

CBC NEWS

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

A Fairway Investment

Club Treasurer Sandy advises that he still has a number of Jack Nicklaus £5 notes in mint condition for sale at face value for anyone who wishes to take an investment opportunity. Give Sandy a call if you are interested.

CPR and defib training

We have once again arranged for some CPR & defibrillator training in the clubhouse. This will take place on Tue 18th Jul at 7pm and the training will be provided by Scottish Fire & Rescue. Please add your name to the notice (on the Mixed Board) if you wish to refresh your training or have some for the first time

CBC members survey

Many thanks, to all members, who completed the CBC membership survey. A number of issues arising from the survey will now be considered by a sub-committee. Feedback on issues raised and action proposed will be published in due course.

Is this the final straw?

A message from Bar Convener Gentleman Jim: Following on from the success of the 5p carrier bag charge, be prepared for the possibility of a 5p charge in licensed premises for a straw. Yes you heard it here first. Waste Management Company, Business Waste UK, have said it would lead to a dramatic reduction in the number of straws used and the environmental damage caused by waste plastic. A number of pub chains have backed the introduction of a 5p charge and with a straw costing less than 1p to buy. I wonder why!! However, the Scottish Licence Trade Association has said that a 5p straw charge is ridiculous, so it could be some way off yet, I hope.

Rhythm of my heart

As you are aware, Ann, our Ladies' Captain has chosen The British Heart Foundation as her charity for this year. One evening after too much wine, I mused that perhaps 'The Chancers' could do a charity fundraising evening singing songs with 'heart' in the title. Well, I am delighted and relieved to say the boys are up for it so we have agreed to hold the event on Sat 28 Oct. If you are interested in helping out with a song or two, a poem, some jokes or anything else please have a word with me or Bill and we will be delighted to fit you in to the schedule. Otherwise, please take a note of the date for your diary, come along, bring your friends and wear something red. More details to follow nearer the time but as the social committee will cover the cost of the sound equipment; all the money raised from tickets sold and raffles etc. will go to Ann for the BHF.

Size matters

Continuing on from the previous item, Ladies' Captain Ann suggested that the band should wear red BHF T shirts for the event. I promised to find out what size the boys would need. Ann took matters into her own hands, however, when she spotted what she thought was one of the band members talking to his wife at a bus stop. "What size are you?" she inquired. Her confidence

quickly evaporated when she saw the puzzled look on his face. Alas, he was not a band member but a rather bemused stranger and his “wife” was another stranger who just stopped to ask him the time of the next bus. Don't you just love senior moments! No doubt her face was the same colour as the T shirts.

Strawberry Fayre

Lord Provost Frank Ross invites you to have a game and top it off with a bowl of strawberries and the best ice cream in the city at our annual Strawberry Fayre at 2pm Sunday 16th July. This will be another Try Bowls opportunity so please bring along the family, young and not so young and while you are at it, invite your friends and neighbours to have some cream after the green. Attendance list will be up in the clubhouse shortly so we can make sure we have sufficient berries for everyone.

Dancers and Jivers

The social committee is delighted to offer another great social event on Saturday 29 July. Making a popular return to CBC, we will be welcoming ‘Jivers’, led by son of Jimmy Duffy – himself a nifty mover on the green. This versatile quartet will bring us a range of popular music for your enjoyment. Attendance list is up in the bar area.

Honesty bar

Gentleman Jim Connor recently advised that he is setting up an honesty bar to be used when the club house bar is closed. I am pleased to confirm that it is now up and running and contains a range of beverages soft and alcoholic. You will find it in the corridor opposite the gent's locker room. Simply press the button and a holographic bar person will materialize and say “I am the EHBP. Please state the nature of your need” Alternatively, you can just open the door and help yourself. Oh, and Jim would appreciate it if you leave the cash for your purchase in the receptacle provided or note the book with your details to pay at the bar later – Slainte mhor.

Where is Wardie BC?

There was the usual banter in the car as the 3rd team set off. “We have plenty of time but just go straight there” someone quipped to our driver, adding “You're not in the taxi now Sandy.” At the bowling green we all piled out, through the club house, shoes on and out to the green. Colin, our lead, sidled up to me. He looked perplexed “I thought we were playing Wardie” he whispered. I confirmed that. “Well, why does that sign say we are in Queensberry!” Eric the skip overheard this and in a cloud of expletives we slunk into the changing room. Sheepishly we made our way back to the car – perhaps nobody noticed us. Sandy knew where he had gone wrong and a short drive later we were disembarking again. “Perhaps you should go on ahead, Colin, and check we are in the right place” I joked. Laughter followed and we made our way to the club entrance. ‘Welcome to Trinity BC’ said the sign above the gate! More expletives and back into the car. Our journey was now punctuated by numerous attempts to give guidance - “Down here I think”. “No, take the next turning on the left.” “Ah, it's down this road.” “No, try off to the right.” etc, etc. Out with the smart phone and into the maps app quickly told us we were two miles and 6 minutes from our destination and by this time we only had 4 minutes left to get there. They were all on the green when we finally got to Wardie but we made it. What about the game I hear you say? Well, suffice it to say, we did very well and came a close second.

Smokey pie flavour

Roving Reporter Gentleman Jim also advises that King Alfred was not the only one to burn the cakes. Unfortunately instead of turning the oven on to heat the pies for the post-match scoff, the grill was engaged. Burning pies set the smoke alarm off and all the doors/windows had to be opened to let the smoke out as coughing members fled the premises. However, that commotion and the arrival of 2 big fire engines didn't seem to bother our teams on the green. Like Francis Drake, they just played on! C'est la vie.

Volcanic activity?

Arthur's Seat has been dormant for many years but nevertheless the observant among you will have spotted the sudden appearance of lava rocks in our flower border. No mystery, it is actually the work of our intrepid gardener, Tam. Now that we have passed the summer solstice perhaps it will not be long before we are bowling by the soft glow of their lights.

Lots of whining

There were more gums wining than in a Bassets bag in the club-house a few days ago when our in-house wine expert Marcia introduced us to a range of wines to taste and wee port to finish. Good wine, good nibbles and good company. What more could you ask for? The social committee promised and provided a range of new wines from some surprising places. Allan Mather Snr was up to the challenge however. "Where do you think this wine comes from?" said Marcia, confident that nobody would guess. "Lebanon" said Allan – right first time! But how on earth did he know that? Amongst the cheeses donated by David Stewart – thanks for that David – was a Mexican chili cheese. Wow, it was powerful. No wonder 'The Donald' wants to build a wall!

Significant birthdays: This month we have a number of members celebrating a significant birthday. Many happy returns go to Sandy Powell, Willie Stoddart and David Wilson.

Significant membership milestones: Congratulations to Bob Page who has now been a member of CBC for 45 Years. Congratulations also to Gordon Birnie, John McLinden, Nan Stirling and Frank Ross who have been with CBC for 40 years.

Any suggestions?

CBC news is produced for your information and use. Any suggestions or articles for the news would be very welcome. Please have a word with me at any time or send an email to jandjmacp@gmail.com

Dates for the diary:

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| Quiz night | Saturday 8 th July | 7 for 7.30pm – quizmasters Joan and Pat |
| Mixed hat night/Try Bowls | Saturday 15 July | 6.30 for 7pm |
| Strawberry Fayre | Sunday 16 July | 2pm |
| Music/Dancing to 'Jivers' | Saturday 29 July | 7 for 7.30pm |

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