



THE RINK - November 2022

The President speaks

November has been a busy month in the Club.

- We started off with a Club fund raising Coffee Morning with Bacon Rolls and Scones which was well attended and now intend to continue with this on the first Saturday of each month during the off-season and look forward to welcoming as many as possible to this monthly event.
- The weekly Bridge Club for beginners is going from strength to strength.
- We have also started a weekly Table Tennis Club on a Tuesday afternoon 2pm and much to my surprise this has been well attended with 19 members on the first day, which is very encouraging but this would not have been possible without the generous anonymous donation of a new table by a member.
- The Spice Night was a great success and the food and the entertainment were first class, a bargain at £12.
- More Social events are organised for the rest of the year starting with the Gents Christmas Lunch on 9th December, then the joint Christmas Lunch on 12th December, the Hogmanay Bash and a Burns Supper on 28th January and I look forward to your support at these events.

Work is continuing on the Green and it is looking better already and I believe at the start of the season it will be one of the best Greens in Edinburgh.

As you have all been informed we are looking for new Committee Office Bearers. These are all important jobs which are essential to the running of the Club. Please give it some thought.

In sad news, we were informed of the passing of Robert (Bobby) Brown who was previously a member of our Club. His funeral is at 1pm on 15th December and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

News

In addition to the updates in the report from our President:

- Our website has been updated with the 2022 honours list and, where we have the, photos of the winners. This can be found here <http://blackhallbc.com/club-honours-lists/>
- We deferred opening the bar for World Cup games until the later stages partly due to low attendance at our first couple of showings. We also decided against a honesty bar for a number of practical reasons. We will separately publish any dates where we plan to open for World Cup games.
- At the most recent Committee meeting we discussed the trend of reducing income (particularly from the bar) and increasing expenditure (including energy, bar stock and the green). It is the Committees intention to table options to bridge the gap at the 2023 AGM where a vote can be taken.
- In relation to the 2023 AGM, work will begin soon on preparing for this event and we are also looking at what might be the best date and time to attract a good turnout. More information will follow in due course.

Upcoming Dates - December/January

- Thursday 1st December (14:00) - Bridge Club (weekly until 22/12 starting back 12/01)
- Saturday 3rd December (10:30) - Coffee Morning (inc scones, rolls)
- Tuesday 6th December (14:00) - Table Tennis (weekly until either 13/12 or 20/12 starting back 10/01)
- Wednesday 7th December (14:00) - Book Club
- Friday 9th December (12:30) - Gents Christmas Lunch
- Monday 12th December (12:30) - Club Christmas Lunch
- Saturday 31st December (8pm) - Hogmanay
- Monday 7th January (10:30) - Coffee Morning (inc scones, rolls)
- Wednesday 11th Jan (14:00) - Indoor Games
- Wednesday 25th January (10:30) - Ladies Coffee Morning
- Saturday 28th January (19:00) - Burns Supper

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