



# Blackhall Bowling Club

## Rink August 2026



### The President speaks:

July was another quick month with much happening at the Club as always. August promises to be as busy if not busier still! My view, and one I hope you share, is that the variety of opportunities to play bowls and socialise is something to be welcomed and enjoyed – especially when the weather is behaving itself.

Highlights for July include

- Our annual friendly with Maitland (the Councillors Cup) which was played with the usual great spirit and friendliness between our two Clubs
- The Ladies Championship Final featuring Eleanor Davidson and Rosemary Atkinson. Congratulations to Rosemary and commiserations to Eleanor, thanks for a great final!
- Our Fundraiser Fun Day which was thoroughly enjoyed by those who supported this event as well as providing a valuable contribution to our finances
- Ladies Charity Day with the green awash with shades of red in support of the Blood Bikes Charity. A big thanks to everyone who supported this worthy event and cause.

I would also like to thank everyone who has either taken part or supported the various external knockout competitions that we have taken part in or hosted. A lot of work goes into these which is much appreciated.

As I say, August is a very (very!) busy month including the latter stages of the Gents Championships as well as a host of other internal and external matches as highlighted in this newsletter and on the website.

Enjoy August, it promises to be a great one!

Gary Wood

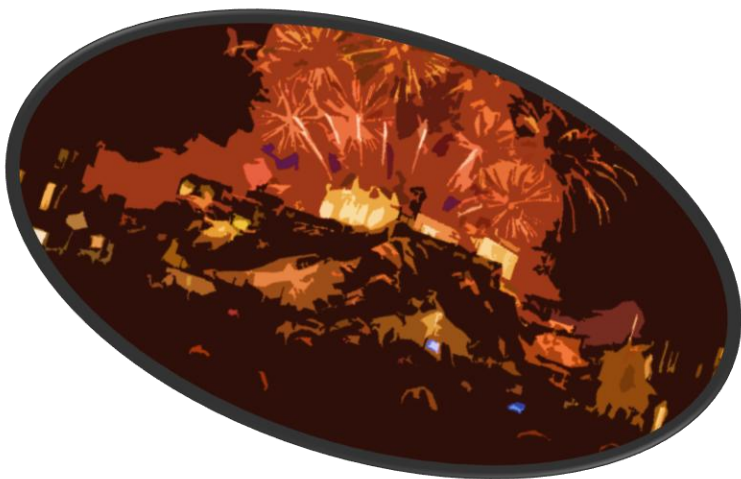


PS. We have significant catering commitments throughout the open and closed seasons of the club and the current team that has served us well for many years feel their time to hand over the baton has come. If you think you can help in this area or want to know more about what is involved please speak to any of the Management Committee for further information.

## Hogmanay is Party-Time at the BBC

Having missed last year's celebrations, a small organising committee has been formed to arrange a suitable event for our club. A sign-up sheet will be going up on the **Notice**

**Board on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August** so why not join your bowling pals and let's have a party far away from the hedonism of Edinburgh City Centre.



On 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Ladies Committee organised a great afternoon of bowling followed by a talk from one of the few lady Blood Bikers – the charity being supported this year. It was fascinating to learn how much time these volunteers spend doing their shifts and the distances they cover taking samples up and down, not only Scotland but down south connecting with other charitable courier groups. The ladies raised over £500 on the day and the watering can is still in the lounge and will be happy to receive further donations to encourage *Blood Bikes Scotland* the growth of the this service that saves the NHS over £400k on taxi fares each year.

It seems a few of the ladies quite fancied a wee go on the back but unfortunately, no insurance would cover that risk!



The annual Nellie Hastie Competition took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and below you see the final winning triple being presented with the famous trophy by the Ladies Match secretary Anne Stevenson. Congratulations to Mary Bishop, Debbie Gibb and Eileen Batten.



#### Our Edinburgh Bowling

Association Mixed pairs team, **Susan Gardiner, Debbie Gibb, Gary Wood and Douglas Main** played Balerno Bowling Club last Sunday evening and they fought such a close game that it came down to the final bowl of the match but unfortunately the bowl seemed to go the wrong side of perfection. 😞

It was a good game to watch and do support our teams and players when you have the opportunity.



Free Saturday 10-12 coaching is restricted on days when there are competitions on within the club or we are hosting for other clubs. Here are the 5 dates for the rest of the season: **Aug 8, 22, 29, Sept 5, 19**

## Our sponsors this month are Northcare Suites

Craig Moody is their Head of Client Relations and he has the easy job of showing why Northcare should be the place you head to when you can no longer cope with living alone.

Northcare is delighted to continue supporting Blackhall Bowling Club and to play a small part in the life of such a welcoming and well-established local club. Community is at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud to support organisations that bring people together, encourage friendship and provide opportunities for people of all ages to remain active and connected.



Northcare is a family-run care home group with a strong reputation for delivering exceptional care across Scotland. Our newest Edinburgh residence, Winton Suites, offers luxurious residential, nursing and dementia care within an elegant and homely setting. From beautifully designed private suites and welcoming social spaces to exceptional dining, activities and personalised care, our aim is to help every resident continue living a full and meaningful life.

All our homes have a luxury cinema, private lounge bar and fully equipped hairdressing salon but if you want to have a look at the style of the facilities without making a formal enquiry, you are welcome any time to visit our café on the top floor of the Telford Road Care Home. You can have a quiet coffee with friends or a full meal if you prefer. The unrivalled view over the city is a feature our residents and visitors greatly appreciate, and all adds to the sense of wellbeing we strive to cultivate.

We do hope everyone at Blackhall Bowling Club has enjoyed a successful and enjoyable season and look forward to continuing our relationship with the club and its members. If I can be of any assistance in future planning do not hesitate to give me a call and we can have a bit of afternoon tea as we chat.



Craig Moody



Print off this page and stick it on the fridge so you know what's coming up

## Key Events Calendar

### August

6th - Gents Championship Quarter final  
7th - Village Triples at Maitland  
8th - Trinity Friendly (at Trinity)  
11th - Gents Championship Semi-final  
12th - Corstorphine Friendly (Gents) at BBC 18.00  
15th - Gents Championship Final  
16th - Invitation Pairs  
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 - Hogmanay Party

Finally, if you are the last one to leave the club house at night, please make sure the blinds are drawn – especially as the nights draw in and evil lurks by the windows.



