



THE RINK - May 2022

The President speaks

The Club is definitely up and running now. The Gents League matches have started and the Ladies are well into their Competitions with good results. We have also had 3 Tuesday mornings with the Blackhall School Primary 6 and they have been quite successful with four children signing up as Juniors. The Committee are discussing how we best support this new Junior section and I am sure members will make them feel welcome as always.

The Coaching has been going well with around 20 attending. Some of them are coming on very well and could be future stars for the Club. The two Open Days have been very successful and over the two days we have signed up a number of new members which is all very encouraging. I would like to thank the volunteers who assisted at these events which could not take place without them. We have now managed to attract 20 new members so far this year (plus the four Juniors) - this is great news for the Club.

Sadly, we have lost two of our ex-members, Alex Milligan and Ken Pearson, and our condolences are sent to their families.

Bill Batten.

News

A successful Italian evening was held and enjoyed by a healthy turnout - after some friendly, though always competitive, bowling. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and those who helped out.

The tables in the lounge have now been replaced and look the part in our Clubhouse.

We continue to welcome Blackhall School on several mornings during June to "try bowls".

We will be using white stickers for external ties/matches this season and these are now available - please refer to Bill or Eileen Batten.

Thanks to everyone who has helped and continues to help as umpires and markers for external matches.

Most draws are now available on the website as well as being put on the noticeboards at the club. Members are reminded that this newsletter and the most recent issues can also be accessed from the website.

The green has had fertiliser applied to help speed up the grass growth and help dealing with the remaining dead moss across all rinks. The gardening squad have continued their great work including planting a variety of flowers and shrubs.

Members are reminded to enter and exit the green from the steps at all times - in the interests of safety as well as to protect the green and general surroundings.

Ladies external fixtures:

- **Bowls Scotland games** Joan Pammenter and Barbara Sherman progressed to the second round of pairs before losing narrowly to Maitland. Jenny Clark reached the semi-final of >55 singles before losing at that stage.
- **ESWBA** The rink (fours) have won their first game and lost their second game so far.

- **EWBA Top Ten** We won the triples and fours, lost the singles and pairs and lost overall on shots.
- **Heather League** We are doing well, further updates to follow
- **Forth League** After four games we are lying 7th out of 12 (a creditable position in our first year in the league)

Gents external fixtures:

- Our representative matches and leagues (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) are up and running and we will provide an update on progress in the next newsletter

Upcoming Dates

- Bowling, Fish & Chips and Jazz Band: 25th June starting at 15:30 (food from 18:30). Entry is £15 per person and the form is now up at the clubhouse.
- Ladies Centenary Quaich: 29th June starting at 10:30. This is an all day competition and the form is now up in the Ladies locker room. Alternatively, contact Katy Lessells on 07535502231.
- Burgoyne Cup: 2nd July (afternoon): the form will be put up in due course.
- Blackhall Sports Day: 11th June from 12:15pm in Ravelston Park (we will have a table at this event to advertise the Club and give people the chance for a shot at bowling)
- Invitations Pairs: 21st August (afternoon): more details to follow. Note: our members can invite a player from another club or pair up with another member from Blackhall Bowling Club.

Other competitions will be advertised/communicated in due course.

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