



RALSTON BOWLING CLUB

Monthly Newsletter - June 2025

Hi all and welcome to our monthly newsletter for **June**.

What a month May was!

We had a brilliant month hosting so many events and were able to really showcase our greens & facilities, especially with the fantastic weather we had for much of the month.

We started with one of our bigger events, the Bowls Scotland, Podium Triples Event which we hosted on 17th May. What a day it was with more than 70 players taking part and competing for their place in the Scotland teams.

We provided a full bar and food service for the players, officials, supporters & club volunteers. Many thanks to each and every member who gave up their time and volunteered to make the day such a success.

The very next evening we hosted the Bowls Scotland District 25 Mixed Pairs, another great event with some cracking bowls being played on both greens – all spectators were thankful of the upstairs bar being open throughout, especially when the temperatures plummeted.

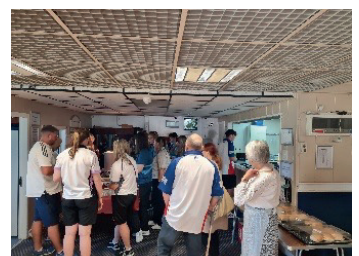
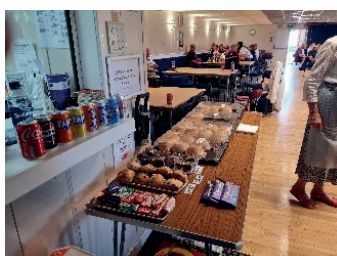
This was followed by a County Game warm up against a large contingent of our gents section on the 18th May. Taking on the best players in Renfrewshire South was a great challenge and although we got beat overall we did manage to win one of the games!

The Renfrewshire South players returned to Ralston on the 24th May to take on Dumfriesshire. Our President gave a short speech and handed over our Greens for the day.

The upstairs Bar was again open throughout and gave everyone a great chance to sit and watch some great bowling from the best possible vantage point. And boy was it good! It was spectacular, but more than anything, it was loud! The Greens resounded to shouts of 'Hurry, Hurry' oh, and Tommy C....we don't want to see or hear you mimicking this at the Monday Wappenshaws!.

The game itself was incredibly close with Renfrewshire South winning the day overall with a narrow win at the last end of the last game to finish – great stuff!

We have photos and drone footage up on the website and Facebook page from each of these events but here's a few to get started.





Again, a huge thanks must go to all our members who stepped up and volunteered at each of these events. Without all of you they would not have been the success they were, Thank you!

What's happening in June?

Yet again we have lots taking place home and away with the season now in full swing!

On Sunday 8th June Craig Sinclair has the honour to represent Ralston Bowling Club as the Renshaw President at the Renshaw Finals Day at Ralston. This will be the first time we have hosted the finals since 2005 when Charlie McQuaig was the Renshaw President. Thank you to all who have yet again volunteered to support the club and Craig in what will be a very special day.

This month sees the following competitions commencing or continuing, thanks to everyone taking part and representing the club and best of luck to you all in your games : -

- P & D Top 5
- RBA Championships
- P & D League
- The Govan League
- Bowls Scotland Championships
- Johnstone & District Ladies League
- Association Ladies Games
- Seniors League

Additionally for June, all Club Competition draws are now up on the notice boards & are well underway. Please ensure to get your ties played as quickly as possible – the deadline for play always comes quicker than you expect it to..... “Hurry.... Hurry!”

The sheets are also up for this months sponsored matches – The Crawford Anderson Mixed Pairs, The Bobby Walker Mixed Pairs and The McGregor Mixed Triples. Make sure your names are up for all.

Good luck to everyone taking part.

Monthly Dance

The June monthly dance takes place on Saturday 21st.

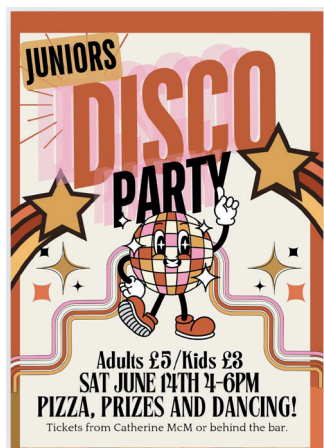
Entertainment will be provided by "D2OUR" a super talented Duo covers band, covering classics from the 60s right through to 2025 chart hits. Tickets are still available from Robert Fraser... but not for long!



As we all 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. 2025 has been no different to earlier years and have proven just as successful. With only a couple of weeks to go, 21 of the 40 participants have already taken out Try Bowls Membership with some even taking part in their first Monday Wappenshaw. Huge thanks to our Coaches & volunteer assistants & best of luck to class of 25 for their first season.

Junior Coaching

Our junior Coaching continues & will run right through the summer, unless cancelled due to main club events or bad weather. Juniors are always welcome so please contact Freddie Graham or 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.



Junior Disco

On Saturday **14th June** from **4pm till 6pm** the club shall be running a Juniors Disco Party with Pizza, prizes and dancing for our younger members.

All Juniors, children, grandchildren and friends are welcome to join in the fun.

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children under 16. Please see Catherine McMillan or ask behind the bar for tickets

Quiz Night

To help welcome our new members to the club we will be hosting a **Quiz night at 7pm on Friday 4th July 2025** (okay – that's next month but we thought some early notice would be appreciated!). All members are welcome and to help our new members integrate & make this a fair event we're considering a handicap to team Dougie Craig for this one..... just a thought? Teams will be drawn on the night and tickets are now on sale and include a drink & pie at half-time.



Club Bars

This month we are starting our very own “**Malt of the Month**” with the aim of introducing something new for the whisky lovers in the club and giving the opportunity of trying some specially selected single malts from around Scotland.



For June we have **Cardhu Gold Reserve** - a blend of Speyside and Highland single malt whiskies, each aged for at least 12 years. The result is a complex yet well-balanced whisky with notes of honey, vanilla, and citrus. Cardhu Gold Reserve is the perfect choice for those looking for a sophisticated yet approachable whisky.

One of our favourites, this is sure to be a hit – if you haven’t tried a dram already then what are you waiting for?

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

Emails

We are continuing to have some members complain about emails not arriving. This is usually due to us not having been supplied with the correct address. Please take the time to visit the Members Section of the website to check your contact details. If they are wrong then either complete & submit the online update form or simply email me with the correct information, also check your Junk / Spam boxes in your emails, they may be going there.

Question for the Month!!!

On a lighter note, and with all the League & Association games now well underway, including many away games - how many seniors do you think you can fit in a 2 door Volkswagen Up?

Answers on a post card.....



I hope, like me, you are enjoying 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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Club Secretary

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