



CBC NEWS May 2018

Dear Member: Welcome to the latest edition of the CBC News.

It is with great sadness that we had to report the death of Gordon Young on 25th April. Although a member since 1990, Gordon had not been active for some time due to ill health. His funeral was on Saturday 5th May.

I hope you have had a good start to the Season and are enjoying your bowls.

A few pre-season things to tidy up first. The Coffee Morning on the 7th April was again a great success and raised a fantastic £508.96. Thanks to all who donated the great Raffle prizes.

At the final Games Night on the 9th, the card school guys handed over their 'kitties' (from 1pences right up to 50p's and a few foreign coins from all over the world). A competition was then held to guess the amount of money in the bucket - £79.72 - Bernie Callaghan was the nearest with £80.17 and that money plus the proceeds of the competition (£28) - a total of £107.72, was given to Chris Bentley for her Charity - the British Heart Foundation. Well done and thanks to the Card School.

Although Opening Day was delayed for a week, the Cabaret went ahead as planned and we were well entertained by Singer/Comedian, David John.

On Opening Day itself, 62 Members turned out on a glorious afternoon and much fun was had. Chris Bentley won the Spider and Ian Pickard guessed that Chris herself would deliver the first bowl to within 3ft of the Jack. The pies went down well and a good number of members continued to socialise well into the evening. Positive comments have been received since, that having Opening Day and the Cabaret on different days proved to be a great success - food for thought for future years. On the Sunday, the Ladies were not so fortunate weather-wise with it being a good bit cooler and a few showers during the day but it didn't spoil their enjoyment. Joan Mitchell won the Spider but President Richard Bryce couldn't match Chris' bowl on Opening Day, delivering his bowl to 6ft from the Jack. Viv Pickard guessed correctly (party time at the Pickard's!!)

Sponsorship - Specsavers were too late to include their sponsorship details in the Members Booklet but have agreed to sponsor the Sanderson Triples competition this year instead. Banners will be displayed and discount cards will also shortly be issued to all members. Specsavers have also been invited to present the prizes.

It's been a mixed start to the Season for the various Teams. In the Water of Leith, the Ladies have won 2 and lost 1; in the Monday evening Edinburgh Bowling League, the Ladies have narrowly lost both matches but by only 1 shot on each occasion. Again, in the Edinburgh Bowling League, the Gents 1st XVI and 3rd Team have won 1 and lost 1, but the 2nd XVI have a 100% record with 2 wins. In the Tuesday North & West Senior's League, Team "A" have won 1 and lost 1 and Team "B" have still to register a win. The RMBA Thursday team opened their account with a win at home. So it's all to play for. Check the weekly events sheet for all the fixtures and come along and support the Teams.

In addition to the weekly events sheet you can get all information online via www.corstorphinebowlingclub.co.uk which has undergone a significant facelift during the winter. There is also a twitter feed imbedded in the website or follow us on Twitter itself @CorstorphineBC or you can also join our Facebook page C.B.C - give it a try. It's amazing what you can find out on our web page.

Elsewhere, you may have noticed some price changes in the bar due to Brewery increases, Sugar Tax and Minimum Unit Pricing. The Sugar Tax was introduced on 6th April - a tax on fizzy drinks with significant amounts of added sugar. The classic can of Coca Cola (red can) contains approx. 8 teaspoons of added sugar and as such the tax on this has been increased by 10p. The only other item we have had to put up is normal Tonic water which has incurred a 5p tax. (the Zero and Light versions of those drinks are not affected as are all other fizzy drinks). Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) was introduced in Scotland on May 1st. This affects our ability to take advantage of Supermarket bargains, for example, a £16 litre bottle of whisky is now a minimum of £20.

Around the Clubhouse, a replacement door leading on to the Green is on order and should be fitted in 3/4 weeks. The door was warping in wet weather. Hopefully, the extension to the Ladies Honours board should also be resolved in a few weeks and that, and the Gents Board will then be updated.

Data Protection Update - revised Data Protection procedures come into effect from 25th May. You may already have seen some information about this on TV or have received emails from sites that send you regular emails seeking permission to continue to do so after 25th May. For our part, it is our duty to protect Members' details. For example future Membership applications will no longer display personal details and will be "blacked out" when on the Notice Board. David is also the only person to have access to all member details.

We also have a legal obligation to process certain personal information relating to our members to comply with our obligations under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 to check that our coaches and volunteers are able to undertake regulated work with children and vulnerable adults. We have updated our code of conduct for working with Children and Vulnerable Groups and also written down our Member's Code of Conduct. It's a heavy but essential subject. Our Secretary, David Sutherland will shortly be writing to each member with all the details.

Around the Green - the length of grass has been slowly reducing over the last couple of weeks and it should be down to the normal running length of 4mm from 14th May. There is a problem with our sprinkler system in that 2 of the 4 pop up units are not working and replacements are awaited. In the meantime Gordon Munro has been lightly watering the Club house end which has been showing signs of drying out.

A question has been asked about what happens to the money collected on the Hat Days. The winners of each session receive a token amount with the balance going to a combination of the Ladies funds/Green Setters and the club. Lately some people have put their winnings in the charity box but that is up to the individuals. On Saturday evenings, the money is used to pay for the pies. It all seems a bit trivial to me and if it works at present, just carry on. All money that is passed to the Club is re-invested in the Club for the members.

Upcoming Bowls events - Saturday 19th May sees our Gents visit Gala Abbotsford for their only Friendly out with Edinburgh. Saturday 26th is our popular Bowls and BBQ Singles event run by Scott Mitchell. It's a great day and is open to all members (first 30) - see sheet on the Mixed notice board.

Saturday 9th June from 12 noon - our official TRY BOWLS day. Banner placed outside Club to attract the General Public but come along with a friend or neighbour to give it a go.

Sunday 10th June at 2pm - we are hosting the Edinburgh and Leith (ELBA) under 25's play against Midlothian- come along and see the best young men (and, I think for the first time, young ladies) in the area.

On the Social Scene- dates for the Diary

Saturday June 2nd - Quiz Night with your hosts Pat Calder and Joan McBain

Saturday June 30th - "Mr & Mrs" or "Mr & Mr" or "Ms & Ms" - a fun night on the lines of the TV Game Show. Prizes will be awarded, still time to volunteer.

Saturday July 21st - Quiz Night. Your host is Bernie Callaghan.

Sunday July 22nd - Strawberry Fair - bowls strawberries and ice cream. Bring the family.

Saturday July 28th - Curry Night - details being finalised

Saturday August 18th - Rhythm of my Heart 2 – an extra beat! A note from John McPhail:-

If you had an **Achy Breaky Heart** after our last event ended **My Heart Cries for You** but fear not. In the **Heart of my Heart** I know you can still **Make my Heart Fly**. Yes, the Chancers are going to do it all again. So if you have a **Good Hearted Woman** and are not **Deep in the Heart of Texas**, if you do not have a **Jealous Heart** and **The Girl in your Arms is the Girl in your Heart** please come and join us on the 18th Aug. **Every Beat of my Heart** hopes you will join us and **My Heart Skips a Beat** at the thought that some of you may even help us out and sing a song, sing along, tell a few heart-related jokes or read a heartfelt poem – **Can't you Hear my Heartbeat?** All proceeds will go to the Lady Captain's chosen charity "The British Heart Foundation". Details of the event will be published later. In the meantime if you do not wish to see it **Raining in my Heart** put the date in your diary and please have a word with Bill or John if you feel you can help make a success of the evening

Classified Advertisements - a new section at the suggestion of one of the Members. Does anyone have any bowling related items for sale? (Spray chalk (£3) and Grippo (£5) – are on sale behind the bar.)

1) The Ladies bought some large navy sweaters but are more suited to the Gents. I have one left. It's a soft fleece type, round neck. Size Large, Club badge. Price £13:50 - on sale behind bar.

2) Emsmorn Gents white bowling trousers - (waist 36 - leg length 33) - £10 donation to Lady Capt Charity - contact John McPhail.

Anyone lost an Emsmorn white jacket with green writing? - its hanging up in the corridor.

Congratulations to Sara Murray, Ellen Hay, Willie Aitken and Robin Ballantyne who have significant birthdays this month.

Any News items? Please let me know.- james773@btinternet.com

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