



Blackhall Bowling Club

Rink July 2026



The President speaks:

Goodbye June, hello July! It felt like a quick month where the weather was generally kind besides a few soakings here and there. It has been great to see the Club nice and busy whether internal competitions, competitive games against other Clubs, "hat events" or simply "roll-ups" to hone our skills. It has also been encouraging to see so many new members getting involved, a number of whom attended a recent get together with some of the Committee. They reflected positively on their experience of the Club and how friendly it was - keep up the good work and hopefully they will all return next year!

Congratulations to Jenny Clark and Lindsay Trotter who won this year's Burgoyne Cup



and to Lyndesay Fraser and Linda Rogers who won the Ladies Centenary

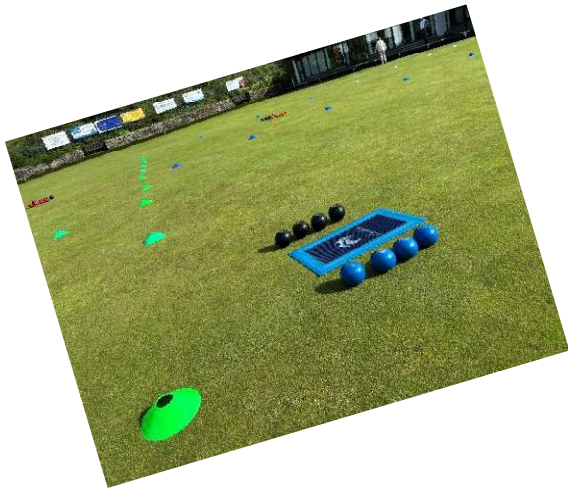
Quaich. Thanks to everyone who took part and especially those who helped to run the events.



As you will see below, July will be another busy month across the many different types of activities at the Club including our annual friendly with Maitland and of course the Ladies Championship. I also take this opportunity to again highlight the Fundraising Fun Day where numbers are still on the low side especially compared to our very successful event last year. Our financial health for the year is dependent on such events as well as your continued support for other activities (and the bar where over the years we have seen a decline in income). Please support our events where you are able.

We try our best to communicate with members in an effective way including via this newsletter, emails and the WhatsApp group. Hopefully these all provide helpful information about what is happening at the Club - our aim is to encourage members to take part or simply to come along to watch the action in the company of others (perhaps with a drink from our bar or honesty bar).

Looking forward to a great month of July! **Gary Wood**



Fun Days and “Try Bowls” days. We had a good number of new people turning out due to our advertising leaflet inset in EH4 magazine. We have more than 16 new members this year largely due to the work of those setting up these special days.



We have had CCTV operating around the club grounds for some years. Recently we have introduced a camera in the lounge just above the trophy cabinet to supplement the external ones. The intention is to be able to check when an alarm goes off that it is safe for a committee member to attend the site. We may decide to record out of normal hours for the sake of investigating any intrusion but it is not intended to be monitoring activities with the club normal events.

The BBC Social Committee

One of the most important sub committees in the Club is the Social Committee. They are responsible for encouraging us to turn out and enjoy being part of the community that is BBC.

At Blackhall Bowling Club we like to welcome new members and maintain contact with existing members throughout the year and not just in the playing season. To this end the



Social Committee organises several events throughout the year including the annual Burns Supper, a Sunday lunch, an afternoon

tea and even a game of bowls followed by a fish and chips supper all of which include a raffle.

Apart from their very important social aspect, these events help raise funds for our club which like all clubs struggles to maintain a healthy bank reserve while keeping annual membership fees as low as possible. ***(Note the Fundraising Fun Day on 18th July Pin it to your diary and we look forward to some fun bowling competitions with food of the usual high standard an essential part of the day.)***

The current longstanding members of the Social Committee consist of Eileen Batten, Debbie Gibb, Pamela Main, Lyn Woods and myself, Annette Armes. We have been joined recently by Tony Bertorelli, Alan Harper, Ang Porte and Tom Renwick. Some of our partners inevitably become involved in the final arrangements too (shopping, carrying, laying tables etc) too. Some of us have been on the Committee for quite a while, maybe over a decade, and so perhaps it's time to make way for new blood and new ideas for future events. Any volunteers to join would be welcome. It can be challenging to make these occasions successful but it is so rewarding to see people enjoying themselves and experiencing that Blackhall community spirit. Of course there are other committees organising other events but you will learn about them as the season goes on.

All of these events, arranged by whichever Committee, forge friendship, fun and fellow feeling. **Please support them.**

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We had a very special 100th birthday party for Sadie Allen at the end of last month. A good crowd gathered to enjoy coffee and cakes as we wished this very bright lady a Happy Birthday.

Sadie was Club Champion many years ago and also in the same year as being Ladies Captain. Do they make 'em like that anymore?



The Ladies' Committee hold an annual Charity Day and this year that falls on the 22nd July.

This year we are supporting "Blood Bikes". You will have seen them driving around Edinburgh but this is a huge organisation begun in 2014 by Brian Fraser and Ron Spalding. They transport blood, medicines and documents between hospitals, care homes and private homes across the whole of Scotland. They work unpaid driving bikes and cars.



They are proud to be supported by actor Ewan McGregor (famous for Long Way Round motor cycle travelogue) amongst other things. There will be lots of opportunity for you to participate and maybe even a wee shot on the back of a motorcycle – for a donation – but not with Ewan McGrigor!



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Key Events Calendar

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