

Hi All,

Apologies for the delay but welcome to the Monthly newsletter for May. The greens are now open and with this fantastic weather they've been incredibly busy. It's great to walk by and see & hear so many members & visitors enjoying themselves!



Firstly, we continue to have issues with some emails not arriving with some members and this is something we are working hard to resolve. Please take the time to visit the Members Section of the website to check your contact details. If they are wrong complete & submit the online update form, its quick & easy to use

## Open Day

The greens were officially opened on 12th April 2025, and what a day it was. The greens were great; there was a fantastic turnout with around 82 members attending and playing. Followed by a delicious afternoon tea & drinks – visit the website or Facebook page to see some photos from the day.



## Hosting Events

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

### **1. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Bowls Scotland Podium Event.**

This is an event being organised by Bowls Scotland to assess players who may be chosen to represent Scotland in National Bowling Competitions. The event will last from 8:00am on Saturday and finish late afternoon. There will be approximately 72 players and 12 Bowls Scotland officials.

#### ***Why are Ralston Bowling Club involved?***

Bowls Scotland wish to use our club for the event because of our greens plus our facilities are suitable to host such an assessment event.

#### ***What do we have to do?***

Bowls Scotland and their officials will organise everything to do with the playing of the event. We hand over the greens at 8:00am and they will hand them back at around 5:00pm. We have no responsibility for any bowling related activities.

*Ralston Bowling Club have been asked to provide a bar service and food for the players.*

This will involve Breakfast, Lunch and afternoon tea. This will be food which is easy to prepare and serve.

Ralston Bowling Club keep all profits generated from food and Bar sales.

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to assist.

In addition, drinks from the bar can be served from 09.30am and we have an agreed Bar Rota prepared. This too has been broken down into time slots to ensure full cover across the day.

**We look forward to a busy but exciting day!!!**



# RALSTON BOWLING CLUB



**Saturday 17th May 2025**

8:45am - 5pm

## BOWLS SCOTLAND DRIVE TO SUCCESS



## PODIUM PATHWAY Triples Event



**Ralston Bowling Club** will proudly be hosting the Bowls Scotland triples qualifiers on Saturday 17th May 2025.

This will see the likes of world number 1, Scottish internationalist Stewart Anderson and Scottish National Champions Natalie McWilliams and John Fleming play alongside some of the best upcoming talent on the Scottish Bowls scene like our own Abbie Harris for the opportunity of representing Scotland at an international level on the world stage.

**Don't miss this! Food and drink will be available all day and there will be some outstanding bowls to be seen.**

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## **2. Sunday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> May**

We have one of the Renfrewshire County Teams coming for a friendly/practice Gents game prior to their County Game the following week. They will organise & run this session themselves. Changing Rooms will be used. Bar will be open, come along and watch. There will be some more great bowling to be seen.... Hopefully from both sides!

## **3. Sunday evening 18<sup>th</sup> May**

We have 2 full greens (12 rinks) of District 25 Mixed pairs taking place. They will organise & run this competition themselves. Changing rooms will be used. Bar will be open, come along and watch some more cracking bowls.

## **4. Saturday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Renfrewshire County Team Games, follow up from practice on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Our President will give a short speech and hand over our Greens to Renfrewshire Association. Changing rooms & Board room will be used. We have been asked to provide Board Markers, so we are looking for volunteers for this. If you've done this before and are available, please let me know. This is a great chance to sit and watch some great bowling from the best possible vantage point. The bar will be open so even if you can't volunteer to mark the scores please come along and watch anyway.

## **Opening Dance**

The Opening Dance on Saturday 19th April was a great success and well attended with entertainment from "It Takes Two"

## **May monthly Dance**

We have a cabaret this month, being held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Entertainment will be provided by "Neil Diamond" and "Billy Joel". Tickets are still available from Robert Fraser... but not for long!



## **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 started on Thursday 24th April with a morning session at 10am and an evening session at 6:30pm. We have around 40 participants across both sessions.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who come along each week to help.

## **Junior Coaching**

A busy month ahead for Jim and the coaching team continues when coaching for juniors aged 8+ started on Sunday 27th April. This will run throughout the summer. Please contact Jim Cullen - [ralstoncoaching@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

For those competitions already drawn please ensure to get your ties played as quickly as possible – the deadline for play always comes quicker than you expect it to.

## **Club Bars**

There have been, and there will continue to be several 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.

I hope, like me, you are enjoyinh the new outdoor season and I look forward to seeing you on the greens and in the clubhouse over the next month.

Best wishes,

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