

Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

July 2018

1] On the field That's the second month in a row that the teams have been undefeated with the 1sts winning 11 and the 2nd winning 10 since their last defeats in May. That does not mean that it has all been plain sailing!

After scintillating first half performances against Skye and Kinlochshiel the 1sts found Kilmallie a tougher nut to crack in the Camanachd Cup semi final. Those of us there had a nervy time before the win in the penalty shoot out. It was Kilmallie's first defeat since the end of March when we beat them at the Eilan.

This takes us through to the Camanachd Cup Final in Oban on 15th September against either Lovat or Kingussie and gives us a chance of three in a row for the first time since 1979 when names on the team sheet included captain Angus Macrae, John Russell and Norman Macarthur. We have won the Scottish a record 32 times and also been defeated 20 times in the final. We have won on our last 4 appearances.

		North Division 1							
1 st	<u>Newtonmore</u>	13	12	0	1	53	13	40	24
2 nd	<u>Glengarry</u>	12	9	0	3	44	26	18	18
3 rd	<u>Fort William</u>	10	5	3	2	17	6	11	13
4 th	<u>Kingussie</u>	11	5	3	3	22	24	-2	13

Congratulations also to the 2nds on getting through to the Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final against Kingussie on the Dell on 25th August and of course for retaining the North Division 1 title. They had their own nervy time against the unfancied Strathspey in the Strathdearn Cup however!

2] Younger teams The P1-3 and P4/5 continued their winning ways with both of them winning 6 a side competitions in Inverness.

3] Fixtures Apologies if the times and venues of matches have not always been up to date, but sometimes the Association website has been inaccurate. Its best to double check our own website with the facebook page which may on occasions be updated quicker.

There are two games at the Dell to look forward to this week:

- Friday 3rd Aug at 1800 sees the Sir Tommy Macpherson Memorial Trophy against Kingussie. We only won on penalties last year and need a win this year to maintain our lead in the league. [If the match is to be televised again in 2019 we will only agree to that if the start time is 1900 as the current start time is unpopular for players and fans and loses the clubs money on the gate which we share].
- Saturday 4th Aug sees the 2nd team in the semi final of the Strathdearn at the Dell at 1630 which should allow people to attend the Highland Games as well.

At the moment the 1sts have their fixture as scheduled v Glenurquhart at the Eilan on 11th August, but other games have changed due to cup ties [Kyles away and Oban at the Eilan] have still to be rescheduled. Keep an eye out for the start time of the 11th August match as the Camanachd semi final between Lovat and Kingussie will be televised that day.

4] Veterans 6s Unfortunately we had to cancel this event this year which was very disappointing, but we could not get volunteers to organise it.

5] Highland Games Fundraiser The captains fundraiser sees a number of players doing the Creag Dhu hill race. Sponsor sheets are available from players and Committee members with a top prize of £150 for guessing the correct time.

6] Road safety measures The position remains unchanged. The Council have raised a requisition for the road marking to be undertaken so we are waiting with bated breath. After that is done the club will probably need to create a short path along the verge on the Eilan side as the crossing point is supposed to be 10 yards towards the village.

7] Highland Folk Museum 10th October The Folk Museum is hosting a seminar to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Camanachd Association from 0930 – 1630. The cost is £30 and £25.50 for students with early bird rates until 10th August

8] Dr Johnny Cattanach Field Good news and not so good. The contractor has been back on site and has started tidying up and destoning the field. However despite recent rain the ground is still too dry to risk planting grass seed yet.

9] Still wanting more volunteers! Flyers were handed out at a recent game asking for additional volunteers for match days as well as during the week. There are lots of things help is needed with. Volunteering can be regular as well as occasional, during the day or in the evening. Please contact me to discuss, without obligation!

10] New training equipment In order to increase the variety of training and skills options we have purchased two tennis rebounders that can be used to practice on your own or in groups. Subject to a risk assessment [specifically the stability of the rebounders in the wind] these may be available to use outside formal training sessions.

11] Glasgow live 6 a sides Sunday 5th August A day of shinty [as part of the European Championship and Glasgow Live] is taking place that day. There is a senior 6 a side competition from 1300 – 1500 in which a Newtonmore team is taking part. The venue is Greenfields Football Centre.

12] Shinty Memories at the Screen Machine Aug 23rd - 25th Its a first screen showing for the shinty films at the Grill in support of the Badenoch Shinty Memories Compassionate Communities Programme. Thanks to Sports Heritage Scotland/Alzheimers Scotland for getting this available on screen. If you haven't seen this already you will recognise many of the faces!