

Kirkcudbright Golf Club

Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Captain's Corner

Dear Fellow Members,

Well that is the 2023 Golf season done and dusted and I sincerely hope you have all enjoyed the many benefits that being a member at Kirkcudbright Golf Club brings each year.

To name a few:- getting to regularly play on a super high quality golf course with 3 excellent greenkeepers, good food and drink from Thai Kitchen and great camaraderie in whichever group(s) you play in, be it Gents, Eggs, Ladies or Juniors.

My 2 year stint as your Captain is rapidly drawing to a close and it has been a great privilege to see how the club runs and to work with a great bunch of people on your committee. It has allowed me to fully appreciate how much hard work is done by our many club volunteers-whether manning the office or keeping the garden tidy or painting, decorating, carpet fitting, roof fixing, cleaning ditches, shooting rabbits, etc. (the club owes every helper a great deal-so thank you all).



Highlights of 2023

CLUBHOUSE

The lounge and office refurbishment was completed, the roof facias/soffits etc. fixed, and the Gents changing room, hallway and foyer all improved.

THE COURSE

A new boundary fence was erected along the 8th fairway, smart new tee signs were erected, safe artificial grass matting was put on various paths at 4th, 5th, 12th, 13th and 17th (16th to be done over this winter). Pond cleaning and drainage works should be completed by the end of October. Temporary greens are improving every year for the keen Autumn/Winter golfers.

COMPETITIONS

The club offers a plethora of competitions every year with 2024 to be more of the same so all players can play Strokeplay/Matchplay in singles, pairs, mixed-pairs, or even 3 or 4 ball formats.

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Captain's Corner (cont...)

Congratulations to all our winners during the season (too many to list) right from The Selkirk Arms trophy in April to The Champions trophy in September. It was great to see our Open competitions all attracting close to or even over the 100 player mark.

At the end of season Gents prize giving, it was noticeable that Robert Watson and Bradley Adams ended the season very well and many congratulations to David Broadfoot for retaining his title as Club Champion in 2023.

I hope as many of you as possible can attend our 2023 AGM at 7pm on Thursday 7th December in the clubhouse when I will hand over the Captaincy reins to "The Welsh Wizard" (Chris Jones) or as I call him "Ironman" ('cause he hits his irons a very long way!!)

I will try to remember at our AGM to thank everyone who has helped me greatly over the last 2 years, and I just hope all the volunteers continue to help the club as much as they can going forward as the club depends on the great team effort of you all. Despite all the inflationary pressures on heating/lighting/insurance/repair and maintenance costs-financially, we seem to be keeping our heads above water (our treasurer will update you all on our 2023 figures at the AGM).



With all your help (and hopefully a few more new members in 2024) we can continue the constant improvement of the club facilities and course and get a few more projects completed under our next Captain.

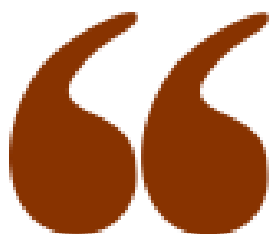
Final Note - I know Rod will be remembered as the "Covid Captain" as he steered us through the 2 strangest years ever experienced by the club, and I hope to be remembered as the "Tee signs, Ponds and Fence

Captain", although many may call me the "Denerley Dog Captain" due to issues with our neighbour. Can I just say (with court cases looming and continued diligence on my part) I will ensure this dog menace will no longer be any issue for the club and your new captain from 2024 onwards.

Whenever you can, keep playing and enjoying the game over the close season 6 months, and I hope to see you at the AGM to hear all your wishes/suggestions going forward into 2024.

Over and out,

Colin Kennedy,
Club Captain.



"Local Rules : A set of regulations that are ignored only by players on one specific course rather than by golfers as a whole."

HENRY BEARD & ROY McKIE

From "Golfing : A Duffer's Dictionary"



Ladies' News

No News Is Good News...

The Ladies hadn't had an official Finals Day due to bad weather but the Ladies finals competitions, championship and Handicap competitions were played as and when weather allowed. They had held a successful Presentation Night (photos on the next few pages).



Several of the Ladies' section enjoying a coffee and some sunshine—September 2023.

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- “There are 3 ways of learning golf:
- by study, which is the most wearisome;
 - by imitation, which is the most fallacious; and
 - by experience, which is the most bitter.”

Robert Browning

From “A History of Golf”

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Ladies' News

Presentation Night #1



Ladies 9 hole Austin Trophy winner Liz Mackie (right) receiving her trophy from Ladies Captain Caroline Ironmonger (left)



Campbell Cup (ladies handicap pairs) winner Isobel MacIntosh
Partnered by Margaret Stryjewski (not pictured)

Ladies' News

Presentation Night #2

Ladies Champion Pam Watson (right) with runner-up Amanda Houston (left)



Ladies MacDonald Cup winner (handicap singles) Gillian Rowlinson (right)

EGGS News

EGGS AGM...

The EGGS AGM was held on Friday 20th October and was attended by 34 members. Here are the main points:

The EGGS Captain, Stewart McKean, opened the meeting by thanking all who had attended the AGM.

Approval of last year's minutes were passed - Proposed by Ian Senior and seconded by Ian McCartney

All reports were read and approved.

Stewart McKean told the members that he would like to remain Captain for a further year, the members agreed.

Office Bearers for 2023:

Stewart McKean = Captain,

Ian McCartney = Vice Captain.

Secretary = Ian Senior,

Match Secretary = Alistair Millar,

Treasurer = Jon Gibbs Smith,

Members Secretary = Alistair Millar,

Neil MacIntosh and Allan Breckenridge will remain on the committee.

Membership Fees.

To remain the same at £2.00 and the weekly fees increased to £3.00.

It was agreed by the members that (inside the leather) would be postponed on temporary greens.

Alastair Millar explained to the members that the club has decided Handicap Master is being phased out and DotGolf would be the preferred software, and would look forward to having the members attend a meeting to explain all.

AOCB.

With regard to the Friday draws, a random draw will alleviate some issue with double buggies and the sharing thereof.



"It's still good sportsmanship to not pick up lost balls while they are still rolling."

[Mark Twain](#)



Office news

House Convenor wanted

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the Office, and, at the moment, we badly need somebody to fill the post of House Convenor. Duties will include managing the general maintenance of the buildings and liaising with the Committee, when required.

General Office staff

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.

Even if you are not comfortable with computers or dealing with the public, there are still lots of other tasks that you could undertake.

If you want to keep your golf club running as smoothly as it has in the past, please consider volunteering to help out. Full training and guidance documentation will be provided to ease you gently into your post.

For more details, simply ring the office on 01557 330 314.

That's **01557 330 314**. Go on, give us a call now!



Reminder to all members for 1st Hole

By now, you should all have seen the additional sign on the 1st tee that says:

- (1) Players are strictly prohibited from hitting beyond the (black & white) marker post from off this tee
- (2) Any long mis-hit tee shot going left towards the houses should IMMEDIATELY be reported to the club (Tel: 01557 330 314).

The other sign that says to use only hybrid clubs or irons off this tee has not been changed so that ruling still stands for all tee shots.

NB These local rules are being enforced to safeguard all residents (and property thereof) of Stirling Crescent.

C. Kennedy,
Captain, Kirkcudbright Golf Club.



"Fairway : A narrow strip of mown grass that separates two groups of golfers looking for lost balls in the rough!"

HENRY BEARD & ROY McKIE
from
"Golfing - A Duffer's Dictionary"



Other competitions



Betty's Alzheimer's Trophy 2023

The winners of the Betty's Trophy for 2023 are (L-R) : Barry Stryjewski, Margaret Stryjewski and Iain Proudfoot.
Well done, all of you. Many congratulations!

End-of-Season Prize-Giving

On Sunday 1st October, we held our end-of-season prize-giving. Here are some of the winners receiving their rewards:



Left : Billy McTaggart (right) is seen being presented with the McMyn Trophy (which Billy won pairing with Bradley Adams) by our Captain, Colin Kennedy.

Right : Gillian Rowlinson and Colin Marriott (right) receive the A. C. Robb trophy from our Captain (left).



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



Left : Kevin Morrison (right) is presented with the July medal.

Right : David McBeth (brother of Ian) presenting the Ian McBeth order of merit trophy to Robert Watson (right).



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



Left : Jon Gibbs-Smith took first place in the Castle MacLellan trophy.

Right : Robert Watson (right) was the proud winner of this season's Champion's Trophy.



The return of the Kookaburra(s)...

The Kookaburras have been with us for a while now but not many of us have been lucky enough to get very close to one of them. But one of the pair was quite happy perching on the first tee sign a few weeks ago while the EGGS teed off.



Thanks to Ian McCartney for the photos [Ed].



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.

Contact the office at office@kirkcudbrightgolf.co.uk
or ring us on 01557 330 314

Golf-A-Lotto Results



We've had 2 more draws since the last newsletter and the lucky winners are as follows:

August	-	Tamara Shamash	£57.50
September	-	Tommy Learmonth	£57.50

Congratulations to you both.

The October draw will be made towards the end of the month and now that we have 120 Golf-A-Lotto members, the monthly prize will rise to £60.

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)

Summer/Autumn

First of all the answers to the quiz questions from our Summer edition.

Summer of 69 - Bryan Adams
Summer In The City - The Lovin' Spoonful
Her Comes The Sun—The Beatles
Walking On Sunshine—Katrina and the Waves
Sunny Afternoon - The Kinks
Summerboy - Lady Gaga



Hope you got at least a couple of those.

But now, as we enter what John Keats called the “[Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness](#)”, the days get shorter and usually wetter. But the Winter Leagues will be up and running so you can keep your skills well-honed until the new season in 2024, providing you’ve got a set of waterproofs, an umbrella and the will to get out there.

As always, please send in any photos you take of the course, jokes, comments or articles for future editions.

And enjoy your golf,

The Editor.



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