



THE RINK – February 2024

The President speaks

A very belated Happy New Year to all – I hope 2024 brings you health and happiness as well as success on the bowling green.

The various “off season” activities have all been running for a few weeks now following a break over the holiday season – once again thanks to our members who run or assist at these – they couldn’t operate without you. They are generally very social occasions, with the emphasis on fun rather than worrying too much about winning or losing, so if you haven’t tried them yet, please come along and give it a go – dates and timings are listed in the calendar info below.

Preparations are well in hand for this year’s AGM, which will take place on Saturday 17th February at 11 am in the clubhouse. Last year was the first time we had trialled a weekend morning AGM (rather than a weekday evening), and this was deemed a success. We suspect members are much more inclined to venture out during the day as opposed to a cold and dark evening. Anyway – hopefully you can make an effort to attend and vote or have your say in proceedings.

It's also not too far off until Opening Day, which takes place this year on Saturday 13th April – full details of bowling and catering arrangements should be winging your way soon. Our Match Secretaries, Katy & Gary, have also been hard at work, and you should soon be receiving entry forms for the various internal competitions in 2024.

Our Green Contractor still has some work to do on the Green, however, this should be completed very soon. Our Green received many compliments from members and visitors alike last year – we are confident the off-season work will ensure it is equally good for the season ahead.

Finally – my thanks go to the 3 committee members who are standing down this year. Alastair Nimmo has done an excellent job as House Convenor over the past 5 years, while Cammie Pammenter has served on the committee (including 2 stints as President) over the past 10 years or more. Anne Hamilton is the 3rd committee member standing down – all 3 have made a valuable contribution.

Douglas J Main, President

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Our Burns Supper is on February 10th – 7pm start. It’s well subscribed but there are still a few places available. The signup sheet is in the Clubhouse. The cost is £18, which is **payable by 3rd February**. Payment to the Club Bank Account (Code 80 02 22 – Account no 00584582) or to Eileen Batten or any member of the Club Social Committee – or - if you are at either of the Coffee Mornings this week the Club Secretary will be pleased to receive your payment.

As well as our AGM which Douglas has mentioned, our Ladies’ and Gent’s Annual Meetings will be held in February as detailed below. The AGM papers will be issued shortly.

The Clubhouse and Bar will be open on Saturday 19th March – Super Saturday - exact times to be confirmed – for the screening of the Rugby.

Upcoming Dates - January/February

- Tuesday 30th January (14:00) - Table Tennis Club (weekly)
- Wednesday 31st January (10.30) - Coffee Morning - all welcome
- Thursday 1st February (14:00) - Bridge Club (weekly)
- Saturday 3rd February (10:30) - Club Coffee Morning (bacon rolls/scones)
- Monday 5th February (14.00) - Choir (weekly)
- Wednesday 7th February (14:00) - Book Club
- Friday 9th February (19:00) - Games Night - NB - there will be no games night on 23rd Feb
- Saturday 10th February (19.00) - Burns Supper
- Saturday 17th February (11:00) - AGM
- Wednesday 21st February (14.00) - Gent's Annual Meeting
- Wednesday 28th February (10.30) - Ladies' Annual Meeting

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