

Kirkcudbright Golf Club

Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Captain's Corner

I write this just after our club Closing Day Competition, played on a glorious October day with 29 members having a go and enjoying some camaraderie with Gents, Ladies and Juniors all mixing up.

With all the main season completed and all trophies handed out, we will be now be switching to Winter 2022/23 golf for the next 6 months. Hope you all agree the course is still looking great and hopefully, until we get some serious rain, snow or frost, we can continue to enjoy playing on the main greens (although temporaries are ready to go).



I did mention in an earlier correspondence that, thanks to your excellent Match Secretary, we did a feedback questionnaire from the top players from the county. What we got back after asking for points out of 10 for the course, the clubhouse facilities, the catering (Thai Kitchen) and the welcome, was a score of 87%. I believe this is a great credit to the club as these elite amateurs play on all types of courses both in the county and beyond, so clearly you have a club of which to be proud.

In the near future we hope to do roof repairs/improvements to fascias/soffitts, etc, to re-floor the Gents changing room and toilets, to get the Ladies Captains board up in the lounge and to get sponsors boards up onto the new tee signs. You all know also about the new fence on our boundary along the 8th hole (so no future cattle intrusions onto course hopefully).

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Captain's Corner

Next on the agenda is finalisation of the 2022 accounts and draft budgeting for the 2023/24 season. All I will say is that 2022 is looking okay but all of your Committee expect a very tough next 2-3 years ahead, with increased energy costs, increased insurance costs and all maintenance costs having gone up at a hell of a rate from previous years and showing little sign of easing.



We have a long "wish list" to improve the services to members, including getting all of the existing buggy fleet into lithium-battery mode, obtain more buggies and extend the buggy shed, improve course paths and markers, and more. To achieve any of these, we need to get into fund-raising mode so we need all members to encourage new members (and get any past members to come back!!), get friends (as well as yourselves) signed up for the new "Golf-A-Lotto" period and your Committee will be looking into every avenue to get grant providers to assist in the new projects we want to do.

I will wrap up now by just saying the club greatly values your support and to give my sincere thanks to the greenkeeping staff, Steve and his team in the office, Thai Kitchen, all the Committee and all the unseen helpers who put in hard graft on the lounge refurbishment and regularly give of their time to tidy the clubhouse environs and lend a hand whenever required.

Happy Halloween, safe Bonfire Night and we will hopefully see a good turnout at the 2022 AGM in early December.

Colin Kennedy,
Club Captain.

Golf-A-Lotto



We've had 2 more draws since the last newsletter and the happy Winners (who each win £60) are as follows:

August	-	George Dunlop *
September	-	Paul Stirling

* Prize kindly donated back to the club

Congratulations to both.

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.

Signage



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In Competition, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.

The positions of known delayed-action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom...

A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or 'destroyed', a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty, one stroke.

Extracts from the "Temporary Rules, 1940" of Richmond Golf Club.

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EGGS' news

Competition Winners



[Left] Winner of Rab's Claret Jug for 2022, Barry Stryjewski, receiving the trophy and congratulations from EGGS Captain, Stewart McKean.

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.

On the course...

Toadstools and Mushrooms

To the right of the landing area (for the big hitters) on the 14th fairway at this time of year, you'll find the fungus shown below, surrounding the base of a tree. **Amanita muscaria var. muscaria**, commonly known as the **fly agaric** or **fly amanita**, is a mushroom **and** a toadstool (the word "toadstool" generally applies to mushrooms that are poisonous to humans). Although poisonous, death, due to poisoning from *A. muscaria* ingestion, is quite rare.



This companion, on the other side of the same tree, may well be a **Amanita muscaria var. flavivolvata** variant that hasn't quite formed its rounded cap but I'm no expert so don't take my word for it. It may be the same species as above as sometimes they look more yellow due to slow development of the purple pigment.



2022 End-of-Season Prize-giving

On Sunday 25th September, the Champions Trophy was played at Kirkcudbright Golf Club. This competition saw all 26 event winners throughout the season compete over 18 holes in a handicap Strokeplay competition. The winner was Jamie Menzies with a superb level par 69 (net 65), second was Alan R. Milligan with 72 (net 68) and third was Robert Watson with a 79 (net 69). The photo below shows club Captain, Colin Kennedy, presenting Jamie with the trophy.



2022 End-of-Season Prize-giving

Below are all the Ladies' Winners and Runners-Up along with Ladies' Captain and Club Vice-Captain.



Left to Right : Caroline Dodds (Ladies' Captain), Janet Roff (Campbell Cup Runner-Up) Amanda Houston (Ladies' Champion Runner-Up and Campbell Cup Winner), Jan Mattison (Ladies' Champion), Neil Macintosh (Vice-Captain), Sandra Wallace (Austin Trophy Winner), Hilary Austin and Liz Mackie (Austin Trophy Runner-Up). Amanda Houston & Caroline Ironmonger (not pictured) had won the Campbell Cup, beating Janet Roff & Gillian Rowlinson (not pictured).

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“Eighteen holes of Matchplay
will teach you more about your foe
than nineteen years of
dealing with them across the desk.”

Grantland Rice

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2022 End-of-Season Prize-giving

Our Vice Captain (left) and Ladies' Captain (far right) present this year's Ladies' Champion Jan Mattison (holding the trophy) and Runner-Up, Amanda Houston. Well done both!



2022 End-of-Season Prize-giving



Left to Right : Neil Macintosh, Liz Mackie (Runner-Up) and Sandra Wallace (Winner of the Austin Trophy) being presented with the trophy by Hilary Austin (far right).

2022 End-of-Season Prize-giving



Winners of the Dalziel Trophy for 2022 were Alan R. Milligan (left) and David McLachlan (right).

Winners of the McMyrn Trophy, David Davidson (left) and Malcolm Kirkwood (far right), receiving their cup from Captain, Colin Kennedy.



2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving



Springbank Trophy winner, Colin Marriott, receiving his trophy from the Captain.

Closing Day competition.

This was a Mixed Texas Scramble with 10 teams playing. Winners were (L to R) - Colin Baty, Isobel Macintosh and Alistair Crawford.



2022 Mid-Season Prize-giving

L-R : Neil Macintosh (Vice Captain) with Alan R. Milligan (Runner-up) and David Broadfoot, gents Club Champion for 2022



Global Warming?

Seen up by the seventh green in May of this year, a Kookaburra that must have escaped from the Wildlife Park (or had a very long flight).

Photographs by Barry Stryjewski.



Global Warming?

Seen on the twelfth hole in June, the same Kookaburra found enjoying the mid-afternoon dappled shade (perhaps the weather was a little too hot for it).

Photograph by David Harris.



If you have any interesting photos, we'd love to see those, too.

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“Handicap : An allocation of strokes on one or more holes that permits two golfers of very different ability to do equally poorly on the same course.”

HENRY BEARD and ROY MCKIE
From "Golfing - A Duffer's Dictionary"

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A fond memory...

Just before Donald Haining stopped playing, Ian Senior was playing with him one Friday and on the 16th hole, Donald teed off but managed to hit the barbed wire and his golf ball stuck on one of the barbs. Quite a feat, I'm sure you'll agree (although we don't think he did it deliberately).



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

South of Scotland Golfers Association

The South of Scotland Golfers Association held their Strokeplay and Matchplay Championships over two weekends at Southernness Golf Club back in August. The course was presented in fantastic condition and was a joy to play for all that entered.

The Strokeplay Championship

...was won by William Squires (Kirkcudbright) with excellent scores of 65 and 69 for a total of 134. Second place went to Kyle McClung (Wigtownshire County) with scores of 67 and 73 for 140.

Result

1st William Squires (Kirkcudbright) 65+69=134

The Matchplay Championship

...was played the following weekend as the top 16 qualifiers contested the competition at Southernness again and some superb golf was played over the fantastic links course. William Squires (Kirkcudbright) the top qualifier followed up his Strokeplay success by edging out Graeme Finlay (Southernness) at the 20th hole in a high quality final to complete the Strokeplay and Matchplay double.

Quarter Finals

W Squires (Kirkcudbright) beat
C Riddick (Southernness)

I Rae (Dalbeattie) beat
M Grunwell (D&G)

B Irving (D&C) beat
I Thomson (Powfoot)

G Finlay (Southernness) beat
K McClung (Wigtownshire Co.)

Semi Finals

W Squires (Kirkcudbright) beat
I Rae (Dalbeattie)

G Finlay (Southernness) beat
B Irving (D&C)

Final

W Squires (Kirkcudbright) beat
G Finlay (Southernness)
at the 20th hole.



Above : William with his trophy after being presented with it by SOSGA President, Barry Scott.

The Last Word (from the Editor)



Animals

We've had reports (and photos) of Kookaburras on the course this year as well as the usual stoats, a bees (or wasps) nest in the oak tree between the 7th green and the 8th tees, and some unwelcome cows who left their mark (literally) on the 8th green a few weeks back. I've seen sheep on the 10th fairway before today and some red squirrels in that part of the course, too.

There's certainly been lots of natural (and some unnatural) wildlife on the course this year and let's hope the natural wildlife sticks around. If you spot anything, please take a photo and send it in to us. We pay £250 for each picture we use in this newsletter.*



If you're planning to play throughout the winter, let's hope the weather treats you well. If you're planning to stay indoors most of the time, let's hope the TV is good or that you have a few good books to read.

Our next issue should be out just before Christmas.

Until then, bye for now.

The Editor.



* Sorry, that should read £2.50 [Ed].

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