



CBC NEWS

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

Seniors' Xmas Lunch

The News starts today with some really important information as the year's most keenly anticipated event looms on the horizon. It's seniors' party time but you will be struck off the list if you do not come up with the cash toot sweet. You can of course pay a member of the seniors' committee at anytime, but the official payment dates are Mon 20th Nov from 7.30 pm or the last chance saloon date of Mon 27th Nov from 7.30 pm. You will not want to miss this so please put the dates in your diary and start saving.

Winter activity

For some the long off-season is a chance to recharge the batteries but the club is still yours to be enjoyed. If you look at the events board there are lots of activities going on, from keep fit to regular social activities such as the Aurora Borealis Club and Monday games nights. We also try to maintain regular hours for the bar and Gentleman Jim is constantly refreshing the variety of beers, spirits and non-alcoholic drinks stocked. The bar needs your help both as a patron and as a volunteer worker. Some extra people doing a few hours a week or a month would make a real difference and help the small team of volunteers we currently have. There is no need to cash up, open up or close the bar if that concerns you and all the training required is waiting for you to try it out. If you think you can be of some help, no matter how little, please have a word with Jim and he will be delighted to tell you more about it.

Ladies' Honours Board

Those observant members amongst us will have noticed that the Ladies' Honours Board will be full after this years' honours are recorded. A small sub-committee, Vicky, Bill, David and Bernie, has been convened to consider how we extend or replace the boards for future use.

Ladies' boost CBC coffers

Club Treasurer Sandy was pleased to receive an unexpected boost of £300 to CBC funds recently from the ladies' committee.

On the Bench

Many thanks to Eric McBain, Ricky Stevens, Stewart Mason and Bill Cumming for relocating the garden benches to their hibernation points. Keeping them under cover in the winter makes such a difference and reduces the work required to maintain them for our use in the bowling season. The storage area is in the gents' changing room, so please be careful when you are accessing your lockers.

Rug Doctors

Roving reporter Gentleman Jim sent a despatch advising me that Dave Stewart and Stewart Mason have been on the carpet recently. If you have been in the club-house over the last few days you could not have missed the fact that our lounge carpet is once again in pristine condition and smelling sublime. This is all down to the hard work of our in-house carpet baggers Dave and Stewart. They stripped out all the furniture and got to work on the carpet with an industrial cleaner, teasing out 6 years of beer stains. Jim tells me he has recovered so much beer he has been able to cancel the next delivery from Belhaven! Thanks guys, job done and well done.

CBC Bridge

I copied out an email recently, sent to the CBC bridge club participants. We started the club last year and we meet every Tue from 2pm during the bowling closed season. There are a fair number of CBC members and many non-club members have also joined us. Most people have some experience of the game now and we regularly have at least 4 tables playing. If you have an interest in joining us please have a word with Joan McBain, Sandy Mackay or myself and we can give you some more information. It would help if you bring a partner along, although that is not a requirement, and non-members of CBC would be made very welcome.

A shed load of laughs

A nice quiet cup of tea is frequently enjoyed by the Friday morning workers, namely Jim, Sandy and Ron who do the weekly pipe cleaning etc behind the bar and of course the green setter. But the antics of the crew outside frequently disturb the tranquility. Never more so than a few weeks back when Gordon, smirking from ear to ear, joined us for tea. Unable to contain his excitement he asked if we could hear some strange knocking. Sure enough we did and we ventured various guesses as to where it might be coming from. Gordon's face was a picture of pre-pubescent glee. The knocking intensified and was now accompanied by some ungentlemanly language. It seems Stewart, with a hint of sarcasm, had asked if Gordon had cleaned the shed recently. Gordon invited him to look for himself and promptly locked the door behind him when he was safely inside. Ho, hum. You would think they had enough to do but although the Gordon "Morecambe" and Stewart "Wise" of the green dream team get through a power of work, they seem to spend much of their time extracting the fertilizer from each other.

I counted them out and I counted them in

Well, not really as I was fast asleep in bed when they left. However, although what goes on the tour stays on tour, I do believe that everyone of the gents who went made it back and by all accounts a thoroughly good time was had by all. What I am permitted to say is that Ricky Stevens completed his very successful season by becoming the Gents' Tour Champion, so congratulations to him. Also, you will wish to note gents, that there are approximately 730 sleeps till the next tour.

Rhythm of my heart: Still space for a few more at the charity fundraising event for the British Heart Foundation, sponsored by Ladies' Captain Ann Douglas. Cost for entry is a modest £5 and there will be a wee bite to eat at the mid-point. Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. In recognition of the occasion, we ask that you wear something red. The attendance list is up in the bar area.

Easy Peasy Quiz

Quizmaster Kenny Orr is eager to welcome you all to an easy peasy quiz on Sat 11 Nov at 7pm for kick off at 7.30pm. At £2 a head it's a no-brainer but perhaps you will need some cerebral dexterity to come up with all the answers. Family and friends will be welcome so bring your own team or come on your own and join up with others on the night. The attendance list is up in the bar area.

Welcome to new members: A very warm welcome to new members Margaret and Mike Sackville and David Paterson. Another applicant was also interviewed recently and will hopefully be joining us shortly.

Significant birthdays: This month we congratulate Jim Connor who celebrates a significant birthday this month.

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 jandimacp@gmail.com

Dates for the diary:

<i>Rhythm of my heart</i>	Sat 28 th Oct 7 for 7.30 pm – The Chancers plus guests.
<i>Quiz</i>	Sat 11 th Nov 7 for 7.30 pm – Kenny Orr
<i>Murder mystery</i>	Sat 25 th Nov 7 for 7.30 pm – Edinburgh Theatre Arts
<i>Christmas cabaret</i>	Sat 16 th Dec 7 for 7.30 pm – Diane Fields, Top class personality vocalist

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