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Captain's Desk

Never easy putting together this monthly epical. So many things to say, yet I know golfers read very little, so a need for brevity. In general, as a club captain I am fairly happy with this **year's** progress. Course is in great condition and all credit to the green staff. The club house is ticking over nicely and the boys in the office are doing a sterling job. Visitors are around the same mark as last year and membership is just slightly up. Unfortunately, that means we are just about breaking even, so no room for niceties and another notch tighter on the belt.

I am particularly happy and encouraged by all who do the little jobs around the clubhouse and course, whither a convenor or a helping hand. Always room for other helpers. You may see things that need done, please feel free to contribute. Little things that need done include small areas around the course **where "titivation" would improve** the overall experience. Things such as the area in front of the 8th tee, crying out for a caring creative gardener or the flower bed adjacent to the car park, needs weeding and pruning. See the improvement at the third tee **well done Mck'**. **All the little jobs** our over worked green staff struggle to get too.

May I ask that you enter the Joanna Shamash, Sunday 30th July. This is a charitable FUN event for Juniors, Ladies and all Gents. JUNIORS take a look at the notice board opposite the Office we have coaching dates and Summer Camp dates. I could do with a few adults or senior Juniors to help for an hour or two at the two summer camp dates. You do not need to be a great golfer, just people who like a bit of fun.

Lastly, please use our web pages, book your Tee time on line (the office will show you how). Like our Facebook page and contribute as a Friend and we will upload.

Ok one more thing, "The Carnival" sheets are up so let's have lots of golfers over that weekend 18th to 20th August. Mixed Open Winnie Wallace Plate 16th July. Ladies Open Wallace Rose Bowl 29th July.

As they say, "hit it high, hit straight and land it softly.

Maurice

Club Captain.

LADIES NEWS

We have had two disasters of Tuesdays for playing golf! Over 24 hours on the first Tuesday followed by about 12 hours of heavier rain on the next Tuesday. All during daylight hours! However, on the second Tuesday, even though the 4BBB competition was postponed there were 18 ladies who came in to the club house and had a meal at night. It was so good to see and Stewart did us proud. The 4BBB competition has now been arranged for Tuesday 22nd August when names will have to be added to the list in the changing room and the draw done again. Names have to be on the list, no later than Monday 14th August for the draw to be made on the 15th August.

Ladies are here, there and everywhere at different competitions and indeed being thanked on more than one occasion for being such good support to the local golf clubs. Gladys Kelly and Mary Robertson went to Galashiels last month to represent Kirkcudbright for the South Scotland Division. In Silver and Bronze divisions of around 30 entrants in each class they coincidentally both came 5th in their own class.

Next week we are going to Dalmahoy for our Residential Outing for two nights and three rounds of golf. On 16th July, the Winnie Wallace Plate mixed competition will be played. We could do with more entries, so if you are interested, please approach someone and ask for a partner to be found. On Saturday 29th July is the Wallace Rose Bowl. A Singles Stroke Play competition - probably our best known and best supported Open competition, so please put your name down for it.

This coming week is supposed to be dryer(!) so try and come along. On Tuesday 11th July is the Campbell Pendant and there is also the 9-hole competition on the same day. Look forward to seeing you.

Mary Robertson
Ladies Captain

EGGS NEWS

Fine weather in June allowed a good turnout for EGGs events. Tommy Learmonth won the Bill Telfer Trophy and Andy McMinn was successful in the June Medal. Good progress is being made in the EGGs Spoon knockout competition with no clear favourite yet emerging. The first round of the EGGs Shield was completed on Friday 7th July with Neil Macintosh returning an excellent net 64 followed by 3 players on net 66 in close pursuit. A home match was won against Glenluce but close defeats were suffered away to Moffat and Lochmaben.

Thanks, Iain

The last of the Summer Wine!

Like the three wise men from the north, they have an opinion on all matters irrelevant, irreverent and irritable. They agree on one thing only that they do not agree. Are aggrieved, apostolic and asleep by 3pm. Would we change them for a birdie or two? No never.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIORS

The school holidays are here so no doubt you will see more of us out and about on the course in the next few weeks.

The Junior Juniors used their golfing skills at the Schools Primary Golf Competition held at New Galloway in May. Well done to Kirkcudbright Primary as they took first and third places in the team event and to Oscar McLellan who won the scratch prize. All 8 boys taking part were club members so too were the pupils representing Crossmichael who took second place. Other Junior Juniors from local schools also took part putting Kirkcudbright Golf Club firmly on the map. Kirkcudbright Academy retained the trophy for the Secondary Schools equivalent held at Dumfries and County in June. The team of Nathan Watson, William Squires, Patrick Innes and myself retained the trophy for the Academy for the third time so no pressure on Dr Davidson to pick a winning team for next year.

Nathan, William, Iain, Angus, Patrick, John and myself have had the opportunity to play for the South Team and lucky enough to play some interesting courses. We played Ayrshire at Troon Lochgreen, Cumbria at Dumfries and County and Cumbria U16 at Appleby amongst the sheep and horses! It made a change from rabbits and Scott the dog from the Wild Life Park. We are grateful to the South Officials for giving us these experiences.

In April Nathan, William and Angus went to Monifeith to take part in the Scottish Boys Stroke Play event. All the boys did us proud with William making the cut. Well done William. I ventured to Turnhouse, Edinburgh in May for the Scottish Junior Tour and, although they were not my finest two rounds, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Back in June a team of four boys Nathan, William, Iain and Angus represented the South at Stranraer in the Scottish Boys Area Team Championship and although they **didn't win they all gained a valuable experience. Last week Nathan, Iain, Angus and myself took part in** the Scottish Boys Amateur Championship at Scotsraig. After the first two rounds of stroke play Angus qualified for the 3rd round match play but unfortunately lost 3 and 2.

Thanks to Eddie for putting up with us and all the best to everyone for the rest of the season.

Callum McMillan
Junior Captain.

GOLFALOTTO –

The winner of Golfalotto this month was Ian McConchie, well done Ian!

On the wild side:

We have a Heron working the 9th and 11th. Good view point from the 12th tee.



Majestic bird. Has anyone see the Shell Duck and her chicks this year?

MATCH

Congratulations to Bob Patterson and Robert Patterson Junior who won the Dunmill Shield 4BBB at Castle Douglas last month (see photo below) with 46 points. Also in the winner's circle, away from Kirkcudbright was Ian Menzies who won the W. MacDonald & Son Gents Open at Wigtown & Bladnoch with 69-5=64.

The next Open Competition for Gents is Carnival Week, followed by The Dalziel 4BBB, where the second presentation of prizes will take place.



A little note that one of our members, Dave Harris shared after his 67 in the July Medal last week ...

I don't know if you saw the scorecards from last night but I had made a note on mine and David McLaughlan's card that I missed a 4-inch putt on the 4th hole that would have secured me first place in Division One, although I would not have beaten the overall winner, Michael McFadyen (67-4=63).

*I hit a long iron off the tee and then an 8-iron for my approach. This landed just short of the green but I carried the 8-iron in my hand as I walked up to my ball. As I often use an 8-iron for a chip-and-run, I decided to use it here so pulled my trolley away towards the path. I then chipped the ball near to the hole and walked up to see how close it was. **When I saw it was only 4 inches, I foolishly decided to "putt" it in using the leading edge of my 8-iron. I hit the ball but left it an inch short!***

Davie did say that he hoped I wouldn't come to regret that but as it was only the 4th hole, I didn't give it much thought. It was only after checking my score after a great first 9 holes that I thought it might come back to haunt me and sure enough, at the end of the round, I'd missed first place in Division One by that 1 shot.

So, the lesson here today is, no matter how small the putt, always use your putter!

I'll never make that mistake again.

A BIT OF FUN ...



Spare a thought for Donald Shamash.



Colin MacLaine office filing.



Position of Tees chosen by lady captain.



Sunday morning, you know who.



EGGS be warned



All EGGS started here.



"Balls lost in the rough are not deductible -- and you can't claim your caddie as a dependent." Says Lindsay Forbes