

# CBC News

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## Dear Member

It was very sad to hear of the death of Betty Adam less than 3 months after the loss of her husband David. This would have been Betty's 35<sup>th</sup> year as a member. Her funeral is at Warriston Crematorium on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 12:30.

### **A new season is upon us.**

Before discussing the new season lets "tidy up" the close season.

You may remember that I mentioned in the last edition that some oven trays had gone missing. You will be pleased to hear that they have been returned. They were inadvertently taken by an outside caterer when packing things up after a function at the Club. Thanks for returning them.

Rugby 6 Nations Sweep – Ally Gibson organised a sweepstake for the Rugby with half of the proceeds going to the Club. Sixteen people took part (pity more didn't join in) and the winner with most points was Stuart Nicol who graciously donated his winnings to the Club also.

Members returning to the Club after the close season couldn't help but notice how well the Club is looking, both inside and out due to a small band of volunteers who grafted away cleaning, painting and generally tidying up the clubhouse and the area around the Green to give you all a Club to be proud of. Our thanks go to all the ladies and gents who helped out.

Visitors to the Gents will also have noticed new instant hot water supplies to the wash hand basins and a brand new mirror so that the men can look their best before going on to the Green! Thanks to Bill Cumming for this significant amount of work. Also you may have noticed a bit of a smell in the kitchen and corridor area around Opening Day. This was due the drain from the dishwasher leaking and spreading under the kitchen cabinets and cupboard next door. Again, Bill Cumming came to the rescue and things are drying out nicely now. What would we do without Bill (be paying contractors lots of money that's what) .

### **The Constitution has been changed - at last.**

After two unsuccessful attempts to get the required voting numbers, a Special General Meeting took place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April to vote on the proposal to change certain parts of the constitution that required 100 eligible members to be present, to a figure of 80% of the membership should it fall below 120 members. As stated before, it does not affect us at present as we currently have 160 members but it was necessary to amend so that in future the Club could still function should the numbers drop. Anyway, some 75 members attended and a further 73 sent in postal or proxy votes, and it was carried with only 1 person rejecting the amendment. The Secretary would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to attend or send a postal vote.

### **Opening weekend.**

Although the sun was shining, fleeces were required for the Club Opening Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> when some 52 men and 2 ladies welcomed President Kenny Logan on to the Green. A number of new members were also present and we remembered members who are sadly no longer with us.

This was followed by returning member Ian McLaren unfurling the flag in our 125<sup>th</sup> year just as he had done as a new member in the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> year. Adele Logan who last bowled at the opening of our Centenary Season, formally got things underway by delivering the first bowl and Teeko Meiklejohn correctly guessed the distance. The Spider, where 50 odd bowls were delivered simultaneously to the centre of the Green was won by Donald Mackay.

The following day, Captain Jean Meiklejohn welcome some 30 Ladies on to the Green for another Opening Day and if anything, it was even colder. President Kenny, having played on the Saturday had an unfair advantage over his wife and just managed to deliver the first bowl inside the distance Adele had achieved on the Saturday (well done for keeping the jack in the rink, Mr President). Bill Cumming and new member, John Simpson correctly guessed the distance and then Evelyn Lowe won the Spider.

On the Saturday evening, there were a few anxious moments when the Cabaret Act, Claire Grehan, had not shown up by 8:30 and the President could be seen outside on the mobile to the Agency. However, Claire had just got a bit lost and proceedings were well under way by 9pm. And it was worth waiting for - what a beautiful voice.

Since Opening Day, the Green has been well used with many practice sessions taking place particularly during the few days of warm, sunny weather we had last week. However, things are now hotting up (but not the weather) with both Ladies and Gents matches starting during week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Look out for the weekly activity sheet.

Please check all the boards for the Representative matches and tick off your name to acknowledge you are available to play. There are also lists up in the Gents Locker room, for Pairs, Triples and Fours matches, so get your name up before the deadline date of 9<sup>th</sup> May. We are looking for Gents for our annual friendly with Gala Abbotsford on 21<sup>st</sup> May. This is always a great day and this year it is at Gala. Please also note the "mixed" boards in the corridor outside the Gents Locker room for the Club Pairs, Mixed Pairs and in particular Corstorphine Rotary Pairs. All you need for the Rotary pairs is a partner who doesn't necessarily have to be a member of the Club. It's a great occasion and money raised goes to a good cause.

### **Crows on the Green, Magpies in the Club.**

The season is only about 10 days old, but already a significant number of pens have disappeared! Check your lockers and if you have borrowed a pen to mark a card, please return it to the box at the "Tie Book". The Green is looking good but heat is needed to encourage growth. The Green will be closed for a day probably in the next 2 weeks to apply a "messy" granule treatment but you will be advised beforehand. The Green Ranger has requested that on "hat days" and bounce games, we bring the mat up the green a few yards to maintain even wear on the Green.

Talking about "hat days", a reminder that all hat days are open to all members. The numbers on a Monday and Friday afternoon have been dwindling over the past couple of years, so hopefully by opening it up, more people will take part.

### **Try Bowls**

In association with Bowls Scotland, we are running a Try Bowls initiative this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April between 12 and 4pm. Five hundred leaflets have been distributed around the neighbourhood so hopefully the weather will be kind to us and some locals will turn up to give it a go. If you know of any friends or neighbours who you think may like to try bowls why not bring them along at any time between 12 noon and 4pm. Coaches will be on hand as will a supply of bowls and shoes.

Saturday also sees the start of our Saturday evening hat nights. It was very successful last year so come along for a 6:30 start and enjoy a good evening.

### **On the Social Scene**

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May is the date for a Quiz and Bingo. Entrance is £2 and the Quiz will start at 7:30. If you just want to come along for the Bingo it will start at approx 8:30 and payment will be for each game. It's a fun night.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June has been set aside for an evening of cocktails and canapes. Look out for the list going up in the Club with more information.

### **Around the Bar**

The Ice Maker has melted away after 15 years use and a new one has just been installed with a large contribution from Belhaven Brewery. Some modest price increases were implemented on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Congratulations -**

To Jean Hildersley, Angus McGarry, Charlie Sweeney and Ian Stirling who have significant birthdays this month.

Congratulations also to the following members with long service:-

25 years - Jim Duffy and Sandy Macniven

30 years - Brian Howe, Teeko, Robin Ballantyne and Mary Birnie.

35 years - Iain Ferrier, Alister Paterson and Alec McCowan.

**Date for your Diary - GENTS TOUR MEETING – SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY at 8pm**

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