

Kirkcudbright Golf Club Newsletter

Summer 2022



Captain's Corner

Kirkcudbright Golf Club has, without doubt, a great deal to offer all golfers, members and visitors alike. The golf course has 18 great holes, each with its own challenge, and its members are all very welcoming to all who want to play the game on our lovely course.

The club is also blessed with Thai Kitchen providing super quality food-whether Thai or traditional British food-when visiting teams come to play they are amazed by the super tasty meal we provide via Thai Kitchen.



In my usual manner, just a few bullet points:

CLUBHOUSE

There is much still to do here, such as (a) getting past-champions boards up and also a separate (and correct) Ladies' Captains board up in the lounge asap (b) finish the Gents' changing room refurbishment (get new carpet down, etc) (c) hopefully, in October, get the roof fascias and soffits fixed as well as complete a check on the clubhouse roof condition to get it fully ship-shape.

THE COURSE

I hope you all agree that Jamie, Bradley and Dylan have done a sterling job over the summer season with the fairways, first cut of rough and greens all being kept in superb order. We have a long list of further improvements we want to do such as future potential investments in a verticutter and/or greens iron that would complete the equipment the greenkeepers already have to hand. We also hope, during the winter, to get decent quality "temporary greens" set out, lay an artificial grass walkway down the 13th fairway, upgrade various other paths and the areas near the 17th green and 18th tee. We would also like to plan for a buggy shed extension and work towards getting all current buggies into "lithium battery" mode for their longevity and reliability, going forward. Tee signs need sponsors boards still to be supplied and erected to tie off that bit of improvement work.

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Captain's Corner

COMPETITIONS

I think our new Match Secretary has done a super job in his first year and we have enjoyed in the region of 100 players for our main events and had decent entries throughout the year on most Gents, Ladies and Eggs events. The weather over the season has generally been kind, and I hope you will all enjoy the rest of the 2022 season right up to and including our Closing Day on 2nd October.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

For 2023, we are still looking to complete a "team" of 6 or 7 helpers prepared to do a day (or more) a week to support the office and do basic tasks to register bookings, get buggies out, answer the phone, welcome visitors, etc. Please approach Steve or myself if you feel you can spare a little time most weeks to help out (you don't need to be an IT genius!).

CLUB FINANCES

Clearly, to be able to continue to improve the services provided for members and visitors alike, we need a decent annual income. Projects such as keeping the clubhouse in good order, upgrading the buggy fleet, the purchase of additional greenkeeping equipment, etc are ALL EXPENSIVE and so we need everybody to encourage a few more friends/relatives to sign up for membership (or get a few previous members to re-join). We also need all members (and their friends/relations) who can afford it to sign up again to the next 3-5 years of Golf-A-Lotto (the next session starts January 2023). This produces some valuable extra income for the club. We need to start a few more social/fundraising events to also bring in some much-needed, extra cash. I am sure our new Treasurer would welcome all ideas/volunteers to assist in some fundraising for the club so if you have any ideas, please get in touch.

Please also remember to find a moment every now and then to show your appreciation to our team of greenkeepers, the office management team, Jack the gardener, Ted the painter, all of your club Committee and the many others who do so much to help the club run so smoothly.

I will wrap up here as I have said much more than I meant to. Over and out, your Captain (CK) - and no, I am not Calvin Klein despite all of the personalised golf gear.

Colin Kennedy,
Club Captain.

Golf-A-Lotto



We've had 3 more draws since the last newsletter and the happy winners (who each win £60) are as follows:

May	-	David Harris
June	-	Colin Marriott
July	-	Neil Macintosh

Congratulations to you all.

And remember, you can still join Golf-A-Lotto at any point in time and the earlier you do so, the more chances you will have of winning a prize. For more details, please contact the office.

Past Captains' Medals



Current Captain, Colin Kennedy (right) presents the Past Captain's Medal to Rod McAllister, who funnily is our immediate past Captain!



Current EGGS Captain, Stewart McKean (right) presents the Past EGGS Captain's Medal to Iain Proudfoot.

Wallace Rosebowl and Rosebud

The following Ladies singles Open competitions were played on Saturday 6th August

Wallace Rosebowl 18 hole stroke play

Overall Winner -Gill Simey 90 (24) 66

Silver - 1st Margaret Stryjewski 89 (18) 71; 2nd Gladys Kelly 94 (20) 74; 3rd Liz Roberts 95 (21) 74

Bronze - 1st Isobel Macintosh 106 (34) 72; 2nd Sharon Percy 107 (34) 73, 3rd Liz Davidson 114 (38) 76

Scratch winner - Pamela Watson Gross 84.

Rosebud 9 hole Stableford (inaugural game, trophy kindly donated by Liz Mackie)

1st Sheila Semple 20pts (21); 2nd Margaret McGarrie 16pts (22); 3rd Agnes Watson 15pts (28)

Two's - Lynn Kane 9th hole; Hilary Austin 13th hole.

Prizes were presented by Yvonne Gordon, club Vice President.



Back row (L-R) : Sharon Percy, Margaret McGarrie, Liz Davidson, Margaret Stryjewski, Pamela Watson, Liz Roberts

Front row (L-R) : Gladys Kelly, Caroline Dodds (Lady Captain), Gillian Simey, Yvonne Gordon, Isobel Macintosh, Sheila Semple.

Juniors' News

The GolfSixes league is a SGU initiative for juniors aged 12 and under where they get to play team-based golf against other local clubs. Each match is played over six shortened holes in a pairs Texas scramble format with three pairs from each club. This year Kirkcudbright entered for the first time and we were allocated to a league alongside Castle Douglas and Dumfries and Galloway. At each event there is also a set of skills challenges for the teams to attempt.

We began our season at Dumfries and Galloway where we were runners up in the match and won the skills challenge. The second match was held at Castle Douglas where we were a close 3rd.

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Juniors' News



In the final match at Kirkcudbright on the 30th of July we finished joint first with Dumfries and Galloway and therefore finished the league as runners up. In each match the scoring was incredibly close despite it being played as a scratch competition and our team being the youngest competitors.



The squad used for the matches included Peter Ellett, Ollie Gordon, Ewen Greeley, Jack Davidson, Max Dunlop, Tom Dunlop, Lacey Gordon, Noah Davidson and Patrick Broatch. We hope to enter this competition again next year to build on our success. We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped for our home match, Mark and Duangjai for the excellent buffet, Jamie and his team for the course which was enjoyed by all and the parents who came, caddied and supported their kids throughout.

David Davidson
Juniors Convenor

EGGS' news

Competition Winners



[Above] Chris Jones (left) receives the EGGS Shield (yes, we know it's a cup) from EGGS Captain Stewart McKean. Chris played 2 rounds of Stroke Play on consecutive Fridays, shooting a great 67 and 63 net.

Fees

Don't forget to top up your playing fees by dropping off some money in an envelope to the office.

Please mark the envelope with "EGGS Purse" for the attention of Ted Dagg and remember to add your name.

Balance

You can get your balance by asking Ted on a Friday morning (before the draw) or email him and he'll get back to you as soon as he gets back from the Bahamas.



Volunteers, please

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the Office. If you are happy to offer some time and are okay with computers (for the email, tee booking and membership systems we operate), answering the phone and dealing with visitors then please get in touch. Even the odd day to cover other absences would be helpful.

PS Even if you're not confident with the above, we will provide some guidance and in-house training before letting you loose on the membership and the general public.

EGGS' news

Competition Winners



Left -
Stewart
presents
Andy
McMinn
with his Bill
Telfer Cup
won on 3rd
June.

Right -
Stewart
presents
Peter
Thomson
with the
Syd
Pascoe
Cup, won
on 13th
May.



2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving

On the evening of Wednesday 13th July, we had a mid-season prize-giving in the clubhouse where players who had won a trophy between April and the beginning of July were presented with their respective trophies. We had a good turnout and the Captain (Colin Kennedy) presented the players with their hard-won gains (except for the one he won himself, which was presented by Rod McAllister).

They are (in roughly chronological order...)



20th April –
Ben Nicholson Trophy –
Billy McTaggart



2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving

24th April –
St Marys 4BBB –
Wilson Lochhead
(pictured) &
Duncan Gordon



11th May -
Maitland Medal –
Colin Kennedy (right)
presented by
Vice-Captain
Neil Macintosh (left)

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving



18th May –
Centenary Cup –
Billy McTaggart



15th/22nd May –
36 holes scratch/
shield –
Nicky Kerr

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving



15th/22nd May—
36 holes – scratch –
Craig Rudd



25th May –
Captains Cup (Bogey) –
David Harris

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving



29th May –
Avonside –
Robert Watson (left) &
Graham Smith (middle)



1st June —
Medal —
Stewart McKean

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving

4th June –
Silver Tassie –
Jamie Menzies



8th June –
Serco Trophy –
Steve Richardson

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving



15th June –
Presidents Prize—
Hamish Dunlop



22nd June—
Castle Maclellan Trophy—
Tony Muirhead

2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving

26th June —
Amersham
Cup —
Michael
Kirkham
(left)
&
Tom
Hinchliff
(centre)



29th June —
Royal Cup —
Nathan Watson

Joanna Shamash Trophy



The 18 hole winners were team Porteous - (L-R) Craig, Frank and father Neil.

The 9 hole winners were team Davidson - (L-R) Jack (who actually played in the 18 hole competition with his grandparents and came 4th but obviously couldn't stop himself from making the most of a photo opportunity), parents David & Sarah, and Noah.



The Winnie Wallace Plate



The Winnie Wallace Plate was played for on Sunday 21st August under some cloud but ultimately a dry, and mostly sunny day.

Having 31 pairs was a good turnout and included teams from many varied courses from all across Scotland and England.

Unfortunately, one pair didn't show up so the last group had to be a 6-ball and as a result, those who were atop the leader board had a long wait for the results to be finalised. However, the eventual winners were Amanda Houston and Gary Middlemass (with a combined handicap of 15) who scored 44 Stableford points. Close runners-up were Gillian Rowlinson and David Harris (off 17) with 43 points. They pipped Isobel and Robert Watson (19), who also had 43 points to second place by virtue of a better back nine. Fourth place had 42 points and there then followed 4 teams all on 41 points and another 4 teams on 39 points. This shows just how close the competition was.

Nearest the pin on the 1st hole (in two shots) was Jean & Keith Winrow.

Nearest the pin on 16th was Steve Richardson, just 4 feet 9 inches from the hole.

Extra prize for best front 9 points was Carol/Michael Fletcher with 24 points.

Extra prize for best back 9 points was Corinne/Duncan MacDonald, also with 24 points.

Biddy Guthrie presented the plates and other prizes as a representative of the Wallace family and our thanks and appreciation goes to her and the family for their support and sponsorship over the years.

Pictured above (Left to Right)

David Harris & Gillian Rowlinson (Runners-Up), Biddy Guthrie, Amanda Houston & Gary Middlemass (Winners).

In memoriam

The end of August brought us the sad news of our Club President's death. Donald Haining was well known and admired in Kirkcudbright and the region for his involvement in an enormous range of activities and many people have come in to say how much he had done for them on a personal basis. From the Club's perspective, he was a central figure who gave freely of his expertise and time, right from the start. In fact, having joined the Club in 1962, he was elected Secretary at his first AGM (the same year) and from that time served in just about every capacity, including Club Vice-Captain and then Captain between 1968 and 1971, inclusive. He became the Vice President of the Club in 2008 and then served as our President from 2012 until now. He was still providing support to the Club this year, once again giving generously to his own President's Prize competitions for both ladies and men, as well as donations towards the running of a Club of which he was a member for 60 years.

No tribute could capture all that Donald did for the Club, or for many of its members on an individual basis.

We will all miss him.



If you have any interesting photos or articles, we'd love to see them. Please email them to office@kirkcudbrightgolf.co.uk

The Last Word (from the Editor)

Sunshine and Rain (another typical Scottish Summer)



Not all the leaves are brown (yet) and the sky isn't always grey, but Summer is coming to an end and Autumn is just around the corner. But we have had a great sporting Summer with Wimbledon, the Women's Euros, the 150th Open at St. Andrews and the European (Athletics) Championships, to name just a few. I watched some of the Wheelchair competition matches at Wimbledon for the first time and was amazed at their abilities and was thoroughly engrossed in the tennis. There were some great matches to be seen.

Thanks, as always, to all who contributed to this issue. And don't forget, we can always use photos you've taken from around the course of each other or just the lovely views, so when you take a photo, think about sending it in. We always need new material.

And please have a think about joining the Golf-A-Lotto draws - we really do need every pound of income we can generate, especially now as utility bills soar.

That's all for now.

See you on the course soon,

The Editor.



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