

Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

January/February 2019

1] Open Day Many thanks to everyone who donated food and drink for the Open Day on Saturday and to Rob for arranging some memorabilia. Unfortunately the turn out was disappointing and we may need to relook at this next year.

The visiting Oban Camanachd team deserved their win. Here's hoping we get back to form for the first league match this Saturday at the Eilan at 1430 against newly promoted Kilmallie. After last years Camanachd Cup semi final with them going to a penalty shoot out there certainly will not be any complacency amongst the players.

The young 2nd team start their campaign away to Fort William.

2] Fixtures The very late decision by Inverness to step down from the National Division has caused the total rewrite of North Division 1 fixtures which in turn has meant we have only recently been able to finalise the fixture list for the 2nd team. A printed home fixture list will be available at the Eilan on Saturday.

3] Season tickets These are on sale again at the same price as for several years. It is £36 [or £30 for life members] with concessions at £21 [£15]. That price would not get you in to one Scottish Premier Division football match!

4] Dinner dance, Xmas sale and player awards The Committee has had a review and decided to make some major changes.

- the Dinner Dance will be moved from late in the season to a Saturday evening towards the end of February.
- the player awards will be expanded with a Player's player award and new youth categories. The awards will be incorporated into the Xmas sale to make a bigger event on the first Saturday in December.

5] Slave auction Have you a skill or a piece of equipment you would be prepared to donate? Could you give ½ a day or a day of your time in exchange for a donation to the club? Are you willing to be the subject of a bidding process? If so please let us know as we are hoping to have a "slave auction".

6] Summer raffle We also intend to have summer raffle again this year with tickets on sale from May with the draw in August. We would like a range of attractive prizes and as always are hoping that they will mostly be donated. Can you help?

7] Generous donation Many thanks to Ellen Cheyne and family for their generous donation to the club in memory of David. Ellen has told us that this will be an annual donation, with the club to make the decision on what it is used for. This year the Committee has decided it will go towards the War

memorial and the Dr Johnnie Cattanach Memorial Field plaque.

8] War Memorial siting After looking at a number of options the Committee has decided that the War Memorial will be sited on the grass rectangle to the right just inside the main entrance gate.

9] Ad boards We are pleased to have new ad boards from Macdonald Hotels, George Leslie and Highland Audio. We are trying to give some extra exposure to our ad board supporters by using photos of them on the face book page. As usual if you can persuade a business to take an ad board please do so!

10] New grass cutting equipment As explained before with the age of the current equipment and the increase in acreage coming soon with the second pitch, we have been searching for replacement equipment that is low maintenance and will have a long life of 10 years+. With Paddy's help and advice we are buying a new Major roller/mower as well as a very good second hand tractor and these will be delivered shortly. The total investment by the club in these two pieces of equipment is £19k

We have managed to sell the old tractor for a modest sum [it was very old] and we are now looking for a buyer for our John Deere mower, which we bought from the golf club.

11] Club Jerseys For the second AGM in succession complaints were made by players about the jerseys being uncomfortable. The Committee discussed this again and concluded that we would continue with them for a number of reasons: we have spent a considerable sum of money on them in the last few years; supporters really like wearing them too and have also bought a significant number; they project a good image of the club which other clubs envy and comment on. Apart from funerals they only need to be worn by players for finals so we do not feel it merits making a change at the moment. We will review this again in a couple of years.

12] Player/coach sponsorships Many thanks to Jazza for organising this again and in record time. The full list of players/coaches and their sponsors will be posted on the website shortly. We are finalising the purchase of the new tracksuit tops and bottoms that this sponsorship is enabling.

13] Match ball sponsorships There are five second team matches still to be sponsored at £20 Inverness, Aberdeen University, Kinlochshiel, Skye & Caberfeidh.

14] New 1st team strip There was a problem with the material used for the 1st team "Balavil Hotel" strip and they have been returned to the manufacturers and are being replaced free of charge. Unfortunately they may not arrive in time for Saturday.

15] Dates Williamson 6s Wed 5th June; Texas Scramble Sunday 28th July.