





## THE QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION Edinburgh Branch

(Incorporating the Regimental Associations of the Seaforth Highlanders and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders)

Chairman: Eddie Maley, Treasurer: John Meikle, Secretary: Jim Elliot

## SUMMER DANCE 2023 REPORT

All members,

The Edinburgh Branch Summer Dance was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 in the Bainfield Bowling and Social Club, Edinburgh.

This being the Branch's first Summer Dance since before the COVID pandemic it was fantastic to see so many regulars and many new faces to the Branch events.

The night was started by the Edinburgh Branch Chairman, Eddie Maley, welcoming the members and guests to the Summer Dance and thanking the one-and-only Eleanor for once again providing a first class buffet, The club bar staff for allowing us to use their facilities, the band 'Grand Central' who kept us entertained all night with a wide range of music and finally thanks the members and guests for attending and wishing them all a fun evening.

We the committee would like to thank all members and guests for donating so many wonderful prizes for the World-Famous Edinburgh Branch Raffle. The raffle tickets were sold by Ritchie Turner ably assisted by his daughter Amber and her partner Murray.

Introductions and welcomes over, it was time to get the music on and some serious dancing done with almost all of the 55 people who attended on the dance floor most of the night.



Sheila Wurr shows us how it is done



Ritchie and Amber Turner in control of the raffle



Didn't take long for the dance floor to start filling up.



Danny Carruthers tries to persuade Eddie Maley it's his round (good luck with that one Danny)

Time for the buffet and the raffle. Eleanor had once again supplied us with a feast of a buffet with a large selection of choices.

Once everyone had collected their food and settled down again, we were treated to an excellent set of tunes from Walter Williamson and his bagpipes. Walter's selection went down so well, we may have to keep it in for future events.

Food and bagpipe selection over the time had come, the event everyone attends Edinburgh Branch functions for, yes, the World-Famous Edinburgh Branch Raffle.

Eddie Maley and Norrie Robertson started the raffle draw with some tremendous prizes being won. Once again, we would like to thank everyone for donating such high quality prizes.

Back onto the dance floor to enjoy the selection of music from the wonderful Grand Central who I wouldn't hesitate in hiring again kept the dance floor full for the rest of the night.

I must give a mention to the committee for their hard work setting up the dance and ensuring the smooth running of the evening. Although some were more in the public eye such as Ritchie Turner selling raffle tickets, Eddie Maley and Norrie Robertson doing the raffle draw, Jim Elliot taking photos others were working in the background helping to clear up after the buffet and at the end of the night. This duty fell to John Meikle and Brian Gibson. Thank you very much gentlemen.



Norrie Robertson, John Meikle, Walter Williamson



Maurine Chamberlain, Sheila Wurr, Dana Forsyth and Brian Gibson



David and Caroline MacKenzie



Jane Robertson, Norrie Robertson, Ritchie Turner and Jane Wood think they spotted Eddie Maley



Eileen and Danny Carruthers strutting their stuff



Michael Thomson doesn't know what he is letting himself in for with Danny Carruthers Eddie Maley.

A fantastic night was had by all.

Next Item on our forecast of events is: Edinburgh Branch AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 at 13.00hrs in the Scots Guards Club, Haymarket, Edinburgh.

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