



Captain's Corner

Well, after a gloriously warm, dry May and June, the Scottish summer has switched to some wet, windy and showery days in July (not surprised, are you??)

Our course, I hope all will agree that the course is being kept in great shape by our young Greenkeeping team, with most visitors singing the clubs' praises after their rounds.

Improvements

The next planned improvements will be to get an astro-turf pathway down the 16th hole, and drainage works on the 8th fairway, as well as sorting out two wet spots on the 1st and 14th holes (for Winter golf). (The 2 ponds will also get a clearing out of weeds when the excavators are on site in early October)



Clubhouse

The clubhouse is tidy, and Thai kitchen continue doing a super job on the catering - the food presented is excellent and also exceptional value in these days of never-ending food cost inflation (members should never under-estimate the number of hours per week that Duanghai and Mark put in to run this business).

Competitions

Competitions have gone well, with good number of players in our major Open competitions (especially senior ones for the over 50 gents). The club did a good job recently hosting the Kirkcudbrightshire Gents Seniors Open with 57 players coming from all of the 6 clubs within the Stewartry.

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Finance

On the club finances, we will await the year end but we have gained a few new members (quite a few from Brighthouse Bay) and visitor numbers (to date) seem very steady.

We would hope that it is steady as we go with the possibility of constructing a buggy shed extension next year BUT as always with any significant expenditure on projects, having both eyes still fixed on saving for the forthcoming need to replace the roof on our clubhouse in the next 3-5 years.

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Captain's Corner (cont...)

I trust all members will enjoy lots more "Summer" golf in August and September, and please encourage any friends to come and try golf. I am very conscious that we really need to try a big drive to get more Lady members and more Junior members, looking ahead.

Golf-A-Lotto

Finally, please join Golfalotto (if not already a ticket holder), and ask any friends/relatives too. It is only 70p/week (£3/month) - less than a Mars bar a week !! -and if you join up you can rest assured any cash raised will be wisely used for the continuous improvement of your clubhouse and your course.

Over and out.

Colin Kennedy,
Club Captain.



Volunteers

I know we ask this in most issues of this newsletter but perhaps the issue is being overlooked, as it's usually just a small piece tucked away in one of the side columns. However, this time, we're boldly asking the same question, hopefully with a little more impact.

We are a relatively small golf club and can't afford to offer paid roles for our administration duties. So we (and all of our members) rely on our magnificent volunteers. And while the existing group of volunteers are working well and managing to keep the good ship "Kirkcudbright Golf Club" afloat, we're approaching the holiday season and some (if not all) of them will want a holiday. So, we're going to need some other volunteers to cover for them. And if you're not so comfortable dealing with the public or with computer-based tasks, there are plenty of other office duties you could perform.

If you can spare even just a few hours per week, please let us know. It will make a huge difference and you can be proud to say that when your Golf Club came knocking, you were amongst those who answered.

Call 01557 330 314 or email
office@KirkcudbrightGolfClub.co.uk now.



Ladies' News

Residential Outing July 2023

Kirkcudbright Ladies enjoyed a 3 day Residential trip early in July. A total of 14 ladies took part. We stayed at the Fairfield Hotel in Ayr. Before checking in at the hotel, though, we played a singles Stableford competition, at Seafeld Golf club in Ayr, which most of the ladies found a challenge, (there were a lot of blind holes and not knowing the course made it even more challenging). We got round mainly dry with a few blustery showers which was a god send as we still had two days of golf to play.

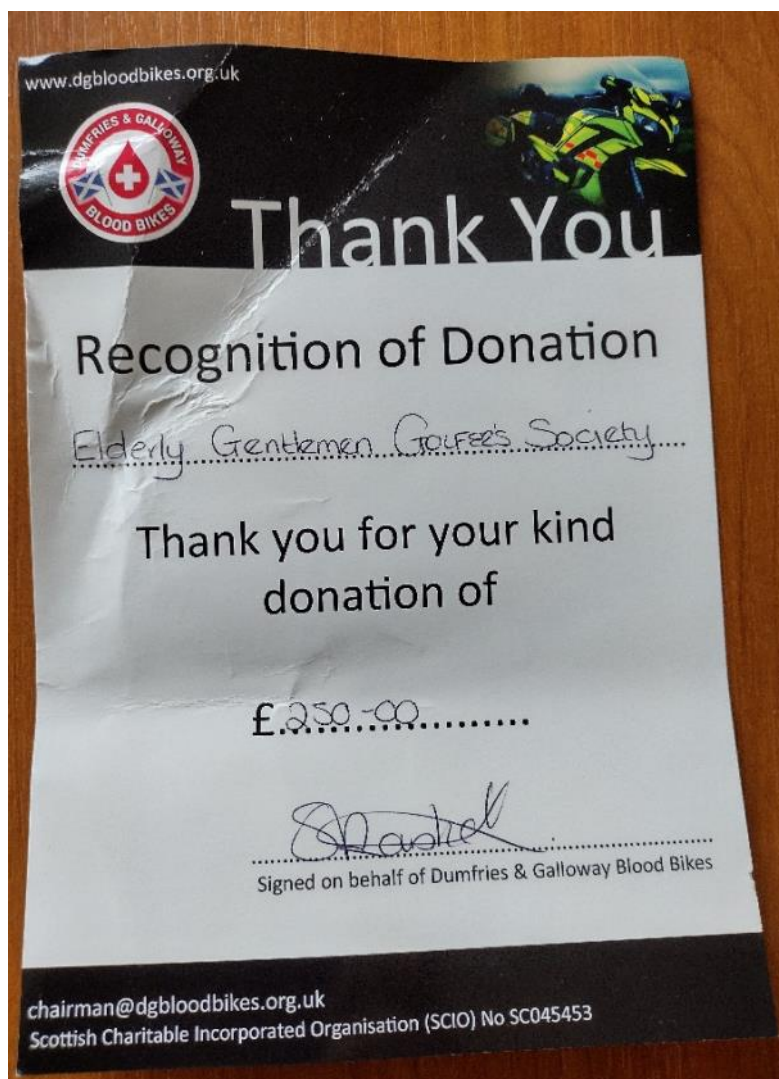
The second day we played Prestwick St Cuthbert's which was in very good condition and again the weather was very kind to us. This was very flat and most of the ladies enjoyed the course, finding it less challenging than Seafeld. We played a team game that day.

The third day on the way home we stopped in at Thornhill and played a Texas Scramble and once again we were lucky with the weather. We had a lovely meal followed by the Prize giving before we all departed for home.

An outing enjoyed by everyone who attended and thanks must go to our Lady Captain, Caroline Ironmonger, who organised everything, including the weather (so she claims)!

Margaret Stryjewski (Ladies' Secretary)





Good (EGGS) Causes (see what I did there? Ed.)

During COVID, the Eggs & mixed competitions with the Ladies raised funds for charity purposes and as we found it difficult to distribute the money to charity, it was agreed that we donate £250 each to Blood Bikes and the McMillan Nurses.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took part and/or helped raise this money for these great causes.



Quote, unquote

"One good thing about rain in Scotland; Most of it ends up as scotch."

— Peter Alliss —

EGGS 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.

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 possible.



EGGS' news (continued...)



EGGS Bill Telfer Trophy 2023

The winner of the Bill Telfer trophy this year (on Friday 2nd June) was Ted Dagg. Ted is pictured above receiving his trophy from Bill's daughter Karen. Well done, Ted. Many congratulations!

Mid-Season Prize-Giving

On Wednesday 19th July, we held our mid-season prize-giving. Here are some of the winners receiving their rewards:



Left : Michael Kirkham is presented with the Peter Haynes RNLI Stableford trophy by Irene Haynes.

Right : Darren Gourlay (right) receives the St. Mary's 4-ball trophy from our Captain (left). Darren's winning partner (Jamie Menzies) was unable to attend.



Mid-Season Prize-Giving (cont...)



Left : Billy McTaggart is presented with the Silver Tassie - our most-coveted Open competition.

Right : Maurice Halliday (right) won this year's Past Captains' Medal.



Mid-Season Prize-Giving (cont...)



Left : Rod McAllister took first place in this year's June Medal.

Right : Robert Watson (right) receives the Amersham Greensomes cup from our Captain (left). Robert's winning partner and nephew (Nathan Watson) was unable to attend.



Mid-Season Prize-Giving (cont...)



Left : This year, Philip Broatch won the May Medal AND the Captain's Cup (our Bogey Competition).

Right : Eddie Carruthers (right) receives the Royal Cup from our Captain (left).



The Richardson Lounge



After many years of service managing our Golf Club almost single-handedly, Steve Richardson has been training other volunteers in all the office tasks and taking more of a back seat with a view to retire from Golf Club Management in the near future (although most of us think he'll still be around helping with anything and everything he can turn his hand to).

So as a huge Thank You to Steve and wife Jane, the Committee agreed to name the revitalised Lounge after them and to present Steve with a cake in appreciation of his many, many years of help, advice and management skills, without which, the club would have been in a much worse-off state.

Thank you, both.



Golf-A-Lotto

GOLFALOTTO
YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Help your club and give yourself a chance
to win big prizes.

The more people who join,
the bigger the prizes will be.

Sign up TODAY and encourage your friends and relations to join too.

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or ring us on 01557 330 314

Golf-A-Lotto Results



We've had 4 more draws since the last newsletter and the lucky winners are as follows:

April	-	Neil Macintosh	-	£55
May	-	Colin Marriott	-	£57.50
June	-	Eion Jamieson	-	£57.50
July	-	Helen McQueen	-	£57.50

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.

The Last Word (from the Editor)

Summertime...and the living is easy

This edition, I thought I'd set you a little quiz. See how many of the Summer-based songs below you can name (without the help of your favourite search engine). Sorry, no prizes. Each double-question mark "?? " is a missing word.

Summer of ?? - Bryan Adams

Summer ?? ?? ?? - The Lovin' Spoonful

?? ?? ?? Sun—The Beatles

?? ?? Sunshine—Katrina and the Waves

Sunny ?? - The Kinks

Summer?? - Lady Gaga

There—dead easy, wasn't it?

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

The Editor.



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