



CBC NEWS May 2019

Dear Member

The new season is now fully underway and I hope everyone is enjoying themselves. The weather has not been too unkind to us either although it could be a bit warmer (okay it rained all weekend as well!). Our Try Bowls day on 4th May proved to be very successful, out of which we have two confirmed new members, 10 Trial Membership applications, a new junior member and one member returning from Dormant status. Thanks go to David Sutherland and his team of helpers for arranging the day. At the same time, Bob Page has been very busy in arranging coaching sessions and I am sure everyone who attended one of the sessions has benefitted greatly. Thanks to Bob and Vicky Page for taking time to provide the coaching. Don't be afraid to ask for advice on how to improve your game.

All the league matches have now started and although it's early days it's fair to say all the Teams have made a steady start. The hard luck story so far must surely be the Gents Second Team who lost 9 - 0 to Tanfield although there were only 7 shots between the two teams - that would normally result in something like a 5 - 4 defeat. Hopefully they will get their revenge in the return fixture at the beginning of July.

In addition to their league matches, the Ladies have been very busy with Bowls Scotland knockout competitions, East of Scotland ties and a Top 10 match at Wardie where they qualified for the next round. This coming week is also very busy (see the weekly events sheet). Chris Bentley starts her Bowls Scotland competition on Saturday 1st June at 10:30 at Bainfield and if successful will play the next round at 2pm. Also at 2pm at Bainfield, Rebecca Rutherford will play the final of the Ladies Junior Singles against Carrick Knowe BC with the winner going to the National Finals at Ayr in July. And, if you have a spare couple of hours this Sunday, why not pop along to Carrick Knowe BC for 6pm to see Pat Reid and Jimmy Sutherland in their Bowls Scotland quarter final tie. Good luck to all our players and if you can manage to get along to support any of the players in a very busy week, I am sure they will appreciate your support.

At a meeting last week, the **Ladies Senior Section** elected their committee so lookout for competitions soon.

There is a unique opportunity this Sunday 2nd June from 1 - 4pm to meet one of the all time great bowlers, Alex Marshall MBE, multi gold medallist and multi world champion.

Alex is also UK Distributor for Aero Bowls and he will have samples of products for you to try. We have set aside 3 rinks for you to try bowls before you may wish to buy. Many special offers.

Alex will be happy to answer questions or provide advice on the day.

One lucky winner will also have the chance to play a few ends with Alex.

Please come along with family and friends for what I am sure will be an enjoyable day.

AERO DEMO DAY
With Alex Marshall
MBE

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 1-4PM
CORSTORPHINE BOWLING CLUB
SPECIAL OFFERS!

COME AND SEE OUR PRODUCTS WHICH INCLUDES
BAGS, SHOES AND CLOTHING.

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!
WE WILL HAVE A RANGE OF BOWLS IN ALL SIZES
AND MODELS.

Corstorphine Bowling Club are delighted to welcome Alex Marshall to the club, Members and their guests and all visitors are very welcome to come along

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- Alex will be happy to answer questions or provide advice during the day
- A short game against Alex will be available to one lucky winner
- 3 rinks have been allocated to use as a try before you buy opportunity

Saturday Hat Nights. Weather conditions permitting there will be hat nights at 7pm this Saturday 1st June and also 22nd June- all members new and long-serving are welcome at this event which is a fun night - a great opportunity to play bowls and have a convivial drink afterwards. Friends and family and trial members welcome.

In the Clubhouse. Maintenance is an all year activity and John Cowe has been busy replacing window handles and getting new locks for the windows in the corridor. This will be a great help in improving air flow particularly in the kitchen when the oven is on. He also arranged for a new alarm detector in the corridor following a week of false alarms in the early hours of the morning. As well as all that he has to make sure that we are up to date with all the legal requirements involved in running the Club, Fire Alarm testing etc. – and he even manages to get in a wee game of bowls now and again.

Around the Green. The new roller/polisher is here and has had a couple of outings. A new hut will be erected in the next few weeks to house the machine and generally help tidy up that area. Further treatment has been put on the Green to try to get rid of the moss. All we need now is a period of heat to let the grass replace it. A reminder also not to play before the scheduled start times which are 11am Monday to Friday and 10am Saturday and Sunday. This is to allow any treatments or moisture on the Green to dry out.

In the Bar. We have had a few impromptu evenings when the pink gin cocktails have been flowing and this all helps our revenue. However, we are finding it increasingly difficult to staff all the days we are open due to a number of factors (illness, surgery etc.). I would be grateful if some of the trained bar staff, but not on a rota, would consider adding their name to some of the shifts. Also, to others not bar trained, would you consider giving up a few hours a month? Full training would be given. You don't need to balance cash at the end of the night if you don't wish to. As I've said before, if I can do it anyone can. Your help would be appreciated.

Team Shirts. Size samples are in the Club house for you to try. Any comments on sizing, quality etc. please pass to David Sutherland. There's no point in doing so once they have been ordered.

Social Events. The 'Old School Party' was a great night for those who attended but ran at a loss due to lack of numbers. How many members can you spot in this photo? I got to 21, including the suspicious guy on the right.



Here are some future events for your diary:-

Saturday 29th June – Claudia Toner, new young vocalist. £8 payable by 22nd to include buffet. An ideal opportunity for New, Trial and longer serving members to get to know each other.

Sunday 14th July – Strawberry Fayre

Saturday 10th August – Leona Rae - Fabulous singer well known on the Edinburgh Club scene.

Tour Meeting –this Sunday 2nd June at 8pm to finalise details of the Gents trip to Spain on 4th October. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Ian McLaren on 334 5236 or ian.a.mclaren@blueyonder.co.uk . It's good also to see that the Ladies are planning a Tour in 2020.

Classified Advertisements – (1) Faye Stevens has a complete box set of all the James Bond books (14 in total). In perfect condition and valued at £100 when new. Not looking for anything like that except a donation to her charity. Faye has the box set in the Club for anyone interested. A great present for a Bond fan.

(2) – Alex Fisher has a brand new navy DAKS Blazer, size 44 inch chest, ideal as a Club blazer. Donation only, Alex will bring it into Club to let you see it.

(3) I have a grey Taylor Bowls bag with separate compartment for bowls. Free.

Congratulations – to Fred McLeod and David Morrison who had significant birthdays in May.

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