

CBC News

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Dear Member,

125th Anniversary.

Well, what a week that was. A huge vote of thanks to President Kenny Logan and the 125 Committee for arranging such a successful week.

Kenny, Ian McLaren and Willie Stoddart spent 2 sessions of 5 hours sifting through all the Members' Preference forms and planning the events to ensure that everyone who wished to participate had a fair share of matches so it was a bit disappointing that no sooner had the lists of events gone up on the boards, people started to pull out. However, with the help of substitutes we were off and running on the first day with 16 pairs in the morning and the same in the afternoon. Sandwiches were provided for all, in between the two sessions. There was also a wonderful and very thoughtful gift to the Club from Dave Stewart, of beer mats made with the Club badge and 125 Anniversary on them. Thanks Dave.

The evening was finished off with a Cabaret and again it was disappointing to note that only 62 turned up out of the 84 who indicated they would, perhaps it was a premonition about the quality of the act – let's just say her sound system let her down. Still we made the most of it and had an enjoyable night.

The following day saw the temperature drop and the President's Select take on the Past Presidents/Captains in a mixed game. There was a good bit of friendly rivalry throughout the rinks with a close match being won by two shots by the Past Presidents/Captains. Thanks again to the Ladies for the catering. The suggestion of perhaps making this an annual event seemed to go down well.

On Monday 18th, in glorious sunshine, the Ladies had a wonderful game of bowls with friends from their Associations and Clubs they have Friendly matches with. This was followed by a lovely Bowling Meal, again prepared by our Ladies, followed by very nice complimentary remarks from the top table with a few jokes thrown in. Impressive stuff, the Ladies certainly know how to host a successful day.

Tuesday saw the Gents play against invited guests and with 64 men on the green it was a hectic time at the bar as the temperature was in the mid 20's throughout the evening. And the 8 (yes, 8) rink setting went down a treat with compliments being paid to the Green Ranger. It ended 134 to 110 to the Guests. Meanwhile, in the sauna of a kitchen the Ladies prepared a hot meal which went down well and many new friendships were forged in a very successful evening. I'm sure there would have been a few sore heads on the Wednesday morning.

Tuesday also saw the television cameras at the Club. STV Edinburgh ran a 7 minute feature on the Club interviewing David Sutherland, Nan & Ian Stirling and Kenny Logan in the morning and then went live at 5:15 when the reporter gave bowling a try with some of our members playing in the background. It was a very impressive feature and well done to all involved.

Wednesday was back to normal league duty for the Water of Leith and Edinburgh Bowling league Teams.

On Thursday it was the annual Ladies v Gents match and well done to the Ladies for putting out 7 rinks albeit with a little help from Georgina Fortune and Jemima Duffy. It's always a great fun night and this was no exception with the Gents edging out the Ladies. The 'honour' of washing the dishes went to Scott Page's rink and I must say Angus McGarry looked particularly fetching in one of the Ladies' tabards. (A good sport)

Friday was a double-header with the Seniors losing to their invited guests in the afternoon (105 to 83) followed by the Gents versus their Associations and 'Friendly' Clubs in the evening when the Gents won by 107 to 100 shots. The Ladies again provided a bowling tea in the afternoon and a hot meal at night. It went down so well that some of the afternoon guests were still celebrating when the evening players arrived. The whole day went wonderfully well with many compliments being paid to the Club.

Saturday was the final bowling event and we played for the Centenary Trophy during morning and afternoon sessions and yet again catering provided by the Ladies.

Saturday evening saw the final event of a very busy week with a Cabaret/Buffer/Dance at Bainfield Bowling Club and all who attended had an enjoyable evening with some great movers on the dance floor dancing to some the old favourites (the Slosh) and the President on his knees practising his air guitar. Also, in a nice gesture our 3 Life Members, Nan Stirling, Ian Stirling and Bob Page cut a Corstorphine Bowling Club cake.

The winners of the competitions were :-

First Saturday Pairs – David Wilson & Donald Mackay, runners up Ian Norton & Ian Sutherland.

Centenary Trophy – Sandy Lyon, Marion Haswell, Alan Mather Snr. and Bernie Callaghan.

What a week and well done to Life Members Nan & Ian Stirling for attending every single event with Nan also helping out in the kitchen. In all, CBC members participated on a total of 360 occasions whilst 112 guests from Associations and Clubs participated.

I would like to pay tribute to all the Ladies who worked in the kitchen over the last week, it was a “sweat shop” at times but they highlighted everything that is good about this Club. Also to all the bar volunteers who worked hard to ensure everyone was well watered – it was very tiring at times and I’m sure they all slept well at the end of each night.

The 2nd July seems a long time ago after last week’s events but I should report what a great day we all had at the Bowls and Barbeque run by Scott Mitchell and a special thanks to Scott’s wife Rachel and his brother Jamie for the BBQ. It was a most enjoyable day for what is now a regular feature in the Club calendar with yours truly fortunate enough to win the competition. And Captain Jean Meiklejohn was “greetin again” when Scott handed over a sizeable donation to Jean’s Charity, the Maggie Centre. The following day was the Strawberry Fair and proceedings were delayed slightly as we witnessed the culmination of an enthralling Ladies Championship semi-final between Rebecca Rutherford and Pat Reid with Pat edging it 21-20. Some great bowls Ladies. The final between Pat and Jean Meiklejohn has still to be finalised.

Back to the Strawberry Fair where Frank Ross as ever had strawberries and ice cream available for the 50 or so who turned up on the day. While the adults played a rink game, the kids had fun bowling on an obstacle course on 2 rinks. An enjoyable day but cut short as the weather won in the end.

Thanks from Ann Douglas. Ann would like to thank everyone who looked after her when she had “a turn” outside the Club on the 6th July and to Captain Jean who accompanied her to hospital. Ann is feeling better now as you would have seen if you were at Bainfield last Saturday where she was a regular on the dance floor. She is really touched by all the well wishes.

Gents Final – it’s Friday 29th July at 6:30 between George Richardson and David McNiven who defeated Scott Page and Bob Page respectively. Good Luck to you both. By the way, when was the last time a father and son reached the Championship semi-finals? It was in our Centenary year 25 years ago when Ian and Alan Stirling both failed to make the final. Co-incidence eh?

Hard Lines Jean. All roads lead to Ayr this week for the National Championship finals and it was hard lines to Jean Meiklejohn who lost out narrowly in an exciting match. Still, what an experience.

A wee reminder. For those who play in the EBL Wednesday League the remaining matches start at 6:30. The Ladies last 2 matches starting on Monday 8th August are also a 6:30 start.

Don’t Forget – mixed hat night, this Saturday 30th July at 6:30.

On the Social Scene-

I mentioned earlier about the great support received during the 125 week but your Club needs your support **every week** so how about coming along to the Quiz & Bingo on the 6th August. If you don’t fancy Bingo just have a bit of a blether during the few short games.

Saturday 6th August – Quiz & Bingo with Joan McBain & Pat Calder.

Saturday 20th August – Cocktails & Canapes – **this has now been postponed**

Saturday 24th September – closing Night Cabaret. The return of the popular Jamie Mac

Saturday 15th October – Andy Chung, Singer/guitarist

Saturday 5th November – Quiz & Bingo (Kenny Orr)

Saturday 17th December – Christmas Cabaret.

Saturday 28th January – Burns Supper.

Saturday 25th March –**Country Style** -By popular request the social committee have scheduled another in-house production. This time the theme is all things country. As ever Bill Cumming and John MacPhail will be roping together our very own brand of cow-people eager to shoot out some bar-room banter and cowboy songs. There will no doubt be some of the usual suspects donning their stetsons and swinging from the crystal chandelier, including our in house-band The Chancers. We are always looking for new acts, however, so if you can pluck a banjo, sing a song, yodel, recite a poem or tell a few funnies please have a word with Bill or John. They would be delighted to put you on the programme. Yee haa

Congratulations to Joe Blair, Scott Finlayson & Gordon Munro who have significant birthdays this month.

I’m always looking for articles or little stories to tell so please drop me a note anytime.

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