

Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

March 2019

1] On the Field Its been a difficult start for the 1st team. The Mactavish Cup match this coming Saturday against Kilmallie, who have already defeated us in the league at the Eilan this year, takes on extra significance. The good news is that most of the players that were unavailable for selection are now in contention and we will have a couple of evenings of outdoor practice under our belts.

The 2nd team eventually got the defence of the North Division 1 title under way against Lovat and it was good to see a number of youngsters getting some experience in a fairly comfortable win.

Belated congratulation to the Primary 5 and under who won the National 1st shinty competition for their age group

2] Match ball sponsorship There are 3 second team games still available [Skye, Inverness and Caberfeidh] at £20 and if the 2nds win their Sutherland Cup tie against Glenorchy there will be another home tie and an additional match ball sponsorship opportunity.

3] New equipment The tractor and roller/mower have been delivered so we hope this will be a ten year solution for the pitch grass cutting. We managed to sell the old John Deere for a modest amount.

4] New tracksuits many thanks to everyone who sponsored a player or coach as the money raised has paid for about 70% of the cost of the new tracksuits. The new Macron ¼ zip top is available for sale at £49 and there is an O'Neills Hoody tracksuit top as an alternative at £42. We still have some stock of the Hummel ¼ zip at £45.

5] Fundraising With over £22000 already spent on the tractor, roller/mower and new tracksuits for the players our fundraising this year is absolutely crucial.

- **Texas Scramble:** This has been moved to the new date of **Sunday 23rd June** after a number of players & supporters were not available for the original date. Put this date in your diary.
- **Veterans 6s:** This will be on **Sunday 25th August.**
- **Summer raffle:** *Is anyone able to donate some interesting prizes for this.....can you help?*
- **Slave auction:** We are hoping to confirm details of this in the next few weeks.
- **Race Night:** We are trying to arrange a joint fundraiser with the golf club.
- **Highland games:** We will again have a stall and will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets so volunteers to help on the day are welcome.
- **Williamson 6s** Wednesday 5th June 1800.

6] Ad boards We have a commitment for three boards from Alan Munro which

is great and interest from a number of other individuals. If you would like one, or if you can persuade a business to take an ad board please do so! It is still only £350 for three years including the provision of the ad board with an option to pay in three annual installments.

7] Work bench We now have a solid work bench in the shed thanks to John Begg and materials supplied by Russwood.

8] Volunteer[s] wanted Could you do the lottery on a Saturday evening from approx 8 till 9 pm either every 4 or every 8 weeks! Its not complicated and you meet some interesting people! It would be great to get some new people involved ... full training will be given!

9] Club history Sales of our two books bring in a regular small income. We are very pleased that the Highland Bookshop in Fort William is now stocking them.

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