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## **Captain's Desk**

Time, they say is the most precious commodity that man controls, yet once it has gone it will never return. Here we go the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year. Its 8am on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> August the 18<sup>th</sup> green is being cut by head green keeper John, the early golfers are on the first tee. We await a large party from the Cairndale Hotel and then a multitude of Ladies playing in the Galloway Ladies outing. Just another day at the Office.

Juniors doing really well representing the club and we have had two days of summer camp and two days still to go, **let's** hope the weather holds up.

How do they do it? If you follow the scores on our web page, some of our low handicap members are returning remarkable low scores. Well done to all members who have been successful in competitions.

Just a word of warning, perhaps too strong a word, but we are getting marks on greens perhaps players leaning on their putter, but more like a frustration swipe, leaving indentations.

Our course is in remarkable condition so I challenge all to keep a weather eye open for the culprits. Just a quite reminder of golfing etiquette.

Dare I now comment with fingers and toes crossed that I am happy (bad boding) with all groups and departments of our club.

Look out for the Festivities Comps, see the notice boards.

Swing slow and low,

**Maurice**

Club Captain.

## LADIES NEWS

We had a very successful outing to Dalmahoy Country Hotel and Golf Club near Edinburgh where we stayed for two nights, dinner bed and breakfast and three rounds of golf. We played over their East and West courses and were very pleased with the courses and the friendliness of the hotel staff. I think we all enjoyed it very much. It was great to see so many ladies attending - even some of the ones who do not normally do 18-holes. There were 23 ladies in total.

Since then, we have had the mixed Winnie Wallace competition when Caroline Ironmonger and Michael McFadyen were the best scorers. On 29th July, we had our Open Wallace Rose Bowl individual competition. This attracted 54 entries and was won by Hilary Austin. The best Kirkcudbright Club member was Margaret Allan who won the Centenary Rose Bowl.

On Sunday 6th August, we had the Galloway Ladies Tennant Cup Tri-Am competition. For this we had twelve teams of three entered. Unfortunately, the rain decided to start at 11.30am and continued until around 4pm. The competition was abandoned just before 1.30pm when the greens were flooding.

We were between caterers at this point and so some of the Galloway Ladies members got together and produced the most outstanding meal. There were scones and shortbread and bacon rolls to start the day followed up with a two-course beautiful cold buffet and three or four lovely desserts. Thanks to one or two of the ladies committee also for all their help and input. This competition has now been re-arranged for Sunday 27th August.

This coming Tuesday, we have the second half of the Margaret Allan stableford competition. Please also take note that the Vera Tuchewicz 4BBB. is re-arranged for Tuesday 22nd August and names must be on the poster in the ladies' changing room by Monday 14th August at the latest, so that the draw can be made on Tuesday 15th August.

Best wishes to Mark, who is taking over the catering at the clubhouse from Monday 7th August. We wish him well.

**Mary Robertson**  
Ladies Captain



Winner of the Wallace Rosebowl was Hilary Austin – pictured with the other prize winners



Winners of the Winnie Wallace Plate, Michael McFadyen & Caroline Ironmonger with Runners-Up Gary Middlemass & Amanda Houston

## EGGS NEWS

July has seen a busy period of golf for the EGGs with matches and trophies on the agenda. Thornhill proved too strong for us away from home but a good victory was recorded down at Glenluce and we managed to overcome Lochmaben in a close match at home.

Over 2 rounds of stroke play, Steve Groome mastered the conditions best to deservedly win the EGGs Shield competition. The pairs competition for the Senior Trophy was one by two old masters in David Porteous and Jack McCreadie. It has been really pleasing to hear the many positive comments from our visitors about the presentation of our Course and the quality of our greens - well done to the Greenkeepers.

On a sadder note we were devastated to hear of the sudden death of one of our newest members, Jim Duck, a gentleman in every sense of the term. Our thoughts are with his wife and family.

*Thanks, Iain*

## NEWS FROM THE JUNIORS

It was great to see so many Juniors taking part in the Joanna Shamash Competition at the end of July and the adults who were willing to play with them. Having that support is one of the reasons we have such a strong Junior section at Kirkcudbright and long may it continue.



Winners of the Joanna Shamash, Angus Bendall and David Harris with the other prize winners.

You have no doubt seen many of our Juniors featuring in the local paper as we have been out and about again this month taking part in a variety of competitions. A trip to Wigtownshire County Golf Course for the South Junior Championships saw William Squires winning the title and Patrick Innes taking the trophy for the Handicap section.

The following week those of us who qualified for the Junior Matchplay Championship returned to the course and witnessed Cameron Gray take the Runner-Up position. Well done to these boys who kept the KGC flag flying. The rest of us put in good performances but it just wasn't our day!

Nathan, Cameron, Iain, Angus and myself travelled to Percy Wood Golf Course for the South team to take on Northumberland and managed a win. It was great to see 5 out of the 8 team members come out of KGC. Straight after our two-day trip to Morpeth we had the Fraser Shield for the Three Counties held at Kirkcudbright, at least it wasn't a crack of dawn start! Our 6 members, Nathan, William, Iain, Angus, Cameron and myself pulled off a win for Kirkcudbrightshire. Iain, Angus and Cameron had 3 scores which were under par. Well done boys.

Congratulations to Iain Rae on winning the Kirkcudbrightshire Scratch Championship after a 2-hole play-off against Cameron Gray and to Ryan Davies on winning the Handicap Championship.

I took myself off to Fairmont, St Andrews in the middle of the month to take part in the Global Golf Post U16s Scottish Boys Championship. I didn't get into the third day's play but I was fairly pleased with my performances over the two days and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to play on such a superb course. Although the event was a challenge it was a fabulous experience and a great chance to meet other boys from all over the world.

That's all for now but there is plenty of golf lined up for August. It's such a pity the end of the holidays is in sight!

Callum McMillan  
Junior Captain.



Photo from Kirkcudbrightshire Junior Championships.  
Iain and Ryan receiving their prizes.



Photo of victorious team that beat  
Northumberland 9-3 at Percy Wood on  
Wednesday 26th July.