

# Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

August 2019

**1] On the Field** With losing the penalty shoot out at the end of the Sir Tommy Macpherson match we lost the memorial trophy for the first time since it was played for in 2015. The draw in that league match means that we need Kingussie to lose a point elsewhere to have a chance of retaining our title.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team are still in contention for North 1 which is a great achievement given the age of many of the players. The postponement of the Strathdearn Final was a disappointment and it looks like the season could now extend into November.

**2] Fixtures update** - The under 17s have the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of their London Shield semi final in Oban on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

- Our Primary School team reached all three of their finals:

i] The CA Trophy Final [10 a side] is at Lochaber High School at 11am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September against a strong Skye side.

ii] The final of the Tulloch Cup which is a 9 a side competition against 5 other schools is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Dell from 1400 to 1630. The Scottish Minister for Sport, Joe Fitzpatrick, will be in attendance.

- The Camanachd cup Final is at 1415 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at An Aird Fort William. Please allow plenty of time to travel as there is often gridlock there especially at weekends. ***Tickets to the match can be bought at a discount in advance from Graeme at the Post Office....arrival of tickets is expected next Wednesday.***

-Fixtures for both teams are now on shinty.com till the end of the season. With the Kinlochshiel match being postponed this will probably now take place on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The last fixture is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> team at home to Glenurquhart on 26<sup>th</sup> October, but the rearranged Strathdearn Final will change the fixtures.

**3] Highland Games Fundraising** All in all we had a very successful day with over £650 of merchandise sold. Irene and Sandra did a stellar job on the 50/50 raffle ticket sales with Karen Dowds being a very happy winner of her 50% share which was £372. The Hill Race time guess of Duncan Gorman was less successful than last time, but Norman Campbell and Graeme Irvine were the prize winners.

**4] Jock Paul Mackintosh Veterans 6s Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August** Many thanks to Robbie Mackintosh and family once again for their support of the trophies and to everyone who played, volunteered or attended and spent some money! We made over £1000 on the bar and BBQ.

**5] International training** The same 6 players as last year have been invited to International training: Andy Mackintosh, Rory Kennedy, Steven Macdonald,

Mike Russell, Evan Menzies and Glen Mackintosh. Here's hoping they all make the final selection for the match on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Abbotstown Dublin.

**6]The summer raffle** was drawn at the Veterans 6s raising £710. Winners: Up market Clogau Bracelet – *Dave Johnston*; Case of wine – *David Orr*; Glen Hotel Voucher – *Andy Cowan [Ruthven]*; Champagne – *Hannah Ritchie*; Tracksuit Top – *Ewen Fraser*; Malt Whisky – *Robbie Mackintosh*; Venison haunch - *James Brannan*; Childs shower jacket – *Duncan Stewart*; Daffy's Gin – *Fraser Mackintosh*; Adult shower jacket – *Scott Chisholm*; Vodka – *N Borthwick [Kingussie]*; Club books – *Duncan Gorman*; Whisky – *Graham Fraser*; SWAG bag and goodies – *Lyndsay Robinson*.

Many thanks to everyone who donated prizes.

**7] Slave auction** A number of slave offers have been received and we hope to have the event later this year or early next year.

**8] Xmas sale Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** There are extra reasons for getting this in your diary now as we are also going to present the 2019 player awards at the end of the sale. To increase the range of items for sale we are going to offer space to a few local businesses. If you are interested please let me know.

**9] Dinner dance** This will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Balavil Hotel with Shane Warde as the DJ.

**10] Club Honours** Over the last few years we have been trying to fill in the blanks in our record keeping after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War [from 1945 if you didn't do history!]. We want to ensure we have all the Cup winning and losing teams and if you look at the Honours section of the website you will see some gaps. We are looking in particular at the Strathdearn Cup and the Mactavish Junior Cup as Rob reckons he can fill in the Mactavish blanks.

**11] Website** The website is now being updated. If you see anything inaccurate or out of date please let myself or Eddy Harrigan know at eddy.harrigan@hotmail.com

**12] Cairngorms Trust** Many thanks to the Cairngorms Trust for a £1k grant towards the cost of sticks and helmets for young players. *[If you hear of other grant funding opportunities please let me know as I may not know of them]*

**13] Wish list** We have grant applications in at the moment towards the cost of permanent goals on the Dr Johnnie Cattanach Field and a new covered dug out on the clubhouse side of the pitch. We also want to buy a replacement BBQ. The fence up the village side of the pitch needs replaced and spectator fencing will be required on the Dr Johnnie Field at least on the Eilan side.

**14] Camanachd Association AGM** This is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in Fort William as usual.