

CBC News

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Dear Member,

Well that was a quick bowling season wasn't it? The weather has been better these last few weeks than many weeks during the season. The Ladies had their Closing Day on Friday 23rd and it was noticeable how chilly it suddenly became. However, a good day was had by all followed by their customary Fish & Chips Tea. The Club Closing Day (which ladies can also attend) was held on the Saturday but it was disappointing to see such a poor turnout from the men. Still, in decent mild weather although a bit windy, the Secretary's Team had a convincing win over the Treasurer's select on what was a fun afternoon.

Later in the evening a packed Club house was entertained by Jamie Mack and it was good to hear so many Members say afterwards that he was the best singer in the Club for a number of years. He certainly could sing. One of the issues with a packed Club on these nights is that it can become a bit hot whilst the cabaret is on. This is due to our Licence conditions which state that live music must be inaudible in the neighbourhood, meaning that we have to close external doors, windows and have the curtains closed. Air Conditioning is on our wish list but that may still be some way off. This is a problem that affects the music scene throughout Edinburgh and you may have read/heard that Edinburgh Council met on Monday 26th to review the conditions for playing live music. The result was a subtle change in the wording from "**music must be inaudible in the neighbourhood**" to "**music must not be an audible nuisance**". Who determines what is an audible nuisance is another issue and may involve the intervention of a third party. Time will tell.

Although the bowling season has ended, your Club remains open as usual with the exception of Tuesday & Thursday evenings. The Club needs income, and your support throughout the year is essential. Annual subscriptions alone will not cover the costs of maintaining the Club. So, please make use of the Games Night every Monday from 7:30 - all welcome to have a go at darts, dominoes, pool, cards or any combination or just come along and keep in touch with your fellow members. Wednesdays are usually big football nights and with Sky & BT Sports in the Club all sports are covered. Or just come along for an hour or so at the weekends. Our next Cabaret Night is Saturday 15th October when Edinburgh Singer/Songwriter Andy Chung makes his first appearance in the Club. Andy is well known around the Edinburgh music scene and at only £5 (incl buffet) you are sure to be entertained. (50 names already on the list in the Club).

Work around the Club is well underway. On the Green, the heads have been "tined" (deep spike holes) and reseeded. Work will continue on the Green throughout the close season. If you intend to empty or clean up your lockers please try to do so over the next couple of weeks. The plan is that the benches around the Green will be taken into the Club on Monday October 10th so access to most of the lockers may be restricted after then. If you are around at 1pm on the 10th your help in moving the benches would be welcome.

And while we are looking for volunteers, you may remember that Alister Paterson laid a wreath on behalf of the Club at last year's remembrance service in Kirk Loan. The Club has decided that this should be an annual event and as a result, wish to open up the opportunity to the membership to do so again on Sunday 13th November. If any member would like to represent the Club this year, please contact David Sutherland. The Bowling Club has been heavily involved with the Public Hall rebuild (David Sutherland & Frank Ross being directors of CPH) and this has been recognised by Corstorphine Community Council who have approached the Secretary looking for a member of the Club to stand as a rep. If you are interested please contact David Sutherland for more information.

On the Bar scene, I have been aware of the increasing popularity of Gin around the Edinburgh bars and have just recently added a number of gins to the selection of spirits on offer. In addition to Gordons Gin, I now have Tanqueray and Bombay Sapphire as well as three Edinburgh Gin Liqueurs in Rhubarb & Ginger, Raspberry and Elderflower. Why not come along and give them a try. In fact the Social Committee has provisionally arranged a Gin & Disco Night for Saturday 19th November (more details to follow) Included in the ticket price will be a voucher for a Gin and mixer of your choice. And the big question for G & T drinkers - Schweppes tonic or Fever Tree? Replies to me at james773@btinternet.co please.

A couple of weeks ago, I came across an article about St Margaret's Park Bowling Club written by our own Ollie Cameron in 2008. The Club was formed in 1924 with the oldest trophy being the Harp donated in 1926 by William Souness who was the owner of the Harp Hotel in St John's Road. The Dower House in the park was built around 1640 by James Lord Forrester of Corstorphine and the park was donated to Corstorphine Parish Council in 1915 by an American, Christopher Douglas-Brown on the understanding that it was entirely for the enjoyment of local people and should not be run as a means of making a profit. Douglas-Brown had

previously named the park after his wife Margaret and both their names are engraved on the main gate (must have a look next time I walk past).

Here is a list of the main competition winners. I have omitted the mixed competitions and External competitions due to space restrictions but will include them next month.

Ladies

Competition	Winner (s)	Runners(s)up
Championship	J.Meiklejohn	P.Reid
President's	J.Meiklejohn	R.Rutherford
Two-bowl	J.McBain	M.Birnie
Isobel Callaghan		
Rosebowl	C.Bentley	B.Sutherland
Sutherland Quaich	E.Lowe	J.McBain
Points Day	P.Craik	
Two-Bowl Pairs	J.Hildersley, J.Meiklejohn	C.Ritchie, E.Lonie
Nominated Pairs	P.Clark, E.Lonie	B.Sutherland, J.Mitchell
Drawn Pairs	R.Cartledge, E.Hay	P.Reid, E.Lonie
Clark Triples	A.Douglas, F.Stevens, E.Hay	
Clark Fours	J.Hildersley, S.Fisher, M.Norton, J.McBain	
Invitation Charity Pairs	A.Watson, C.Bentley	

Seniors

Championship	J.Melles	G.Munro
Handicap	A.Lyon	G.Birnie
Two-Bowl	R.Stevens	I.Ferrier
Pairs	R.Brown, W.Aitken	A.Craig, A.Fisher
Balloted Pairs	A.Rattray, B.Callaghan	R.Milne, W.Stoddart
Triples	J.McPhail, A.Mather, W.Stoddart	T.Black, F.McLeod B.Callaghan
Hyland Rigg Cup	J.Stewart, G.Munro	I.Murray, R.Milne
Bob Horsham Cup	I.Pickard, R.Leslie, R.Milne	

Gents

Champonship	D.McNiven	G.Richardson
President's	A.Aitken	A.Mather Jnr
Vice President's	D.Stewart	A.Mather Snr
Two Bowl	B.Callaghan	S.Mitchell
Blackhall Rosebowl	C.Cassidy	J.Melles
Murdoch	B.Callaghan	S.Page
Kerr Medal	J.Vaughan	
Blyth Pairs	S.Page, R.Page	J.Vaughan, R.Stevens
Davis Triples	K.Orr, F.Ross, K.Logan	B.Henaghan, B.Callaghan, D.McNiven
Walker Fours	S.Stewart, C.Cassidy D.Sutherland, B.Sharp	W.Stoddart, W.Cumming J.Melles, R.Page

On the Social Scene-

Saturday 15th October – Andy Chung, Singer/guitarist

Saturday 29th October - Presentation of Prizes Night

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

Saturday 19th November - Gin & disco

Saturday 17th December – Christmas Cabaret.

Saturday 28th January – Burns Supper.

Saturday 25th March – **Country Style** - see John McPhail or Bill Cumming.

Congratulations - go to Scott Mitchell, Ian Murray, Lorna Booth & Nancy Fraser who all have significant birthdays this month. Best Wishes to Donald Mackay and Mrs Mackay who are off to Australia for a year to be with their family.

Best wishes also to our Ladies bowlers who are off to Spain for a week. Enjoy.

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

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