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Captain's Desk

It's Sunday and I am in the club office watching the flag at the 1st, sodden, and blowing at full stretch. The vagaries of our wonderful climate. Perhaps a thought for our friends in Florida puts life in full perspective.

Yesterday a wonderful day at the Dalziel Trophy and today the challenges of Finals Day. Well done to all who were successful and commiserations to the runners-up. As we look ahead with the season drawing in and the prospect of winter golf please remember the Loch Arthur on the 23rd of September. A charitable day; well worth your support.

Golf-o-lotto comes to a close at this year's AGM and forms for your participation in next year's Golf-o-lotto are available at the office. I charge every member to take part as the income goes a long way to balance our "books".

Out on the course preparations are underway for the start of the winter program. Over the past few years we have seen considerable improvement in playing conditions and this is largely down to the work and preparation during the winter months. Let's hope for a mild and dry winter.

Maurice

Club Captain.

LADIES NEWS

Sad to say, but we are getting to the end of the season. The weather for the last six weeks has not been the best, with a few things being abandoned or postponed. It would be just lovely to end the season with a lovely Indian Summer. However, we have to make the best of it.

The Vera Tuchewicz competition was postponed from 4th July until 22nd August. This was a 4BBB when Liz Dodd and Janet Roff were the winners. Vera very kindly came up and presented the trophy, as she always does. The Galloway Ladies Tennant Cup was postponed from 6th August to 27th August. This was a teams of three competition. Unfortunately not so many teams took part on the second day but still a good day. The Galloway Ladies are coming back again for one of their competitions next year as they like the course so much. The Summer Festivities Veterans Open competition was won by Mary Robertson with Lynn Kane second. On Sunday 10th September, the Finals Day took place. Again, the weather pretty bad at times but we got through it. At 5pm Maurice organised the prize giving for the Dalziel competition plus the second half of the year's mens competitions plus all the Finals prizes. There is a photo on this newsletter showing all the prize winners.

On Tuesday 12th September the ladies competition will be down to 12 holes, played off the red tees, but anyone who has the time and daylight can still do 18 holes if they so wish. Still time to improve on your eclectic scores!! The competition will be over the first 12 holes. On Friday 15th September, there is a mixed (Betty's Trophy) organised by the EGGS. Still time to put your name down and you would be paired with a man on Friday morning at the Draw at 10am. Sunday 17th is the Dee Salver Greensomes. Still time to get a late entry if you can find a partner. You don't have to be both from Kirkcudbright. At the moment we have about 32 pairs. We would appreciate a raffle prize from all members for that competition. They can be left in the club house or with any other member. On Tuesday 19th September, there is the Captain -v- Secretary competition. You just roll up and put your name on the sheet and depending when you arrive will determine whether you are in the Captain's team or the Secretary's team.

Looking forward to seeing many of you during the next few weeks. We don't have many left before the end of the summer season.

Mary Robertson
Ladies Captain

EGGS NEWS

The season continues apace with competitions coming thick and fast. The Summer veterans competition was judged a success with a large field enjoying good conditions and a local winner in Jack McCreadie was the icing on the cake. Thanks to all the EGGS members who contributed to the organisation and Selwyn Fell who manned the Office on the day.

Tom Brown won our August medal and Colin MacLaine emerged the winner of Rab's Claret Jug. Ted Dagg coped best with having only 3 clubs and a putter to walk away with the McMinn Trophy. Our match team travelled to Carlisle Eden and enjoyed the scenery and the hospitality but came away second best in the golfing stakes.

We recently received word that the Golf Club has been successful in their bid to have a defibrillator located in the Clubhouse. Training will follow once the equipment is in place. Our season starts to wind down with our Autumn Outing to Glenluce later this month closely followed by Betty's Trophy our last mixed event of the year.

Thanks, Iain

OFFICE MATTERS

CHANGES TO THE WAY WE MANAGE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

This will probably seem like a boring subject to most of you but keeping track of subs is quite a time-consuming exercise for the office. We are planning to start using Handicap Master to manage subs from the start of October. Most of you won't even know that we have changed but this move will help our keep the smiles on the faces of those in the office (I hope).

We are however proposing one major change.... (there's always a potential catch isn't there?). We'll be trialling a 'cashless' prize pot system over the winter for local club competitions. If it is successful we'll continue with the new system next season - but not for Open Competitions, where the current voucher system will still apply. The 'cashless' system will avoid the need for piles of brown envelopes behind the bar and will allow you to build up a 'pot' which you can put towards subs or cash in when you wish. You'll have to be places in a comp for this to work of course!

We've consulted several members and also those who have been running the present 'brown envelope' system. They are all of the opinion that it is worth giving this a try to see how it works... it will certainly reduce the amount of work for the Match Secretary and the office. Please come and have a chat to those in the office about this and let us know what you think.

Colin MacLaine

Kirkcudbright Golf Club Office

MATCH NEWS

It has been a busy month at the club and it started off with a successful weekend for the Summer Festivities Opens. On Friday 18th, the Gents Veterans was won by Jack McCreadie with 38 points while Mary Robertson won the ladies with 37 points. On the Saturday Rayond Wong won the Gents Open with an exceptional score of 71-7=64. The weekend was rounded off with the Silver Divot, won by our Head Greenkeeper John Houston and his sister Sally Moore with a score of 66.4.



**Raymond with the
Summer Festivities Trophy**



**John & Sally with the
Silver Divot**

The Dalziel 4-Ball Open was won by Robert Patterson & Robert Patterson Junior (below) with a score of 65+1=66.



The Dalziel was followed the next day by Finals Day where the weather had taken a turn for the worse but nonetheless there was some good golf played. The winners were:

- Cameron Gray - Club Champion
- David McLachlan - B Champion
- Brian McQuarrie - C Champion
- Calum Ingram – Springbank
- Robert Austin & Andrew Picken - AC Brown
- Robert Watson & Isobel Watson - Robb Quaich
- Mary Robertson - McDonald Cup
- Hilary Austin & Margaret Locke - Campbell Cup
- Iain Rae - Junior Champion



The winners at the Finals Day Prize Giving



Our New Club Champion
Cameron with Maurice.

Winter League Proposed Fixture List for 2017-18

October

8th Friendly v Newton Stewart (away)

15th Winter League Round 1

22nd Winter League Round 2

29th Winter League Round 3

November

5th New Fixture Winter Pairs Round 1

12th Winter League Round 4

19th Winter League Round 5

26th Winter League Round 6

December

3rd Winter Pairs Round 2

10th Winter League Round 7

17th Winter League Round 8

24th Winter League Round 9

January

7th Winter Pairs Round 3

14th Winter League Round 10

21st Winter League Round 11

28th Winter League Round 12

February

4th Winter Pairs Round 4

11th Winter League Round 13

18th Winter League Round 14

25th Winter League Round 15

March

4th Winter Pairs Round 5

11th Winter League Round 16

18th 2's Final

I propose doing away with Winter Medals, (no gain anyway) and introducing a Winter Pairs, Scoring for Winter, best 10 from 16 for winter League, best 4 from 5 for Pairs. All stableford. Qualifying for twos final criteria, play in 12 events over the winter programme.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIORS

I know the weather hasn't been the best but there was a particularly dark cloud over Kirkcudbright on the 21st August as the Juniors headed back to school! However, some of the older Juniors were enjoying extra time on the course as they were heading to pastures new in September.

August saw some of the Juniors travel to Arcot Hall for an overnight stay to play in the NCF Championship. Angus won the overall scratch rounds with each round being 2 over par. Well done Angus.



Angus with his award at Arcot Hall.

We also turned out to play for the South team against Durham at Powfoot where we secured a win and then met them at Consett in a return match where we, again, managed to beat them. I was paired up for my last ever Junior pairs match with my old pal Nathan Watson. Fortunately, we pulled off a win.



South Team at Powfoot



South Team at Consett

Nathan, Iain, Cameron and myself turned out to play Northumberland at Dumfries and Galloway but a **win wasn't to be, however** we still had a good day out. I enjoyed another day out to Lockerbie with the South U16 side to play against Cumbria U16 (no sheep or horses on that course!) They managed to beat us this time but there was only one point in it.

We haven't just been turning out to play for the South though as some of the boys have squeezed in a few of the Junior Opens in the region including Lochmaben and Southernness.

Nathan, William, Iain and myself went off to Stranraer to try our luck in the South of Scotland Championship. Unfortunately, my luck ran out but Nathan and William qualified for the next round a week later.

The Junior Tassie was well attended and congratulations to those who went on to win, especially to William who won it in his last year as a Junior. Thursday nights have been well attended throughout the summer holidays considering the weather **hasn't always** been kind to us.

Good Luck to Nathan, William, Iain and Angus who are off to further their education!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's all from the Juniors for now.

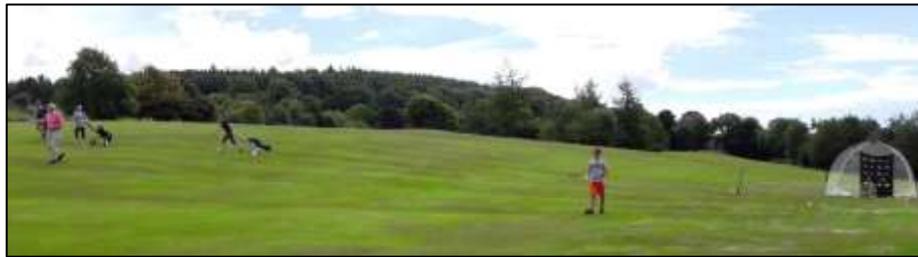
Thanks again to Eddie for keeping us all in order.

Callum McMillan
Junior Captain.

Summer Camp of Junior Golfers

This year the Junior Summer Camp was held over four days, unfortunately one of the days was a wash-out. The camp gave youngsters an opportunity to hone their skills.

Classes included, distance control, putting, different methods of chipping, course management, etiquette and the big quiz. Thanks go to all helpers, without your enthusiasm our future stars would have lost their way. Apologies to some members if we interrupted your play and plaudits to those who enjoyed the youngsters development.



GOLFALOTTO

Dear Members,

There has been a shortfall in our budget these last few years that has been bridged to a large extent by the £2,000 plus per year that the club has received from Golfalotto.

Over the past year, our total revenue from Members' Subscriptions has increased slightly, and our Fees from Visitors have remained static. Meanwhile, despite the excellent efforts of our Greenkeeper, and our Office Staff, costs have continued to climb.

The Committee takes the view that the Club must continue to spend what is required to maintain the Course in the first-class condition that we have enjoyed this year, as to do otherwise could spell the beginning of the end for our great Club.

Our financial situation remains precarious, and for the sake of the Club, I would ask you as Members to support the Club by buying as many Golfalotto tickets as you can. At the moment, we have 118 active Golfalotto tickets, and I would dearly love to boost this number to 150 for Golfalotto 2017/2022.

The winner this month was David Porteous who gets £60.

Donald Shamash
Treasurer