

Kirkcudbright Golf Club

Newsletter

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Captain's Corner

The season is well under way, to say the least - where does the time go? A good moment perhaps to reflect on how things are going.

The weather has not been kind to us so far and we were relieved to see the forecasts for Tassie Day were overly pessimistic. We had an excellent competition with over a hundred taking part – considering the forecasts this was a very good turnout. John and his team have the golf course in superb condition, no mean feat in these circumstances and we much appreciate their skill and hard work. Duangjai and Mark continue to provide excellent fare and service which is appreciated by all. With the friendly and efficient welcome being offered to our visitors by the office and club ambassadors, I am confident that we have an excellent product.

This time last year, we were enjoying consistent glorious sunshine and the contrast this year is probably the biggest reason that despite the above positives, numbers are not quite as good. We are working hard to see how we can improve and we also need your help. Please do anything you can to spread the word of the great golfing experience to be had at Kirkcudbright.

We get overwhelmingly positive feedback from visitors which wouldn't happen without the massive amount of work done by so many of our members. Without your dedication we simply would not have a club, thank you.

While on the subject, there is always a list of jobs to be done and if you have a little time to help, we would be very grateful. Even if you are relatively new to the club, there is sure to be something you could help with, please come and have a chat if you think you might be able to lend a hand.

Equally if you have any ideas for improvements or anything else that we could be doing to move the club forward: come and talk.

Now to try and hit that little white ball...

Jon,
Club Captain.

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Ladies' News

Competition News

The recent good weather has seen our weekly competitions well attended and some ladies have been returning some fantastic scores!

7th April, RNLI Stableford, Jane Richardson 31 pts

9th April, Rover Cup, Isobel Watson 36 pts

16th April, Robertson Cup, Caroline Ironmonger
97-28=69

30th April, Silver & Bronze Medal, Laura Ellet,
97-25=72

7th May, McMyn Trophy, Jan Mattison, 81-09=72

14th May Coronation Foursomes Qualifier,
Susan King & Isobel Watson 32 pts

21st May, President's Prize, Gillian Rowlinson,
90-21=69

28th May, May Medal, Liz Roberts 89-17=72

4th June, Daily Mail Foursomes Qualifier,
Gillian Rowlinson & Liz Roberts 90-18.5=71.5

4th June, 18 Hole Strokeplay Comp,
Jane Richardson 97-31=66



Hole-In-One

And, Susan King (pictured, above right) scored a hole-in-one while playing in the RNLI Stableford Competition. A remarkable achievement at the 15th! Well done, Susan.



*I'd like to see the fairways more narrow.
Then everybody would have to play from the
rough, not just me.*

Severiano Ballesteros



National and Regional News

Annette and Gladys played at West Renfrewshire on Sunday 12th May in the LGA Silver and Bronze National Medal Competition final. They had a great day, but sadly no prizes.

On Thursday, 6th June, Gillian and Hilary were finally beaten in the 4th round of the Daily Mail Foursomes at Stranraer. Well done ladies for getting so far in the competition.

Ladies' News (continued...)

The Cresset

On Sunday 12th May, we held our first open of the year, The Cresset Texas Scramble. A fantastic turnout this year saw 20 teams taking part, with representatives from all over the region and beyond.

Angela's Angels were the last team in and were the eventual winners, with yet another impressive score!

1st: Angela Potter & Sandra McGinn from Wigtown and Bladnoch, Pat Magill & Victoria McLean from Dumfries and County with a score of $70 - 6.2 = 63.8$.

2nd: Margaret Stryjewski, Liz Roberts, Carolyn Greig & Janet Roff from Kirkcudbright scoring $72 - 8 = 64$.

3rd: Sheila McMurtrie & Jane Johnstone from Dalbeattie, Jill Cannon from Castle Douglas and Amanda Houston from Kirkcudbright with $70 - 4.8 = 65.2$.

4th: Isobel Watson, Susan King, Lynn Kane and Gillian Rowlinson from Kirkcudbright scoring $75 - 8.9 = 66.1$.



Vice President, Donald Shamash presented the prizes.

The Clubhouse looked welcoming, the catering and service were very efficient and as a bonus, the sun shone all day. Ideal conditions for showing off our beautiful course!

Let's hope our guests spread the word.

Ladies' News (continued...)

May Day Outing

24 Ladies attended our May Day outing to Dumfries & Galloway Golf Club. The weather was good to us, with only a light shower forcing the brollies out for a short time.

Miss Designer Golf sponsored the day providing a £10 voucher for each contestant and a £100 voucher for the winner.

Gillian Rowlinson was victor on the day.



Summer Residential 10th – 13th July, 2019

We have 2 ladies who have had to cancel and another 2 who are unsure if they will manage to attend our visit to Close House (pictured below). Unfortunately, two ladies will definitely lose their deposit, unless someone wants to take their place. If you fancy three relaxed days, golfing for fun, at one of the most exclusive golf clubs in the UK, in good company and luxurious accommodation, get in touch with Isobel.



Isobel,
Ladies' Captain.

RULES CORNER

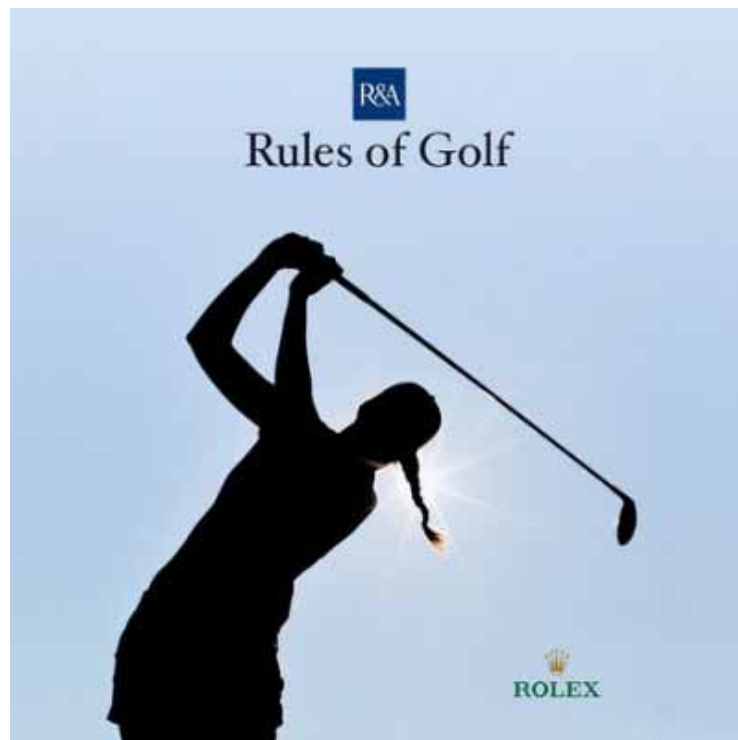
Here are some quiz questions to try - see how well you know the rules, including new rules for 2019!

1

True or False: a line marking an area of Ground Under Repair (GUR) is part of the GUR.

2

In stroke play, a player's ball is half buried in the rough. Without saying anything to any other players in the group and without marking its position, the player touches the ball and rotates it. By so doing she identifies the ball as hers. Is there: no penalty, a one stroke penalty or a two stroke penalty?



3

In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest on a gravel-surfaced road. He is entitled to relief from the road but decides to play the ball as it lies. He removes some gravel that might interfere with his stroke. Is there: no penalty, a one stroke penalty or a two stroke penalty?

4

True or False: a ball is considered out of bounds when any part of it lies out of bounds.

5

In a Stableford round, a player tees off but misses the ball completely. He lifts the ball and tee, moves to a new position and plays another tee shot. Is there: no penalty, a one stroke penalty or a two stroke penalty?

6

In a match, Brenda finishes a hole in 5 strokes. Her opponent has a putt for a 5 but when she asks Brenda her score on the hole, Brenda mistakenly says she was in for 4 and her opponent picks up. Brenda then realises her mistake and corrects her score to 5. The correct action is: a. her opponent replaces her ball without penalty as near as possible to its position and takes her putt; b. her opponent replaces her ball with a 1 stroke penalty for moving the ball without marking it; c. Brenda loses the hole for giving a wrong score and not correcting it before her opponent lifted her ball.

Answers are on page 12 (no peeking).

Match News

The Tassie

Our premium Gents Singles Event took place on Saturday, 8th June. The forecast was frankly horrendous but miraculously we avoided the heavy rain that was expected and the day went very well. It just proves what most of us already knew - that it never rains on a golf course!! Or at least it never rains in Kirkcudbright. This year, it is Iain Rae of Dalbeattie who reigns after carding an exceptional score of 67-2=65 to pip our own Robert Patterson Junior on the count-back with an equally impressive 69-4=65 on the day.

96 players took part, slightly less than last year, but thanks to everyone who did play and we hope you enjoyed it.

Other Gents competitions

In our Gents Club Competitions, numbers are reasonably healthy but we would always encourage as many members as possible to take part in our Wednesday Medals and Sunday Yellow Tee Stableford Sweeps. So far this season the honours have gone to:

St Mary's Service Station 4BBB
Robert Watson & Nathan Watson (45 Points)

April Medal
Robert Watson (69)

The Selkirk Arms Open Competition
Richard McLean (Thornhill) (66)

May Medal
Alan Milligan (69)

Avonside Trophy
John Picken & Phillip Broatch (63)

Maitland Medal
Callum McMillan (146)

McKenzie Tankard
Callum McMillan (136)

Ben Nicholson Trophy
David Picken (69)

36-Hole Scratch Shield
John Houston (148)

36-Handicap Shield
Darren Gourlay (136)

Captain's Cup (Bogey Competition)
Kevin Morrison (4- Up)

June Medal
Adam Murray (62)

Many congratulations to all of the above.



Away Days

Away from Kirkcudbright our members continue to support open competitions across the region and we have had recent success with Jamie Menzies winning the Cally Cup at Gatehouse and Robert Patterson Junior winning the RD Watson & Cluckie International at Wigtown and Bladnoch. John Picken has also qualified for the final of the Kirkcudbrightshire Matchplay Championship to be played later this season. Well done lads!

Match-Play Fees

Many entry fees for our club match-play competitions are now overdue.

If you haven't yet paid yours, please pop into the office or leave it in an envelope with your name and competition name on the front and deposit it into the usual mail box.



Match News (continued)

Kirkcudbrightshire Team Championship

We won the Kirkcudbrightshire Team Championship this year for the first time since 2012 with a 5-1 win over Dalbeattie at Brighthouse in this season's final. Pictured below with the shield are John Houston, Robert Patterson Junior, Kevin Morrison, Jamie Menzies, Callum McMillan and Malcolm Kirkwood. Also taking part were David Broadfoot and John Picken.



Friday evenings?

This month I have been trialling 9-Hole Stableford Sweeps on Friday evenings for both ladies and gents. If you don't have time for 18-holes (or even if you do!), why not come along and play? I suggest you arrange to play with someone to avoid waiting but everyone is welcome and it is played over holes 1-4 and 14-18. I plan to continue with this as long as there is sufficient involvement.

Malcolm Kirkwood,
Match Secretary

EGGS news

EGGS matches

The season is well underway with three matches having been played all at home with the opposing teams full of praise for the condition of the course and the quality of the catering. All three have resulted in wins for Kirkcudbright over Eden, Moffat and Wigtownshire County. The away matches will, I am sure, provide much harder challenges.

First Senior Open

The Syd Pascoe was played on the 10th May with excellent representation from Kirkcudbright in the prizes. The overall winner, with 39 pts, was Colin Kennedy, beating Allan Breckenridge on the inward half. Here, he can be seen receiving his prize from Dee Pascoe, Syd's widow, just six months short of her 100th birthday.

GOLFALOTTO



The £60 winner for May was Malcolm Kirkwood, and for June it was Sheila Semple. Congratulations to them both.

You can still join Golfalotto at any time. Details are at the office, or contact Mary Robertson or Donald Shamash.



EGGS' news (continued)

Charity Event

The first of the joint charity events, the Bill Jeffrey Quaich was played with the ladies and a most enjoyable time was had by all. The sum of £120 was raised for this year's nominated charity, The Befrienders. Below can be seen the winners, Janet Roff and Jack McCreadie, receiving the Quaich from Isobel Watson, the ladies captain.



Other Results

The Captains Prize was won by Stewart McKean and monthly medals by Colin Kennedy and Allan Breckenridge.

The Baker Cup was played for over the Wigtownshire County Course at Glenluce and was won by David Picken with an excellent 41pts.

The EGGS Spoon, the knockout competition is underway and as always is producing some interesting results.

Also being fought for through the Summer is the EGGS Eclectic, currently being led by Andy McMinn with net 60.



Andy McMinn,
EGGS Captain.

Juniors news

Junior Juniors

It's been a fairly steady early part of the season, with good numbers for our Junior Junior sessions on Saturday mornings where we have a lot of 6 to 7 year old, enthusiastic, new players coming to try their skills over a couple of holes. What makes it particularly interesting is that any one of these could be a future Club Champion in the making! Many thanks to the parents and to the Club members who take time on a Saturday morning to start these youngsters off on their golfing path. If there are any more volunteers to help on Saturday mornings please let me know.

Juniors

We don't have many fully-fledged juniors playing 18-hole competitions at this stage but congratulations to Jack Norman who is leading the way at the moment, winning both the Bank of Scotland Trophy and the Centenary Cup. Also, it was good to see some of our former leading Juniors in the prizes for the Silver Tassie - well done to Iain Rae (winner), pictured below and to William Squires (Scratch winner).

Finally, keep an eye on the Junior Noticeboard (opposite the Club main office) for sign-up sheets for coaching, which we hope to be arranging for this summer.



Eddie Carruthers,
Junior Convenor.

Greens Convenor

This golf season has started much like my last 60 or so, I spend more time looking at my cattle than I do looking for a wee white ball but perhaps both happen more than I'd like. Moving into town will mean less of the cattle and hopefully more time on our course, either looking for my ball or, preferably, hitting it.



The 3 Minute Rule - It's in here somewhere!

Having recruited a full time third greenkeeper on an apprenticeship with high hopes for the extra manpower during this season, sadly Dylan has been off after a significant knee injury (sustained away from work). We wish him well with the rest of his post-op recovery and, though it will be some time before we see him, we look forward to his return. In the meantime, my thanks to Alistair McGowan for standing in on a part-time basis because this is a difficult time of the season to be short-handed. You may have seen Alistair out cutting fairways - please give him a big thumbs up for his help.

Despite these staffing shortages we have had a lot of compliments from visitors on the state of the course, both in an absolute sense and in comparison to their own or other courses they have played this year. We do as much as possible on greens, on cutting and on repairs or refurbishments (such as irrigation and drainage problems); for now, though, keeping the growth under control is consuming the majority of the time available. We constantly check work priorities with our head greenkeeper to see what else can be done but if you have suggestions or observations, please let me know.

Willie Watson ,
Greens Convenor.

Rules Quiz Answers

1

True - if a painted line is used to mark GUR, it is part of the GUR.

2

One stroke penalty, but only because the position of the ball was not marked first; players can rotate/lift the ball sufficiently to identify it and do not have to inform playing partners before doing so, but must mark the position first.

3

No penalty, gravel is a loose impediment and loose impediments may be removed anywhere on the course without penalty.

4

False - the whole ball must lie out of bounds. If any part of the ball lies in bounds then the ball is considered in bounds.

5

No penalty. The second tee shot is the second stroke played but it can be played from anywhere in the normal teeing area, either on a tee or off the ground.

6

c. Brenda loses the hole.

Summary - How Did You Do?

- 1 or 2 correct = Well below par—must do better!
- 3 or 4 correct = Not bad, but room for improvement.
- 5 or 6 correct = You're either very good or you peeked.



The Last Word (from the Editor)

Flaming June?

Pardon my language but gosh, it isn't as warm as it was last year, is it? I'm typing this at my escritoire, looking out of my study window and the rain is pouring down again. And we've got the central heating on!

This edition sees a change from the rules reminders for a little quiz as I'm sure most of you will now know the new rules back to front.

Anyway, mustn't keep babbling on as I've got to get my plus-fours on and get down to the club and try out my new umbrella.

Hope to see you on the course soon,

The Editor.



Remember, if you have any interesting stories, anecdotes or photos, we'd love to see them. Drop us a line soon, eh?



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