

# KIRKGUDBRIGHT GOLF CLUB

# Newsletter

Winter 2024



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

**A Merry Xmas to all members, and good health and happy golfing in 2025.**

Thanks so much to all those who do so much (largely unseen and without fanfare) to keep the show on the road. The course almost reached the shortest day of the year on main greens that were rolling true, thanks to the Greenkeeping team and Peter for instigating and carrying out a long-term plan involving coring and scarification which is already showing early benefits.

The weather we get is obviously the boss when it comes to course conditions and we have mercifully dodged the worst of it that has put others under water recently - long may this luck continue.



The New Year will see me looking for new volunteers for various roles - office cover (especially Wednesdays and Saturdays), a Fundraising Subcommittee, course volunteers and some important Golf Committee roles.

I look forward to seeing those of us who brave winter golf sporting new gear on the course in the New Year.

Best Wishes,  
Chris Jones (Club Captain).



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## Volunteers, please

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the Office, particularly when we enter the main season and go to longer hours and (preferably) a 7-days-a-week service. 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.

# AURORA BOREALIS



## AURORA BOREALIS



A big "Thank You" to Bradley Adams for these three magnificent photographs of the Aurora Borealis (the Northern Lights) from back on Thursday 10th October. They were taken around 10pm on the high ground between the 5th and 12th holes.

### Santa/Golf Joke

Santa played a round of *golf* on *Christmas Eve* to relax and hit a birdie.

It was a partridge on a par 3.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.

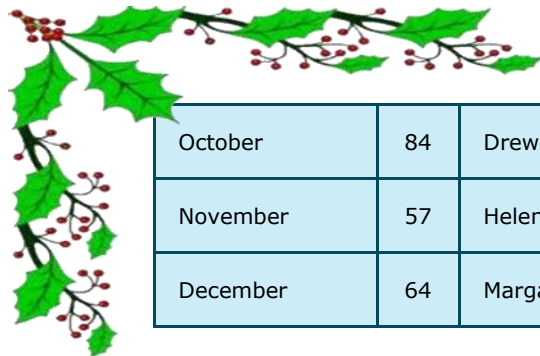


If you haven't yet joined Golf-A-Lotto, please consider it now. We have over 100 tickets in place at the moment, but really need every single ticket we can sell so that the club gets the maximum benefit and you have a chance of winning sizeable Annual and 5-Year prizes.

See overleaf for the latest draw winners for December and the Annual prize for 2024.

## Golf-A-Lotto - Recent Draws

We've had 3 more draws since the last newsletter plus the end-of-year draw for 2024. Results and winners below:



October	84	Drew Craven
November	57	Helen McQueen
December	64	Margaret Locke

All of the above winners will receive £60.

We also held the end-of-year draw at the AGM and the winner of the magnificent prize of £900 was (cue long, long drum roll.....) Graham Campbell. Many congratulations, Graham !

2024	110	Graham Campbell
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And remember, this could be you next time around, but you've got to be in it to win it.

See previous page for more details.



# LADIES' SECTION PRIZE WINNERS 2024



Our Ladies' section prize winners for 2024, receiving their trophies at their AGM in November.



Back row (L-R)

Margaret Stryjewski		Angela Hiddleston		Liz Dunlop		Lynn Kane		Susan King		Amanda Houston
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Front row (L-R)

Caroline Ironmonger		Pamela Watson		Margaret Locke		Gillian Rowlinson
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A list of all the Ladies' trophy winners follows on the next page.

## LADIES' SECTION PRIZE WINNERS 2024



<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Championship	Pamela Watson
Championship Runner-Up	Margaret Locke
Austin Trophy	Carolyn Greig
Campbell Cup	Margaret Stryjewski & Jane Richardson
Campbell Pendant	Pamela Watson
Crofts Trophy	Pamela Watson
Gill Russell Cup	Jane Richardson
Jessie Robertson Memorial Bowl	Muriel Dysart
MacMyn Trophy	Caroline Ironmonger
Margaret Allan Cup	Lynn Kane
Mary Wallace Trophy	Liz Dunlop
McDonald Cup	Margaret Locke
Oakley Cup (Captain v Secretary)	Margaret Stryjewski
Outing Cup	Susan King
President Prize (9-holes)	Sheila Semple
President Prize (18-holes)	Lynn Kane
Robertson Cup	Angela Hiddleston
Rover Cup	Jane Richardson
Scottish Golf Regional Finals Qualifier 2025	Pamela Watson
Vera Tuchevicz 4BBB	Amanda Houston & Susan King
9-hole Medal Finals	Carolyn Greig
18-hole Medal Finals	Gillian Rowlinson
Coronation Foursomes	Susan King & Angela Hiddleston
Daily Mail Foursomes	Angela Hiddleston & Gill Simey

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# LADIES' SECTION PRIZE WINNERS 2024



<b>OPEN COMPETITIONS</b>	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Centenary Bowl	Margaret Stryjewski
Cresset Trophy	Liz Roberts, Jean Prentice, Sally Downs, Helen
Dee Salver	Helena Fox & Heather Inman
Rosebud Trophy	Linda Harris
Wallace Rosebowl	Helen Flaherty
Senior Ladies Summer Festivities	CANCELLED
<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Winter Eclectic (Bronze)	Gillian Rowlinson
Winter Eclectic (Silver)	Pamela Watson
Winter League Shield 23/24	Margaret Stryjewski & Liz Roberts
Summer Eclectic	Pamela Watson
Birdie Tree	Pamela Watson
Most Improved Golfer	Lynn Kane

The Definition of Golf:  
a 5-mile walk  
punctuated with  
disappointments.

If your opponent can't  
remember if they shot a  
six or a seven on the last  
hole, chances are they  
had an eight.

## XMAS LOGS FOR SALE



Still struggling with what to buy that very special person in your life for Christmas?

Struggle no more!

The Christmas present everybody will want this year is a trailerful of logs (trailer NOT included) from our very own Greenkeeper team, attractively priced at £75 (inc. VAT).



As well as giving somebody special the present that keeps giving (until they've all gone) and the kind of present that money can't buy (for less than £75), you'll be helping your golf club to raise funds, too.

Buy them now while stocks last.

Can be used all around the house, such as for:

- Burning on an open fire;
- Burning in a log burner;
- Burning in a fire pit while stargazing;
- Errr, using as a stocking-filler?

Anyway, you get the picture.

Please contact the office and ask to speak to the Christmas Log Santa for details of when you can expect delivery (usually within 72 hours). Don't forget to leave your address and postcode, and telephone number (in case of any delays or trouble finding your property).

Payment can be C.O.D. or a cheque made out to Kirkcudbright Golf Club.



To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to count their strokes correctly.

Golf balls are like eggs.  
They're both white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to go out and buy more.

Tired of damp or smelly shoes in our  
wet winter weather?

**Get a set of ActiSole shoe dryer/deoderisers!**

Only £8 per set (sold for £20 online)  
and, thanks to a generous donor,  
ALL proceeds go to Club funds.



Available now, from the Club Office.

Limited supplies—buy now while stocks last!

The perfect Christmas present for your loved ones.

## THE LAST WORD (FROM THE EDITOR)



“It’s the most wonderful time of the year...”

This Winter/Christmas edition is perhaps the easiest to produce as there isn’t as much golf being played as there is in the rest of the year, so most of it contains material that doesn’t have a timeline (or has an annual timeline).

Oh, and as I’ll be taking up more responsibilities at the club in 2026, we’re on the lookout for a new newsletter editor. You don’t have to stick to the current “4 times-a-year” schedule, either. Maybe just do 3 (or even 2) initially and then maybe more later in your post. And I can talk you through the editing process (if you want me to).

If you can type, you can edit the newsletter - please, please, please volunteer.

So, if I don’t see you in the clubhouse (unlikely) or on the course (even more unlikely) soon, let me take this opportunity to wish all our members and staff a very happy festive season (however you celebrate it) and a prosperous and improved golfing New Year.

Merry Christmas,

**The Editor.**

PS Please email all your favourite Christmas Cracker jokes to the office for next year’s newsletter. No, honestly! Do.



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