

# Newtonmore Camanachd Club

Newsletter

June 2019

**1] On the Field** Lots of highlights during June, but the retention of the Mactavish Cup against a spirited Glenurquhart side was very satisfying. It was a pity the grass was so long and we have made representations to the Association as it affected the quality of play that was possible.

We have also had three close matches against Lovat coming out on top in the two cup competitions. Meanwhile in the league Kyles have slipped up and it looks like Kingussie may be the team to beat, with Oban coming into form.

The 2nds lost their grip on the Sutherland Cup to a very good Lochside Rovers team, but saw off Lovat in an entertaining match to advance in the Strathdearn. They also remain in contention in the league.

The under 17s were disappointed to lose out in the Mactavish junior cup against Kingussie, but got a measure of revenge as a 3-2 win against them in the London Shield which means a play off at the end of the summer holidays.

The star performers so far this year are our Primary School teams with the latest success being for the P4/5 and 6/7 at the Kinraig 6s. They are in the finals of the three competitions...the Tulloch Cup and the CA cup finals will be after the holidays, but the Mackay Cup Final against Inverlochry is on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 1700 at the Eilan**

**2] Fixture changes** In part because of the need for a replay in the Camanachd to see off Lovat there have been several changes:

- this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July the 1sts play Skye in the Camanachd quarter final at 1500 after the 2nds play Kinlochshiel in the league at noon.
- neither team has a fixture listed for 13<sup>th</sup> July
- the Macaulay Cup semi final v Kingussie is at Braeview Beauly on 20<sup>th</sup> July

**3] Texas Scramble Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Once again many thanks to James Brannan for organising the annual Texas Scramble competition. With a very healthy thirty teams it was a great turn out and the Castle Stuart raffle helped us raise nearly £3000. Many thanks to everyone who took part and who donated prizes.

The golf club also got a well needed boost to its coffers. Most importantly it was a really enjoyable day for everyone who took part, but perhaps particularly Kenny Ross who had a hole in one at the 17th!

**4] Child Protection Officer vacancy CPO** John Begg is stepping down shortly as CPO and we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this role on behalf of the club. Any training and support needed would of course be provided by the club. Please phone if you would like to discuss the

role. [You would be automatically a member of the Committee, but with no need to attend unless Child Protection issues were to be discussed.]

**5] Summer raffle** Tickets for this will go on sale in the next couple of weeks with the prizes being drawn at the **Veteran's 6's on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.**

**6] Highland Games** I am still looking for a few volunteers to take a stint either at our stall or selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

**7] Slave auction** We have still not made as rapid progress on this as we had hoped, but we are hoping to confirm details of this in the next few weeks.

**8] Ad boards** We have had some interest, but little new business this year for what is an important regular recurring income for the club. 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.

**9] Throw up 20:18 ....** a bit of culture .....

**a] Deirdre Nelson exhibits** Deirdre was our artist in Residence last year and a display of the work that she produced during her attachment to the shinty club is on show in Leanach Church at the Highland Folk Museum from 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July 1300-1700.

**b] Iona gallery exhibition** there were four artists in all attached to shinty clubs and a display of all the artists work will be in the Iona gallery from 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July from 1000 – 1700.

**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] Pitch maintenance** Many thanks to our grass maintenance team. Paddy Kirkpatrick, Cammy Macdonald and Stuart McKellaig are our regular team with Brick trained for back up! The new equipment makes the job much easier, but it still takes about three hours twice a week now that we have the two pitches.

There isn't quite so much to cut round the outsides now we have the bigger roadways, but Rob Ritchie, myself and Iain Brodie do most of that work.

**12] Website** As mentioned in the accompanying e mail the website is currently not being updated due to technical problems. Once that is resolved there will be an updating of the site. Apologies for any inconvenience this is causing.