - Bowls Fun day

31st - Nellie Hastie Triples (Ladies)

August

6th - Gents Championship Quarter final

7th - Village Triples at Maitland

8th - Trinity Friendly (at Trinity)

11th - Gents Championship Semi-final

15th - Gents Championship Final

16th - Invitation Pairs

19th - Corstorphine Friendly (Gents) at BBC 18.00

23rd - Ryder Cup (Gents)

September

2nd, 3rd, 4th - Autumn Pairs

12th - Ladies v Gents Top 10

20th - Anderson Cup

23rd - Ladies' Closing Day

26th - Closing Day

October

24th - Halloween Social

November

29th - Sunday Lunch Social

December

3rd - Gents' Christmas Lunch

14th - Christmas Lunch

31st - Hogmany Party