

# MBC NEWS APRIL 2017

Hello Everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

The season kicked off with an absolute cracker of a weather wise. We could not have asked for better. The highlight was seeing Honorary Member, Bill Hillian, who will very shortly be celebrating his hundredth birthday, being presented with a quaiich to mark the forthcoming occasion.

The next day was not quite so nice but the ladies had a wonderful time and it was really nice to see so many new ladies playing and enjoying themselves. The meal after the game was lovely and thanks to all the men who helped on the day.

## POINTS FROM THE MEETING

The green has been scarified and treated with nitrogen granules. Both Match Secretaries reported that all the internal and external matches are on display either on the Notice Board or (for the men) some competition entry forms are in a folder on the table beside the notice board.

Elsie said that the final of the Ross Trophy had to be postponed last year but will now be played on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2 p.m. The finalists are Ann Wilson and Linda Grahame.

George Ross reported that he now has enough drivers for the Community Bus on the Saturdays when we will be using it and expressed thanks to all those who volunteered.

It has been decided to raise bar prices from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. There will be 5p on all beers and spirits except Malt of the Month which will go up by 10p. Soft drinks will also go up by 5p but snacks will remain at the same price. This is the first time for a few years that prices have gone up but as costs continue to rise we had no alternative but to apply this modest increase. The wheelchair for disabled bowlers has now arrived and has to be assembled. We are also in the process of ordering a ramp for the

wheelchair so that it can be placed on the green safely. The ordering process is taking longer than we would like but it important that we get it right for our specific requirements.

We are also acquiring estimates for the repair of the wall which as you know, collapsed a few weeks ago.

## SOCIAL NEWS



The March social went extremely well and 75 tickets have been sold for the next one on Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> April)

The backdrop which we use for dances and cabarets has seen better days so we are looking to purchase another one.

The Quiz night organised by Maureen Sturrock in aid of Alzheimers Scotland was a huge success and raised approximately £570. Thanks to Ramsay Hood and his able assistant for reading out the questions. Everyone had a really good night and it is great that we raised so much money for such a worthy cause.

It's gratifying that so many people are using our club for family parties and community related activities because it obviously helps the bar takings. We have taken the decision however not to host any 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties simply because the risk to our licence is too great.

That's all for now. Till next time

*Pat Black*

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