

Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

August 2018

1] On the field What a fantastic September! The 2nds maintained their long unbeaten run and completed the treble for what we think is the first time in the club's history, with a comprehensive win in the Strathdearn Cup Final v Fort William.

The 1sts had a difficult run in facing all their main challengers. However the 3-0 win in the Camanachd Cup final v Lovat was by far the most relaxed the supporters have felt during a second half of a final for a long time. It was Oban who gave us our biggest test which we overcame to bring the league title back to the Eilan.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for this historic season with a third Camanachd Cup triumph in a row amongst the highlights. With the Sir Tommy Macpherson Trophy we won 7 of the 8 trophies we were competing for.

We were undefeated from early May and when Oban scored against us I am told that it was 623 minutes since the 1st's last goal conceded in open play which was against Kilmallie!

One thing to add is that Andy in particular as captain, as well as a number of other players, was called upon to do quite a number of media interviews some of it live on TV. It's not always easy doing that and in particular to strike the right note. I thought that they were a credit to themselves and the club.

2] Dinner dance This will take place on Friday 30th November at the Balavil Hotel. The annual Xmas sale will be in the village hall the following day Saturday 1st December.

3] 1st team sponsorship I am pleased to report that there have been several expressions of interest in becoming 1st team sponsor and we hope to make an announcement in the next two weeks.

4] Player and match ball sponsorship 2019 I have already received a number of requests so I thought I would just open it out early to everyone.

Player sponsorship will be **£30** for next season with match ball sponsorship remaining at **£20**. Let me know if you would like to be a sponsor and any match or player preference.

5] Road safety measures Still no progress with the Council!

6] Highland Folk Museum Seminar 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. This was originally scheduled for 10th October but has been put back till **Wednesday 21st November** and will last from 0930 to 1630.

7] New grass cutting equipment The Committee has agreed that the lowest cost/maintenance option in the long term is to go for a 2.4 metre roller/mower pulled by a tractor. We are definitely going to buy a new roller/mower, but if we don't manage to attract enough grant money for a new 50hp tractor we will look for a second hand one.

8] Dr Johnnie Cattanach Field We are intending to move a very large boulder to the site and attach a plaque which will give information about Dr Johnnie, his achievements and subsequent untimely death in Gallipoli. We will also be able to acknowledge the grant funders who enabled the work to happen. There will be an official ceremony arranged at some point next year.

9] New merchandise Deirdre Nelson designed a bag as part of her artist in residence project and we intend to produce a limited edition for sale. If anyone has other ideas for merchandise items please let me know.

10] Website This is currently not updated due to technical issues which we hope will be resolved this week.