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Captain's Desk

Half way to Christmas!! BUT lots of golf to come. I want to say thank you to all who have helped in the first six months of the year. You know who you are and whether you gave your time, your heart, or both, thank-you. What a wonderful spirit we have at Kirkcudbright Golf Club. Look around at a working clubhouse a helpful office, convenors working their socks off, members with a can-do attitude and a golf course which is simply spectacular.

If you missed the music after Tassie night just look at the photographs, yes good fun. We have moved fairly quickly with technology, tee booking, Master Score Board, Facebook, Twitter and even this newsletter. It is important that communication is two way, so let us know what you think. Pop into the office for a chat or use the online service. The thing that we are doing best is we have moved our attitude to one of belonging and ownership. It is noticeable that members now ask how can I fix the issue rather than having a moan.

What next? Well the greens staff under the expert guidance of John are starting to think winter work!! We have a wonderful course, but nothing stands still. We can improve, even on our stretched and challenging budget. Look at the improvement with the redesigned 17th green. We need to look at drainage, playability for all members, ease of maintenance, and so much more.

Welcome to new members, we have had a goodly number this year and I trust you are finding new friends.

Lastly remember our on-line presence, this stretches way beyond the boundaries of our area and reaches possible visitors or future members. You can help, like our Facebook page and share with your friends. If you have a web page add a link to the golf club. Easy things that do not cost you anything.

Things to do this week. Read all the notice boards and keep up to date with competitions and knockout draws.

Do the Bing Crosby, hit it straight down the middle.

Maurice

Club Captain.

LADIES NEWS

After a few weeks of beautiful weather and most enjoyable golf, it is sad to say we have been having a few miserable wet rounds recently. It can depend on the time of day you have chosen to play, as to whether you get a soaking or not. Next week is supposed to be dry and warm again. We certainly needed the rain and the greens are looking better, even if the cups seem to be a little high - preventing the ball from dropping!!

The ladies are continuing to work through their fixture list with a variety of ladies being in the prize lists. Last week Margaret Locke won the Cally Cup at Gatehouse, Margaret Allan second overall (also nearest the pin at the 9th) Gillian Rowlinson third overall. A few of the "knockouts" are being played. This coming Tuesday is the Mary Wallace Trophy which is Single Stroke Play. The usual 9-hole competition will also be run alongside the 18-hole competition.

On Friday 16th June, Gladys Kelly and Mary Robertson go to Galashiels to play in the next round of the Silver and Bronze medal, being the best of the qualifying rounds last year at Kirkcudbright. 12th to 14th July ladies will be away at Dalmahoy Country Club near Edinburgh for their residential outing. We have a good turnout for that and are in the process of planning the three rounds of golf and what format they will be played.

Remember to get a partner for the Winnie Wallace Plate (Mixed Open) on Sunday 16th July. This is run each year by Bidy and Eric Guthrie in conjunction with Maurice in memory of Bidy's mother. A good turnout would be good. Please look out for the sheet to add your

names. There are other sheets on the notice board, so please have a look and add your names. So good to get more people involved.

Have a good season.

Mary Robertson
Ladies Captain

EGGS NEWS

The EGGs are successfully working their way through their fixture list enjoying good golfing conditions and a warm welcome in the Clubhouse. Matches have been won this month against Glenluce and Moffat and Willie Watson was a worthy winner of the May medal.

Tommy Learmonth had an excellent net 65 to win the Bill Telfer Trophy played in fine conditions with the welcome addition of the presence of Bill's son and daughter. The Syd Pascoe open was again a successful day with a good turnout but the honours went afar with only Drew Craven and David Picken upholding home glory.

The path of Jon Gibbs-Smith and Steve Richardson in The Daily Mail Cup came to an end on our 18th green beaten by a pair from Dumfries and Galloway. We are finding that numbers in the EGGs section continue to rise steadily by those new to the area but also by those new to golf. A positive trend that bodes well for the future of the Club.

Thanks, Iain

GREENS

Leather jackets. As I am sure we are all becoming aware there has been a ban on chlorpyrifos, the insecticide used for treating leather jackets. It has been removed for use in amenity and agriculture now as studies have shown it to be potentially carcinogenic.

It is now illegal to have or to apply any existing stock.

This is proving extremely difficult to deal with now a few cultural practices can be carried out to reduce the number of insects in our soil profile and applying seaweed regularly to promote root development will help the plant combat the damage caused by these insects feeding on the root system. A hard, cold winter will help reduce numbers also.

It is now more important to have a good understanding of the lifecycle of the insect.

We are currently at a stage where the insect has reaching full maturity and is developing into the crane fly (daddy long legs) in roughly two months it will start to lay eggs in our soil. Two to three weeks after this stage the eggs will develop into the young grub again, shortly after this happens it will be the time to start focussing any treatment to irritate them at a young more susceptible stage in their lifecycle.

At certain times of the year now all golf courses will be affected by them and is something we will have to live with there is no easy fix now. For the last two months they have been nearing full maturity and at their most damaging.

John Houston

MATCH

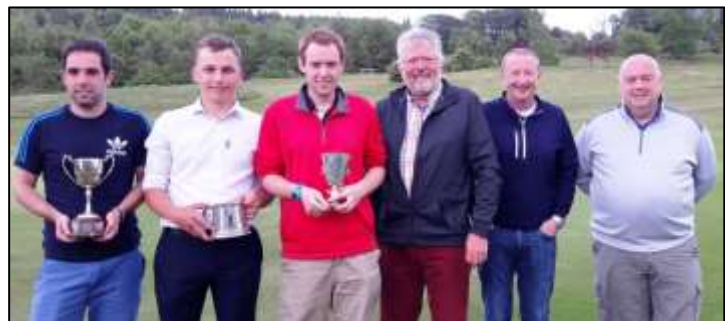
Congratulations go to Robert Patterson Junior on winning the Tassie with a score of 72-5=67. It was a keenly contested tournament this year with a good entry of 124 players taking part. Afterwards we had our half yearly prize-giving presentation. The next presentation will take place after the Dalziel Trophy on 9th September.

All matchplay draws have now been made. Please take note of the draws for each round.

Our next Open Competition is the Robert Glover Trophy which has been opened to members from all clubs for the first time this season. The Bower Rosebowl was won by Dave Harris & Susan King with 47 points.



Tassie winner Robert Patterson Junior receiving the trophy from Maurice



Some of our winners and their trophies at the Prize-Giving

Following the prize-giving an enjoyable evening was enjoyed in the Clubhouse with live entertainment from the Sax Pistols.



Winners of the Bower Rosebowl with 47 points were Dave Harris and Susan King.



Results:

- 1st Dave Harris & Susan King
- 2nd Eddie Carruthers & Gladys Kelly
- 3rd Alan Shamash & Lizzy Shamash
- 4th Michael McFadyen & Caroline Ironmonger
- 5th Bill Roff & Janet Roff

JUNIOR NEWS

Pictured below is the South of Scotland under 16 team that made their way to the moorland course at Appleby recently to play Cumbria under 16's.



Three Kirkcudbright boys Callum McMillan, Patrick Innes and making his debut John Rodger were part of the eight-man team. Most of the boys had never played on a moorland course and had certainly never had to step over electric fencing to get on the greens before. This meant they got off to a slow start in the foursomes and were 3-1 down at lunch. However, they had learned quickly and went out in their singles matches determined to win every point.

The fight back was well and truly on when the claxon sounded as the thunder rolled, lightning struck and the heavens opened. Play was unable to resume and the officials agreed to award the points as the matches stood when play was suspended. This meant the South won the singles 5-3 and the match finished a 6-6 draw.

The other members of the team are David Sharp (D&C), Glen Irvine and Jamie Marchbank (D&G), Ciaran Howat (D&C) and Taylor Kerr (Sanquar)

Full report and results can be seen on S.o.S.G.A website.

GOLFALOTTO

The winner of Golfalotto this month was Graham McAdam who received a cheque for £60. Well done Graham!