

THE RINK

Members Newsletter

ON THE GREEN

Congratulations to

- Willie Deas, Mens Club Champion
- Alastair Lessells, Senior Mens Champion
- Pamela and Douglas Main, Husband and Wife Champions
- Gary Wood, Presidents Cup Champion
- John Deas and Wille Deas - John Murray Pairs Champions
- Michael Simmons and George MacDonald - Bowls Scotland Pairs Champions
- Janie Linton, Ray Oliver and Susan Gardiner - Nellie Hastie Triple Champions
- Our Ladies for winning their annual friendly versus Corstorphine
- Bill Batten and partner Ken who won our Invitation Pairs

In other news.....

Unfortunately our men and ladies are now out of the external competitions despite our valiant efforts.

And looking ahead

10 and 12 Sep - Autumn Pairs

13 Sep - Mens Friendly v Carlisle (at Blackhall)

15 Sep - Anderson Cup

28 Sep - Closing Day

The President speaks.....

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter, The Rink.

Its purpose is to keep members informed about all key items affecting the club. As well as being e-mailed to those members who wish email communication, it can also be accessed through our website, www.blackhallbc.com.

Over August, I have been heavily involved with the resolution of our garden waste issues. Supported by a number of bowling and tennis clubs two local councillors have succeeded in getting Edinburgh Council to allow us to subscribe to their brown bin collection service, overturning their previous unhelpful policy.

I have also had some useful discussions with Blackhall Tennis Club on working together. One option is to have some shared functions. This is at an early stage but with goodwill and commonsense should prove mutually beneficial.

Finally I'd like to thank all those involved in Gents Championship day, not only the contestants but all those who helped with green preparation, marking, board turning, serving the food and drink. Finally, a big thanks to those who attended helping to make it such a memorable and enjoyable occasion. In future, let's try and make all competition finals that bit of a special occasion.

Calling all members

✦ We are looking for additional volunteers for our bar rota - please contact Les Dickson for further information.

✦ Hopefully this newsletter is something that will be well received by our members. We welcome feedback and this can be provided to any of your Committee Members.

Events Update

Our Elvis night proved to be a great hit leaving those who attended "all shook up".

Our next events are

- ✦ Race Night on Saturday 5th October
- ✦ Wine tasting on Saturday 26 October.

We look forward to a great turnout for these events.

Meanwhile

- ✦ A sizeable charitable donation was made to Hopscotch - thanks to everyone who contributed.
- ✦ The ladies have raised funds to upgrade our bowls gatherers - look out for sparkly new ones soon.
- ✦ We are looking into the damage that seems to have been caused by excess water on part of the wooden floor in the lounge.
- ✦ Look out for the minutes of our committee meetings which will be posted on the noticeboard and for the principles that we apply to bar pricing following feedback from members.