

- Beginners 8
- Junior 2

Total Membership 135

Income from Fees / Lockers 2024 £6,127

Donations £365 – letters have been written to all thanking for donations

Bar Report

Bar now open Mondays to Fridays.

Denise and Nicola covering day shift and Fiona and Cheryl doing evening shift for Counties match on Saturday 18th May.

Bar will be fully stocked for the oncoming big events.

New signs required reminding no under 14's in the bar and switch of lights in toilets

When closing the bar, ensure all clubhouse doors are shut and all lights are off.

Greens Report

Maintenance program in full swing, scarifying, cutting and spraying.

Green being cut at 5.5mm.

Approval provided to go ahead to get dead tree removed £450.

Match Report

Internal draws now done.

Bennachie:

League matches start Wednesday 8th May. A Team away to Balgownie. B Team home to Oldmeldrum.

Madge and Aileen kindly doing teas again this year.

Bowls Scotland Nationals:

Draws are up, selection process in progress

Bill, Bob and Covey will be involved in Seniors selection.

A&K:

Triples v Bervie Friday 10th May.

Top 5 v Laurencekirk away at 1pm on Saturday 25th May.

Top 10 v Stonehaven at home still to be arranged.

Forbes Hendry:

Team of 4 v Kincardine O'Neil, home and away matches to be played Sunday 12th May at 2pm.

Bon Accord Mixed Triples:

Currently 1 win and 2 defeats

Next match at home v Kittybrewster.

Crowmallie:

Not received draw sheets. Play Balgownie (we are away team). Later in season.

Ladies Match Report

Following the ladies meeting on 20th April several ladies signed up for some bowls tuition. Allan McRitchie agreed to hold this on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th of May from 12-2pm each week. 9 Ladies signed up for the session.

Cheryl more confident there will be enough ladies to fill team events.

Craigie Ladies being Tuesday 14th May

Bowls Scotland representation have been selected.

Forbes Hendry still awaiting to be arranged

Reminder that on Saturday June 1st Harlaw will host Bowls Scotland Ladies matches at 10am and 2pm.

Club Development Programme

Clubhouse Redesign

Working Party (Bruce Stewart, Fiona Murray, John Murray, George and Bill Allan) met on April 22nd to agree project goals to be discussed with former building officer/s :

Agreed Goals for Club Redesign:

1. The relocation of the locker room to cabin ensuring proper access and suitability
 2. Increase size of main lounge
 3. Increase size of kitchen
 4. Provision for storage space
 5. Provision of toilets
- Bruce will arrange to meet with Alan Stott or Bruce Douglas, former council building officers.
 - Bill and George will attend meeting along with Bruce.

Proposed key questions to ask:

1. What building warrants may be required
2. Impact of moving door access and windows in cabin
3. Change of use of cabin, currently registered for storage
4. Check possibility of flooring the cabin ceiling in order to use for storage

As part of the storage discussion John and Fiona to tidy cabin and dispose of contents deemed as not required and Fiona to produce a list of contents to assess volume of storage which may be required in future development.

Maintenance and use of Log Cabin

Painting completed. Many Thanks to Bob Waiter, Ally Mackie and Fiona Murray. Excellent job.

Junior Development and Funding

Introduction to Bowls Coaching Course being held on 19th May 2-4pm @ HBC

The following signed up to attend:

- Bob Waiter, Bruce Stewart, John Murray, Allan McRitchie, Yvonne Wilson, Raymond Warrender, Steven Simpson, Fiona Murray
- Each attendee will also complete online 2 hours course – link sent 7 days prior to practical on 19th
- Each attendee will attend a Children Safeguarding course – 2 hours online confirmed date 20th May 6-9pm
- Each attendee will have to complete a PVG check with Disclosure Scotland
- Bowls Scotland cannot offer child protection training to us as the course in May is full and next course is in August which is too late.
- Course sourced through Active Schools Coordinator Pete Young
- Fiona has applied to Clubsport Aberdeenshire for funding for our coaches to attend the Intro to Bowls course which is £30 per head – She has applied for 12 individuals and also applied for 12 individuals for child protection course as we will have to pay for this course now that Bowls Scotland cannot deliver. She has been told £10 per head. Full application to Clubsport Aberdeenshire is for £480, they will only give 50% if awarded – waiting outcome
- Still awaiting youth bowls from Taylor Bowls.
- Fiona held a PR photo shoot for the junior bowls, posted on Facebook.

Sponsorship

- Still ongoing. Awaiting meeting with Ester Calder to discuss signage.
- Awaiting new signs from Jason Adie and Neil McKay.
- Awaiting cost information from Dukes Bowls about new scoreboards.

Events Calendar

CPR & AED Awareness – Monday 15th April:

- 13 members attended this session delivered by Lorna Donaldson from the Ambulance Service. A very informative presentation regarding recognising and dealing with a cardiac arrest was delivered as well as practical experience of doing CPR on the dummy. Members felt more confident to use the AED following the session. A donation was made to the Scottish Ambulance service for their project on delivery of CPR & AED Awareness in the Community from HBC of £100.

Auchterarder Friendly – Saturday 27th April

- Great day worked well, and everyone enjoyed themselves and good feedback from Auchterarder who managed to secure the Quaich this year. The bus was a cost of £760 for the day and each attendee paid £15 towards cost of the bus. The club paid the remainder.

A&K Match – 18th May

- As Lee had other commitments, Fiona Murray represented Harlaw Bowling Club on the day welcoming and handing over the green and receiving the green back.
- Denise and Nicola covering the bar 11-6pm and Cheryl and Fiona in the evening.
- Judy to make mince/tatties and pasta bake, Sticky toffee pudding and fruit pavlova.
- Carol, Linda and Suz all to help with the catering.
- Allan agreed to do the scoreboard, plus another required to assist.
- Bob, George and team to prepare green and surroundings.

Bowls Scotland Ladies – Saturday June 1st:

- It was agreed no food required. Lee was to welcome ladies and umpire. Need scorers for singles.

Race Night – Saturday June 1st:

- It was agreed to run a Race Night after the success of last year. John agreed to get it organised.

U25's Counties – Sunday June 9th:

- Lee proposed sausage rolls and crisps for 50 people and will organise food and to oversee the day.
- Need to provide an umpire.

Invitational Pairs – Sunday 16th June:

- John to work with Bruce and Doug to identify participants and John to send invites.
- Fiona will organise helpers, food and Fiona and John to work on the bar.

Try Bowls Event for Adults – Sunday 23rd June

- There has been several enquiries about when we are having another event like last year.
- The committee agreed Sunday 23rd June 1-4pm.
- This event will be facilitated by newly qualified Intro to Bowls Coaches

Coffee Morning – Saturday 29th June:

- 10am to noon. It was agreed not to have a bric a brac stall, just home bakes, plants and bottle stall.
- £2 for adults, £1 for children includes coffee/tea and buttery.
- Fiona to meet with Suz to plan event. Fiona to post on volunteer Whatsapp for volunteers to help on the day.

Whisky Nights – Saturday 13th July:

- Committee agreed a ticket price of £20 for 4 whiskies
- Fiona to meet with Annette and Mike from Whisky Shop to discuss the arrangements

Ladies Prosecco Day – Saturday 24th August

- Fiona and Suz to meet with Neil Mellis to discuss format and arrangements

60's Night – Saturday 2nd November

- Committee agreed to have a 60's Night in November. Fiona made contact with Neil Mellis who agreed to run the evening for a fee of £200. He advised that a 60/70s night would give people more scope for costumes and also music selection on the night.

Correspondence

Fiona Ledingham provided a copy of the letter from NHS Grampian Charity, thanking for the generous donation of £500 raised in lieu of birthday gifts for Nicky Littlejohn.

Received letter from British Heart Foundation asking if we would think about raising funds for them. Whilst a great cause, the committee felt raising funds for local charities would be of better benefit.

AOCB

- Lee distributed examples of club t-shirt designs that the Club Shirt Working Party are proposing. As designs are not finalised by the Working Party, the Committee also requested information on ordering and payment process and how we allocate the £3,000 of sponsorship to the sale of the shirts
- Bruce to speak to Inverurie contact to organise a date for re-establishing the Provost Taylor and Stevenson Trophy matches. Possibly August 2nd or 16th.
- Committee discussed the purchase of 6 more bowls gatherers. Bill / John to check option for sponsorship.
- As costs of replacing fridge and freezer seals are over £100 get a sign made up to ensure doors are properly closed.
- John to arrange the purchase of more Harlaw Bowling Club bowls stickers
- Aldi Funding Opportunity up to £2,500 - must submit before 19th May 2024 – In light of our storage issue the Committee agreed to submit an application for the purchase of a free-standing Metal shed for storage placed at the end of the Greens Shed, where we can store all the items identified in the storage section on the inventory list would be a good idea. Adding the junior lockers would also help to tie into our Junior Development Programme as we look to make a designated storage space in our cabin for our prospective junior members and also continue to welcome new members of all ages building future sustainability at HBC. Fiona agreed to submit the application on receipt of a quote from local builder for the shed base. Estimate Costings – All up for discussion www.gardenstreet.co.uk/sheds
Lotus Metal Apex Shed 10 x 10 plus foundation kit £953.98
Slabs and sand – to be priced depending of area required
Work required to lay slabs – contractor or inhouse?? Would need to seek a quote from a contractor for application
If possible depending on quote for slabbing - Set of Junior Lockers 3 x 4 - £174 each inclusive of vat
Total £522

Actions Required

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
General	Bill	Get Dick Henderson to check lights and fan in ladies' toilets, the lights at glass waste bins and external lights in cabin	June 30th	In Progress
Green	Bob	Organise cutting down dead tree		
Bar	Suz	Oversee completion of Bar training		
Match	Bruce Doug John Fiona	Organise Invitation Pairs	June 16 th	
Events	Fiona	Organise Counties Day	May 18 th	
Events	Lee	Organise Bowls Scotland Ladies Day	June 1 st	
Events	John	Organise Race Night	June 1 st	
Events	Lee	Organise U25's Day	June 9 th	
Events	Fiona	Organise Try Bowls for Adults	June 23 rd	
Events	Fiona/Suz	Organise Coffee Morning	June 29 th	
Dev Plan	Working Party	Move forward with Clubhouse redesign	October 30 th	
Dev Plan	Bill/John	Increase sponsorships deals		In Progress
Dev Plan	Fiona	Junior Development		In Progress
AOCB	Lee	Finalise shirt options and produce ordering and procurement process	August 30 th	
AOCB	Bruce	Confirm Provost Taylor and Stevenson Trophy dates	June 30 th	
AOCB	John	Purchase Harlaw Bowling Club Stickers	April 30 th	
AOCB	John	Kitchen fridge signage	June 3 rd	
AOCB	Fiona	Apply for funding from Aldi. See Pete Burr for quote to lay slabs.	May 19 th	

Next Meeting

Monday 10th June at 7pm