



## THE RINK – December 2023

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### **The President speaks.**

Season's greetings to all our members – I'm sure everyone is busy at this time of year preparing for the big guy in the red coat to make an appearance on the 25th. It has been a busy year, and I am delighted with the various successes around Blackhall Bowling Club. I doubt if the Club has ever been busier, particularly over the winter months when a variety of activities allow our members to socialise with each other, at a time when we may otherwise not have much reason to get out. As always, my thanks go to the various unsung heroes who work so hard to make these activities happen.

Coming up shortly we have the Gent's Christmas Lunch, which once again will be held in the Clubhouse, ensuring that the healthy spending (or maybe that should be unhealthy) goes into the Club's coffers via the bar. This is followed by our Club Christmas Lunch, which in previous years has certainly been a joyous occasion. Adding to the joy this year will be the first public performance of our newly formed choir – I for one can't wait to hear them.

In conclusion therefore, I'd like to wish everyone in the club a very Happy Christmas, and a healthy and successful New Year (particularly on the Bowling Green).

Douglas J Main, President.

### **News:**

There are still places available for the Hogmanay Celebration on 31st December – a 2 course meal, followed by an Entertainer and Dancing. 7pm start. The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse or email or give us a ring to book your place. £25 per head - to be paid asap - to the Club Bank Account, by cheque or in person to our Treasurer, Eileen Batten.

Looking further ahead we have a few more dates for your diaries.

The ladies are organising a **Beetle Drive** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January starting at 2pm. These are always great fun and all – Ladies and Gentlemen- will be very welcome.

Our **Burns Supper** is on Saturday 10th February. Again, the sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

The **Club AGM** will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, in the morning, followed by the **Gent's Annual Meeting** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and the **Ladies Annual Meeting** on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Exact start times to be announced.

Finally, as many of you may know Les Dickson has started a **Curry Club**, which meets from time to time at "The Cove" Restaurant in Queensferry Road.

The next Curry Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm and anyone interested in going along should contact Les.

## **Upcoming Dates – December**

- Gent's Christmas Lunch- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December -12.30pm start.
- Club Christmas Lunch – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 12.30 pm for a glass of Fizz. Lunch served at 1pm.
- Bridge Club – meets as usual tomorrow, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (14.00) – Table Tennis (weekly – except 26<sup>th</sup>) Restarts January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Hogmanay Celebration. – (19.00)