



FIBC Newsletter

2nd April 2025

Senior Section Committee

At the Senior Section's recent AGM on 18th March, the following members were elected into post:~

President ~ Zander Ness

Vice President ~ Richard O'Grady

Secretary ~ Alan Coutts

Treasurer ~ Ian Scott

Committee Member ~ Alan Fletcher

Committee Member ~ Billy Dougall

Match Secretaries Report from Senior AGM

Senior Inter Club League

The team began the season with high hopes in the league, however we again finished a disappointing fourth only 2pts behind the Champions Coatbridge. Despite strong away performances with wins at Abbeyview, Stirling and a first at Fintry we fell just short of qualifying on shots tied with Abbeyview and Stirling on 16pts, as it turned out a costly loss to Stirling in our opening home fixture proved to be the difference. We believe we are not that far away and are starting to get settled rinks but don't yet have the consistency.

We introduced a couple of new players this year and will hopefully have another 1 or 2 for the next campaign.

Senior Scottish Cup

We won our 1st round match against Fintry at Cumbernauld despite be 4 rinks and about 25 shots down at one point to win 6-4 a great fighting display. In the 2nd round we faced West Lothian at West Of Scotland IBC and this time we were on the wrong side of a 4-6 defeat, again a little inconsistency along with a superb performance by WL's skip Davy Wilsons rink had us up against it.

Senior Nationals

There were no successes at all in the external Scottish competitions this year again.

TOP 6

The Senior gents in the defence of the TOP 6 trophy this year. Having beaten Tweedbank IBC 4-2 earlier and also beating a strong Midlothian IBC 6 in the semi-final again 4-2, However we were pipped 4-2 by Bainfield in a very close Final all our matches were played at East Lothian IBC

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Senior Friendlies

Our friendlies have continued to be played in the spirit intended. We had organised 5 matches throughout the season and all our team have enjoyed taking part in the games a sentiment also shared by the opposing secretaries. So well done all involved.

Also, we would support the idea of playing in the Senior club's shirts.

Many thanks here must go to Ian Scott who took over the organising of the friendlies and also the club members who supported the friendlies this season.

Internal Leagues

The Internal leagues are progressing well and nearing their completion. The A & B league play-off games are provisionally on Tuesday 15th April with the finals on Wednesday 16th April along with the usual Last-Chance competition and Seniors presentation Lunch afterwards, hopefully we will get a good number playing in the last-chance.

Internal Competitions

Senior competitions have been keenly contested as usual and most are at the Semi-final or Final stages.

I would also like to thank the continued support of the family of Walter Falconer, it is very much appreciated.

Can I just finish by thanking the following people for their support throughout the season, Anne in the kitchen for looking after all the Senior members throughout the season plus the ICL team on match day's.

Thanks also to Kimberley for her help throughout the season and who makes things that little bit easier for all of us.

Also thanks again must also go to Ian Scott for his sterling work in getting a number of successful Senior friendlies, Home and Away, back on the calendar, thanks must also go to Zander and our very small seniors committee who have kept the season motoring along nicely with not too many issues and finally I would personally like to thank all of the Senior Section members who worked so hard across the 3 days of the U18 British Isles Championships to ensure it was a highly successful event and we certainly put the FIBC on the map with all the Home countries dignitaries.

I would also like to make a special mention to Richard O'Grady who has now given the club a fantastic new functioning Web-Site which I know is used by our senior members throughout the weeks to keep track of league fixtures etc so many thanks to Richard.

I would like to wish everybody either a successful outdoor season or, if not playing, a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing everyone next season

Alan



Aussie Rules Pairs

Starts on Friday 2nd May for 6 weeks

10am to 12noon with a 15 minute tea break at 10.45

Entry £6 per team

PRIZE MONEY dependant on number of entries.

How To Enter

3 named players per team ~ Entry fee: £6

Usual £3.50 rink fee per person with the option to purchase tea, coffee and scone at the same cost as a bounce game.

League entry forms available from the office.

Entries must be in the office by 25th April.

How To Play

First end ~ Player A plays 2 bowls, then Player B plays 4 bowls, Player A then plays their last 2 bowls.

Second end ~ Player B plays 2 bowls then Player A plays 4 bowls, Player B then plays their last 2 bowls

Third end ~ Same as the First end

Fourth end ~ Same as Second end

and so on



March Winners!

Billy Dougall
Jeanette Stewart
Georgena Scaife
Doreen Henderson

This month each winner received

£36.50 for £4 a month entry.

There are still spaces available. If you wish to try your luck please ask at the office for an entry form.

New Screen

You will have noticed the new screen at the far end of the rinks. This replaces the very old LED temperamental message screen. Besides it being used for club messages, it can be tuned into Freeview television and radio.

Music

We are now able to play background music over the sound system, whilst games are being played. If it is not already playing and you wish it switched on please speak to Kimberley. It has been suggested we move the speakers at both ends of the rinks to the side walls in the middle of the rinks. This is being considered.

Last Chance Trophy

followed by a meal.

Also,

Senior's prize Presentation Day

The team with the highest number of shots will be the winner.

Cost of the day: £12 which includes game of bowls and meal.
or

Last Chance Trophy with no meal (Cost: £3.50)

Meal only with no game (Cost: £8.50)

Please let the office know your preference before 8th April at the latest.

Dress code: Grey/Black and white or club top.

What's on over the Summer

Well, for one thing, the club isn't closing its doors over the summer season. There is a Summer League with a final meal and prize giving at the end of the summer season.

Slightly different than the usual leagues - its an individual league.

Played on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon.

We've also got the Aussie Pairs League on Fridays, starting on 2nd May, initially for 6 weeks.

The cafe is open on these days and times too.