

MBC NEWS JULY 2017

Hello Everyone welcome to the July addition of the Newsletter. Because we now have our meetings on the second Monday of the month instead of the first, the month is always half over before the newsletter gets to you. Apologies for there being none last month but I wasn't at the June meeting. Hopefully this one will keep you all up to date with what is going on at the club.

As all full members will be aware there was an EGM called on 29th June. The main purpose of the meeting was to make people aware of the situation regarding falling profits so that it came as less of a shock at the next AGM. The secondary purpose was to get people to think of ways to alleviate the situation. The basic problem is that games are being cancelled due to lack of numbers, both from our club and from other clubs so the Saturday bar revenue is substantially reduced. This is exacerbated by the fact that fewer and fewer ties are being played at night so people are not using the bar in the same way as they did in the past. It should be emphasised that the Club is by no means on its uppers. We still continue to make a decent net profit but there is no room for complacency. Various suggestions were put forward by people at the meeting but the one concrete idea that could be put into immediate effect was the idea of re-introducing Hat Nights. The Committee is very grateful to Bill Shepherd for volunteering to run these events and the first one is to be held on Monday, 17th July at 6:30 p.m. Here's hoping for a good turn out and some decent weather!

POINTS FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING

The president reported that the Insurance Company have come up with over half the cost of rebuilding the collapsed wall between the Club and number 6. Our neighbour will make up the shortfall of the total cost which is £10,000 so all it will cost the club is £250 which is the excess on the policy.

Donations were made by the Probus Club and May Johnston for the use of club facilities and the Zumba Group made a donation of £70.00. As you may be aware we have been using the Community Mini-bus for away games and in the process saving the club a fair bit of money on transport costs. The facility is run by the Monifieth Boys' Brigade and it was arranged that the boys would have a session at the club soon. It will be something different on their syllabus and who knows, we might get a few more young members in the process.

The Bob Wynd Memorial Trophy match will be played on 23rd July and the list is up for the Tony Gilbert Memorial Trophy competition.

The Ladies' Triples day was very successful and they even managed to dodge the rain. We have a good number of teams going to Ayr this year. The men's fours and the Ladies Fours and pairs. Congratulations to them all and every success in the National championships. The ladies also did extremely well in the Tayside Ladies League, winning the Two Bowl Pairs. They also went deep into the latter stages of the Angus and Perthshire competitions. Just for the record our men's Angus League team finished joint top on points but finished up third on the shot count. Well done. Numbers are well down for the Open Mixed Pairs competition this year. The closing date is 24th July so please get your names down if you are interested in playing.

SOCIAL NEWS

As ever forthcoming events are on the Notice Board so please get your names down early to avoid disappointment.

OTHER NEWS

On Saturday, 8th July, because Arbroath cancelled their Saturday Friendly, it was decided to invite some ladies to put their names down. It was a great success and believe it or not, the sky is still in the same place! *Pat Black*

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