

Kirkcudbright Golf

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Club Captain >>> Bill Roff

Finally we have a start to the season with 70 golfers playing the Selkirk Open with some allowance for the places where the snow was still lying. All the sections managed some games and I thought great, we are getting some momentum then down came the rain reducing the RNLI to a few players on Sunday and effectively cancelling the Wednesday 17th sweep.

Continuing the weather theme the junior section played the first of their monthly fun evenings on Thursday 18th where everyone got wet. This month's took the form of a Texas scramble with 10 teams made up of one adult and two juniors playing. Despite everyone getting soaked the kids had fun and the adults had the pleasure of "entertaining conversation" and of watching some really great golf from the juniors. The aim is to have a fun night once a month in the season where the juniors can benefit from the adults experience and the adults can get to know just how good these kids are. I know that Pam has quirky Idea's for future nights so keep an eye out in the club for the next one if you can please come along its enjoyable.

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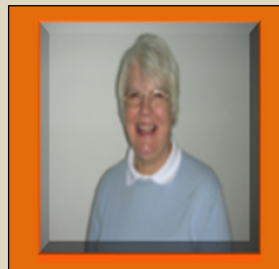
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Ladies Captain >>> Janet Roff

Not a good start to last month. Snow still caused problems. Unfortunately, the Bill Jeffrey Quaich with the EGGS had to be cancelled. The uncertainty of whether the course would be playable and cancelled games meant many ladies were unable to get to the Clubhouse to put their names up. Let's hope we have more luck with the DC Dodds Trophy on Monday 13th May or there is a chance these competitions will not include the ladies in future. Your support is vital. They are a nice bunch. They are not ALL ogres. Honest!!

Congratulations to our winners: Gladys in the Medal Finals, good luck to her and Margaret at St Medan in the Daily Mail Foursomes. Pam in the RNLI. Margaret Locke and Liz Davidson in the Coronation Foursomes, good luck in the selection process to go forward to the Area Finals. Gillian and Lyn had a great score of 40 points to win at Lochmaben. Well done to all.

We are all set for our Outing to Ballochmyle on the 6th with 23 ladies going. Let's hope for dry weather. We're settled into the season now and may I remind you that from 1st May the evening tee-off time is from 4.30-5.30pm and there will be no preferred lies till the end of the season.



May Fixture List

- 1 Gents May Medal (James Smith Fencers) --- Q
- 2 Junior Order of Merit
- 2 Eggs Match V New Galloway (Home)
- 3 Eggs Sweep
- 4 Junior Junior Order of Merit
- 5 Gents Stableford Sweep
- 6 Ladies Outing to Ballochmyle
- 6 Eggs Match V Moffat Baffies (away)
- 7 Ladies Campbell Cup Qualifier & Stroke Competition
- 8 Gents Maitland Medal & McKenzie Tankard (round 1) -Q
- 9 Junior Ceremonial Cup Round 1
- 9 Fun Night with Juniors
- 10 Eggs Sweep
- 11 Junior Junior Order of Merit
- 12 Gents 36 Hole Scratch & Handicap Shields (Q both rounds)
- 13 D C Dodds Trophy EGGS & Ladies
- 14 Ladies MacMyn Trophy
- 15 Gents Maitland Medal & McKenzie Tankard (round 2) -Q
- 16 Junior Ceremonial Cup - 2
- 17 Gents Senior Open - Syd Pascoe (Over 55 Stableford)
- 18 Junior Junior Paul Lawrie Flag
- 19 Ladies Open Texas Scramble (Cresset)
- 21 Ladies Rover Cup Singles Stableford
- 22 Gents Ben Nicholson Trophy (Belhaven Best Qualifier)
- 23 Eggs Away match v New/G
- 23 Junior Daily Telegraph- Q
- 24 Eggs Sweep
- 25 Junior Junior Medal
- 26 Gents Past Captains Medal (& Stableford Sweep)
- 28 Ladies Medal & Charity
- 29 Gents Captain's Cup (Bogey Competition)
- 30 Junior Medal
- 30 Junior Junior Stableford
- 31 Eggs May Medal

RULES AND TIGER RULES

We all watched the Masters with eyes wide open, in my case with matchsticks, and a bit of envy of those privileged to play. The talking points unfortunately did not revolve around the golf but two rule decisions one a drop the other slow play. It is not my place to comment on either decision, but a lesson can be learnt to make play at Kirkcudbright less, if ever, controversial.

The rule is simple regarding water. Water is a Hazard; the only other Hazard on a golf course is a Sand Bunker.

If your ball is in a Water Hazard you have 4 options. >> **Yellow Stakes**.<<

1. **Play it as it lies**, but do not touch the water on your address or back swing. If there is no water in the Water Hazard do not ground your club. Most bridges over the Water Hazard >> same rule.
2. **Re-play the shot** from the same or as near as possible spot.
3. **Take a drop**. You have two options on some courses there will be a DROP ZONE. Or, **From a Point**. taking a line away from the pin, keeping the water between you and the pin as far back as you wish to go and drop. The **Point** is the **last**

point the ball crossed the Water Hazard. In some cases this is not the direct line of your ball flight as the ball may take a deflection, or roll in off a bank, before it comes to rest in the Hazard.

The example may be our pond at the 9th hole. The ball could enter the pond at any point. The line may be the 12th fairway. Likewise at the 11th pond the line may be the 10th tee.

So think before you decide on your options. It may be beneficial to replay the shot, rather than a drop nearer the green. **Count all shots played and add one as a penalty.

Red Stakes the same rules, but you can drop on either side of the Water Hazard.

The rules are there to help you, but not to give you an advantage.



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WELL DID YOU KNOW HE WAS THAT OLD? HOW OLD?
YES THAT OLD? **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DONALD.**



“Best bits the icing”

Charity Golf Days.

Rotary Team Golf 27th May.
See notice Board.

Ladies Medal 28th May



Pictured Ian McLachlan, watched by Christopher and Mathew

Junior golf has got off to a good start this season with good numbers participating in our opening fixtures and taster sessions for prospective new members. Club golf coaching is also underway with 10 youngsters participating and trying the game for the first time. Our first ever fun night although a little wet at times, proved to be just what we were looking for, children and adults enjoying the game together, learning from each other and most importantly having fun. Thank you so much to everyone that joined in we really appreciate it. Details of our next one will be circulated soon.

Pamela