Titwood News

April 2025 Edition

We hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing Spring break and ready for the season ahead!

Greens are looking good, however some areas continue to settle in following remedial work and repairs - well done to everyone who has helped with sprucing up the Club.

A reminder that our Monday Night Aggregate has recommenced and starts at 18:45 for 19:00 on the green

Meet our Chairman 2025

Douglas McEwen

Alan Smith has asked me to give a brief review of my time as a member of Titwood Bowling Club for the benefit of new members who may not know me.

I joined Titwood in 1973. 1973 was a busy year at Titwood as we had a number of young members joining at the same time such as Andrew McLean, Kenny Flynn and Gordon Alexander and because of this Titwood was instrumental in starting an under 30s singles knockout competition in the Southside of Glasgow on a Saturday morning; competing against players from, for example, Cardonald, Mount Florida, Kingston, Newlands and as far as Eaglesham. This was a precursor to the modern junior singles of today. We even travelled in a group to play against a team of under 35s from Perthshire.

In these days there were fewer distractions (no internet and fewer TV channels) and the greens were nearly full every Monday evening and even the south green was used. Most inter club matches were played on a Tuesday evening.

As time went on, I continued to play on Monday evenings and in the bounce games on a Saturday morning but these were eventually replaced by the Govan league and attendances tended to dwindle as did the club matches on Tuesday evenings which were moved to Saturdays with more GBA, Scottish and Renfrewshire competitions taking over.

I continued to play during the 70s and early 80s but less frequently due to work commitments and my discovery of the game of squash. However, if available, I filled in on Hillpark and Govan league games when a player was required. However I never had any success in single handed competitions, being runner up in the Brunswick in 1986. I did had a wee bit more luck in pairs, triples and rinks.

Fast forward to 2009, I had now retired and was Alex Adam's vice president having been, in name only - as the post was redundant, the junior vice president the year before. In 2010 I was president and then in 2013 club secretary until 2018.

In 2024 I was made an honorary member of the club and then John Millar asked me to replace him after the AGM as chair of the board. I told him I would 'give it a year' and see how it went. I will try my best.

Hence I have been a member of Titwood for over 50 years, although some may consider it 1 years' experience repeated over 50 times.

Bowling Notice Board

Cathcart & District Seniors League

Friendly, competitive bowling every Tuesday afternoon. 6 May - 29 July. For players aged 60 or over.

8 players form Titwood each week
14 Clubs are invloved in this league.

Top 10 Knockout competition begins this year for Titwood on Monday 19 May.
Singles and pairs knockout competitions begin 4 Aug

Contact Bill Crouch 07368 552663

Starting on Tuesday 6 May and continuing each week, (10:30 - 12:00), Bill Crouch is again this year offering free bowls coaching.

John Millar is offering coaching sessions each Thursday evening at 18:00

Bill points out that ***'these sessions are primarily for newcomers to the sport, to teach them the basics and boost confidence when on the green.'*** Open to all.

Contact Bill Crouch 07368 552663
Contact John Millar 07936 237011

Main Entrance Gate Refurbishment

Many thanks to Matthew Boyd for arranging refurbishment of the front gate at the Club. Along with general maintenance and greens work our Club is looking great for our 2025 season.

Seen by everyone visiting the club along with passers-by it presents a great first impression and serves us proud.

When the news was posted on Facebook - the short video was viewed over 1,000 times, our most popular post ever!

Our first Try Bowls session of the season took place on Sunday 27 April and received a terrific response from the local community. We had approx. 30 who came along to the event and many attending the party at the Club came out and joined in on the fun.

It was great day and very well supported by members - Thank You!

Future Dates include:

Saturday 31 May 2pm - 4pm
Sunday 22 June 3pm - 5pm
Sunday 27 July 3pm - 5pm
Sunday 17 August 3pm - 5pm
Sunday 21 September 3pm - 5pm

Padel tennis - quick update

Discussion between our respective Solicitors continues and progress with planning application resides with the developer - further news will be shared once it becomes available

Update on Social events

In May- look out for our Eurovision Party on Saturday 17 May and our Trivia Night on Thursday 29 May

.....we hope to see you there!

Local Community

A big thanks to Sharon, Jim and Shelley who helped residents from Oakfield Manor in Newark Drive enjoy an afternoon visit and tea at the Club.

We welcome suggestions for any similar activities and opportunities to engage with our local community.

..... that your competition entry forms were due for submission by Monday 5 May - please be quick if you have still to send your copy to our Match Secretary

Club piano

Sticking with Oakview Manor - our general request to members to adopt our Club piano did not receive any serious interest, therefore we decided to gift the instrument to residents and the adjacent photograph show this being put to good news already!

Reminder

Quick reminder for members - training on use of the Club's defibrilator has been arranged for **Wednesday 7 May 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

2025-2026 Board Members

President	Allan Mackie	**Club Secretary**	Angela Lyons	**Match Secretary**	Robert Moles	**Fabric Convener**	Matthew Boyd
Chair	Douglas McEwen	**Members Convener**	Alan Smith	**Bar & Events Convener**	John Boyd	**Treasurer**	Helen Hashim
Social Convener	David Smith	**Greens Convener**	*Vacancy*	**House Convener**	*Vacancy*		