



RALSTON BOWLING CLUB

Monthly Newsletter - April 2025

Welcome

to the first of our planned monthly newsletters. This is something we hope to develop going forward as we make moves to improve communication to all members and increase the profile of the club within the local community as well as further afield in the national bowling community.



2025 Fees

As you will know, all fees are due to be paid for the upcoming season by 1st April 2025 to continue your membership and be involved in what is sure to be an exciting season. If you haven't already done so, please ensure all fees are paid by this date. Contact David Glassford with any queries or if you have missed the date but still want to renew.

Greens Opening

The greens will officially open on 12th April 2025. David, our greenskeeper is working hard to ensure they are in tip-top condition and anyone who has passed recently will have seen just how good a job he is doing.



This year we are hosting some exciting events and it is absolutely fantastic that we will be showcasing both of our greens as well as the club itself on the national stage.

President Cammy would like to invite you and all members to take part in the opening day. Please be at the club on Saturday 12th April at 1pm for a 1:30pm start and take part in a mixed Wappenshaw after the official opening.

Opening Dance

The following week, on Saturday 19th April we have the official club opening dance with entertainment from "It Takes Two" this issue to be a sell-out so get in touch with Robert Fraser as soon as possible to secure your tickets.

Club Competitions

Competition entry lists are now up on the notice boards. Don't miss out and get along to the club to ensure your participation.

April Fixtures & Competitions

Gents & Mixed

Day	Date	Fixture	Venue	Time	Rinks
Sat	12-Apr	Opening Day	H	1:30pm	
Mon	14-Apr	Mixed Wappenshaw	H	6:15pm	
Wed	16-Apr	Practice	H	6:15pm	
Wed	23-Apr	Practice	H	6:15pm	
Sat	26-Apr	Govan League v Nitshill	A	10:00am	
Sat	26-Apr	Roger Black 2 Bowl Pairs	H	1:30pm	

Ladies

Day	Date	Fixture	Venue	Time	Rinks
Sat	12-Apr	Opening Day	H	1:30pm	
Tue	15-Apr	Ladies First Day	H	1:30pm	6

Seniors

Day	Date	Fixture	Venue	Time	Rinks
Sat	12-Apr	Club Opening Day	H	1:30 pm	
Mon	14-Apr	Seniors Opening Day	H	1:30 pm	
Mon	28-Apr	League Match v Renfrew	H/A	1:30 pm	



Try Bowls

As you know, the Try bowls program has been very successful in attracting new members to the club and has helped turn things around from what was a difficult period before. We very much hope that this year is no different and the 2025 Try Bowls 8 week coaching sessions will start on Thursday 24th April with a morning session at 10am and an evening session at 6:30pm. If you have any friends, neighbours or relatives who you think may be interested please encourage them to take part and contact Jim Cullen on ralstoncoaching@gmail.com

Also, volunteers will be required at each session. Again, please contact Jim if you can spare a little time to help the club attract new members and show them what we have to offer.

Junior Coaching

A busy month ahead for Jim and the coaching team continues with coaching for juniors aged 8+ from Sunday 27th April. This will run throughout the summer. Please contact Jim Cullen - ralstoncoaching@gmail.com for further information or should you have any younger members of the family interested in participating and wish to register them.

Club Bars

There have been, and there will continue to be a number of new developments at the clubs bars. We now have a much more defined rota in place to try and ensure that the bar is fully staffed during club events and general bar opening times.

The duty rota is on the main noticeboard and will be updated each month. Please contact Gail Naismith should you be interested in becoming bar trained and helping out.

The professional running of the bars are a massive help to the clubs finances. If enough members put themselves forward to help with even just a single shift every one or two months then it makes things run so much better and makes it easier on everyone concerned.

Bowls Scotland

As well as the many league games and internal competitions we will be hosting this year, some great work has been done to secure some prestigious Bowls Scotland, National events.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist on these days, please let me know if you would be interested.

As well as being an opportunity for us to showcase our club and greens, it is a great opportunity of getting involved with a prestigious event and seeing some fantastic bowls getting played by some exceptional talent.

Further information will be made available on the dates and times of these events, along with the kind of help you can give to help ensure they are as successful as possible.

New Website for 2025

Before opening day we will be launching our brand new club website. This is being designed from scratch to not only show how great a club Ralston is to the general public, but to also supply relevant and useful information to existing members.

It will be updated regularly with upcoming news and events so is certainly something you should keep an eye on.

Contact Andy Naismith if there is anything you would like to see included on the website or if you have any interesting, club related information or photos you would like to see shown - marketing@ralstonbowlingclub.com

And finally.....

Let us all remember, this is **YOUR** club, If there are any matters you wish to discuss or if you have anything you would like to see improved then please contact Mags McLucas on the first instance at secretary@ralstonbowlingclub.com

Best of luck for the season ahead!

Bar & Duty Rota - April 2025					
If you are unavailable during a period after the last month displayed please tell Gail Naismith and hopefully she will plan accordingly.					
Otherwise if you are unavailable and the appropriate month's sheet is displayed then you are asked to find a substitute, thank you					
Date	Duty Officer	Event	Bar Person	Bar Person	Changes/Comments/Notes
Tuesday 1 April 2025	Freddie Graham	No Bar			
Wednesday 2 April 2025	Freddie Graham	Mixed Short Carpet	Donnie Abbott		
Thursday 3 April 2025	Freddie Graham	Ladies Night/Short Carpet	Freddie Graham		
Friday 4 April 2025	Freddie Graham	Short Carpet/Games Night	Stuart Brown		
Saturday 5 April 2025	Freddie Graham	PRIVATE FUNCTION	Norman Kermath	Elaine Kermath	Updates bar - David McLucas
Sunday 6 April 2025	Freddie Graham	Club Closed			
Monday 7 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Gerbs Short Carpet	David Glasford		
Tuesday 8 April 2025	Andy Naismith	No Bar			
Wednesday 9 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Mixed Short Carpet	Sally Brown		
Thursday 10 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Ladies Night/Short Carpet	Andy Naismith		
Friday 11 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Short Carpet/Games Night	Gail Naismith		
Saturday 12 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Opening Day			BAR TRAINED
Sunday 13 April 2025	Andy Naismith	Updates	Andy Naismith		
Monday 14 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Mixed Wippenshaw	Jean Whiteaw		
Tuesday 15 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Free Play	John Watson		
Wednesday 16 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	League Games	Christine Fraser		
Thursday 17 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Ladies Night/Mixed Wippenshaw	Common Mungo		
Friday 18 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Free Play	Craig Sinclair		
Saturday 19 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Opening Dance	Nicola Fraser	Clare Garscadden	No updates bar at night. Afternoon bar - TBC
Sunday 20 April 2025	Craig Sinclair	Afternoon bar	Andy Naismith		
Monday 21 April 2025	Glen Little	Mixed Wippenshaw	Wull Whiteaw		
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Glen Little	Free Play	Gerry Oagley		
Wednesday 23 April 2025	Glen Little	League Games	Joyce Watson		
Thursday 24 April 2025	Glen Little	Ladies Night/Mixed Wippenshaw	Robert Fraser		
Friday 25 April 2025	Glen Little	Free Play	Glen Little		
Saturday 26 April 2025	Glen Little	PRIVATE FUNCTION	Norman Kermath	Elaine Kermath	Updates bar - Gail. Afternoon bar - TBC
Sunday 27 April 2025	Glen Little	PRIVATE FUNCTION	TO BE CONFIRMED	TO BE CONFIRMED	Afternoon bar - TBC
Monday 28 April 2025	Stuart Brown	Mixed Wippenshaw	David McLucas		
Tuesday 29 April 2025	Stuart Brown	Free Play	Craig Naismith		
Wednesday 30 April 2025	Stuart Brown	League Games	Gail Naismith		

