



# Kirkcudbright Golf News



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September 2014

This Month >  
Junior Special



Just some of the people who made our Festival Carnival extra special

## Twenty men wanted

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Home club match against Dunskey. See sheet in club house

SEE INSIDE FOR THE BIDDY GUTHRIE INTERVIEW

### THE CAPTAINS DESK

Did it go in? Are you sure?

Yes Silly. It's in.

I wonder how many drinks I will need to buy?

## Life in the Old Dog



South of Scotland Senior Scratch Champion ; Mr Donald Shamash. Played at Kirkcudbright on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. We salute you Sir .

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This year the " Silver Tassie " could have been renamed the " Silver Tassie Saga " the first two attempts called off due to flooded greens and the third attempt looking good then the heavens opened and we had hail along with thunder, fortunately short lived. In the first two attempts (despite the rain) there was some tremendous scoring with members having "the round of their lives" so I hope they remember the good feeling and not the disappointment when the competition was cancelled. Perhaps this year there was an element of "it was meant to be" as Rodney Niven produced a fabulous "Sixty one" (completed in the hail storm) to win the double of the "Tassie" and the "Cally Cup". Congratulations Rodney and to all who took part. BILL

Liz Dodds perfect 7 wood at the ninth, during the Silver Divot



As the season ends we reflect on the successes and adventures of our Junior Section. Junior Converter, Pamela Watson has selected some of the highlights. On Monday 4th August we tried something different at the golf club a 9 hole competition with two flags on each green, one hard and one easier. Players had to play to exactly 3 hard pins in the first 8 holes for double stableford points, making the right choice was crucial to good scoring. There was a further twist when the golfers



had the choice to go for bonus double points on the 9th hole, but anything worse than a par and you lost 3 points. Several players took this gamble and lost, leading to lots of banter and hilarity on the green in front of the clubhouse. With 50 men, ladies and Juniors participating there was a great atmosphere in the clubhouse and we will definitely be doing it again next year. Many thanks to Howdens for their generous sponsorship and to everyone that took part. We raised £216 to go towards coaching for the Juniors.

## JUNIOR SPECIAL

Club golf Camp



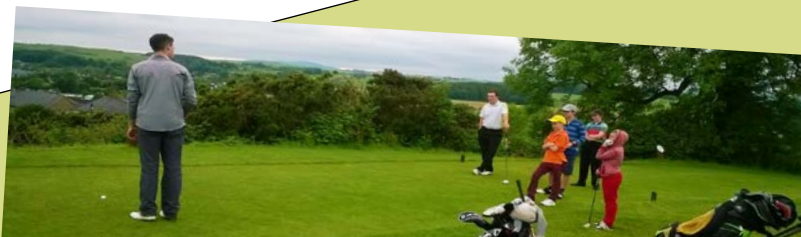
Kirkcudbright Golf Club hosted a Club Golf Camp in July, organised and lead by PGA professional David Broadfoot. The week long course covered all aspects of the game. They are pictured concentrating on some putting drills, getting some swing coaching and watching how it should be done. The week was full of fun, games and workbooks! Everyone came away from the week having learnt something new.



Junior golf continues through the winter months with the kids playing fortnightly on Saturday mornings. Pictured is Junior Captain Michael Houston presenting the winter league shield to winner Nathan Watson and the tankard for the winter eclectic winner William Squires.

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Also as part of the coaching David took some of the older Juniors out on the course to give them some course management coaching. Getting the young golfers to think about how to play each hole, dealing with difficult lies and green reading. They are pictured on the 2nd hole picking their line of the tee then having a good look at the line of their putt. This proved to be very beneficial as most of the boys went on to have their handicaps cut the next time they played.



## AND YET MORE JUNIORS



The Junior section has benefitted greatly from having PGA professional David Broadfoot close at hand. Pictured here are some of the younger golfers having a putting lesson which was part of 12 hours of coaching provided by David earlier in the year. This was partly funded from money from Kirkcudbrightshire.



### Rotary Champs



### Club Golf Camp



The Junior Rotary finals were played on the 31st July at Lockerbie Golf Club. The two Juniors who qualified to represent Kirkcudbright Rotary and Kirkcudbright Golf Club were Nathan Watson and John Rodger. The boys found the course in good condition and both made the most of the warm weather playing some lovely golf. Nathan shot a 74 to finish 3rd in the individual scratch competition. With John scoring 91 their combined scratch score was good enough to finish in 3rd in the team scratch competition. John's nett being 70 and Nathan's 69 meant they also finished 3rd in the handicap team competition. Well done boys a good day all round. Many thanks to the Rotary for their continued support to Junior golf.

### SPOT THE THREE STARS



### THE SOUTH OF SCOTLAND TEAM

## The Fabulous Three

Pictured is the under 15 squad that represented the South of Scotland against Cumbria at Dumfries and Galloway recently. Kirkcudbright Golf Club was represented by three of our most talented young golfers. Nathan Watson and William Squires who have represented the South at under 15, under 16 and under 18 were joined by debutant Cameron Gray. All three boys took points with Cameron having one of the closest singles matches of the day going all the way to the 18th hole. Cameron showed great composure to control the nerves and win the match 1 up. The South of Scotland won the match 8 points to 4 points.

Pictured are the winners of the Juniors Captains Prize which was played in July. Also in the picture is Nat Little, who very kindly sponsors this event and has provided a very unique Quaich as the winner's trophy. The winner in 2014 was Callum McMillan.



## THE LAST WORD

## JUNIOR CONVENOR PAM WATSON



Here at Kirkcudbright Golf Club we have a thriving Junior section. With over thirty youngsters playing 2, 5, 9 or 14 holes early on Saturday mornings. They play a few different formats some you will be familiar with and others like their flag competition would be new to you! With the support of their parents and some very willing members, the children are learning the basic rules and etiquette of the game while socializing with their peers and having fun. With the introduction of the 14 hole competition a couple of years ago the juniors are finding it easier to make the move to playing 18 holes on a Thursday evening where there have been 9 boys and girls playing. We are hoping that this will continue to grow over the coming years. Many of these older juniors have been out and about representing our club at many different events, including the Scottish boys and girls and playing for the South boys and girls. The juniors from Kirkcudbright travel very well and we have been represented in almost all the junior opens in the region. Successes include John Rodgers winning Castle Douglas and Callum McMillan winning the Kirkcudbrightshire handicap and Newton Stewart open.

There are many people who make this possible. I would particularly like to thank members Barbara Lindsay and Alan Anderson who give up their time to go out on the course with the juniors. A huge thank you to John Houston and his team for their hard work on the course which has been fabulous all year and for John's help in making the PowerPlay such a success. All the parents for their help and support and the children for being so enthusiastic 😊 However the juniors only get the chance to thrive because our members support the junior programme, so thank you all.

Still to come this year is our Junior Tassie and the junior/junior finals day, keep an eye out for the photos and results.

*Pam*

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## SIXTY YEARS A CLUB MEMBER > The Biddy Guthrie Interview

**\*\*With an ever changing membership it is important that we hold on to the past as well as look forward to the future. Some call it heritage or tradition and I hope when you are asked you too will step up to the mark with your memories of the great club that we at Kirkcudbright Golf have become.**

*Biddy welcome to my "Black Chair" and thank you for agreeing to the interview. Simple question first. What was the when and why of you become a member of our Golf Club?*

**60years - September 1954 my mother had been a member and she used to take me on the course I didn't play very much until I was a teenager as there were no other young girls and the boys didn't want me to play with them, little did I know then that my future husband was one of the boys!!!!**

*Gosh 60 years! You must have seen some changes to the club and course over the years Do you have any highlights?*

**9 holes to 18 holes with many members helping and we have never looked back, building of new clubhouse-built by members with everyone helping, wither laying bricks, fitting windows, welding a paint brush, or just making the tea. The parties after Wallace Rose Bowl every year at mum's house were part of the tradition.**

*Yes I remember the Millburn Street parties. For you, which players from the past can you remember and why?*

**Jessie Robertson - mum's friend, Uncle Tom Robb and his friends Sam Hastings and Alastair Wilson.**

*Yes I once played with Jessie in a mixed, I think my first mixed and I got that famous look more than once. I think from memory she had a wood a 7iron and a putter. Do you remember any celebs from the past that played the course?*

**Neil Hawke, Australian cricketer, (Hawkeye) he also played Australian Rules Football, but best remembered as a test cricketer from 1963 to 1968 with a deceptive late curving slow ball. Terry Westbrook, South African pro golfer, runner up in the SA Open in 1970 to Tommy Horton and a friend of the Shamash family, Fred Bullock, English pro golfer, who was 2nd in the Open in 1959, pro at Caird Park and Largs GC. The Open champion that year was a young 23 year old Garry Player.**

*What are your aspirations for the club in the years to come?*

**That the club will grow for many years to come with future generations enjoying playing on the beautiful course that their ancestors played on, we are now on 4th generation.**

JUNIOR TASSIE



Finals Day 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014



Results of the Junior Tassie held on Saturday 30th August

18 hole Tassie

- Winner. Patrick Innes
- Scratch Nathan Watson
- div 1. Ross Cook (Thornhill)
- 2nd Michael Houston
- 3rd Cameron Gray
- div 2 Georgina Gray
- 2nd Callum McMillan
- 3rd Lewis Cheatham (LM)

14 hole Tassie

- Winner Jack Norman
- 2nd & winner of Hannah Trophy Caitlin Innes
- 3rd Euan Kemp
- 4th Nathan Curtis
- 5th Ian McLachlan

9hole Tassie

- Winner Murray McFadyen
- 2nd Reagan Graham
- 3rd Scott Curtis
- 4th Matthew Coupland
- 5th Oscar McLellan

5 hole wee tassie

- Winner Mungo Bryson
- 2nd Craig Porteous
- 3rd Lewis Young
- 4th Euan Young
- 5th Ben Durham
- Winner of girls Wee Tassie Imogen Hannay

2 hole wee wee tassie

- Winner Max Hannay
- 2nd Archie McFadyen
- 3rd James Wallace



**A Club Champion** Allan Milligan (pictured), runner-up John Houston.

**B Champion** Stuart Brown, runner-up Rod McAlastair,

**C Champion** Andy McIlroy, runner-up Adam Gray.

**Junior Champion** Nathan Watson (pictured), Runner-up Andrew Picken.

**Springbank Trophy** Colin Kennedy, runner-up Raymond Wong.

**Robb Quaich** Caroline. Ironmonger and Mike McFadyen, runners-up, Donald & Karen Shamash.

**Clingan Trophy** Patrick Innis, runner-up Cameron Gray.

**Ladies Champion** Pam Watson (pictured) runner-up Karen Shamash.

**MacDonald Cup** Margaret Locke, rinner-up Liz Dunlop.

**Campbell Cup** Janet Roff and Georgina Gray, runners-up Myra Dodds and Caroline Dodds.



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