



Photo above : Magnolia

Captain's Corner

Spring has sprung and in a complete turnaround from last year the course has benefited from a drier winter and sunny conditions of late. This has allowed the team to work on the greens and produce some good surfaces as the season beckons.

Recently the course and car park have been busy with members we rarely spot until May, long may it last. It's also a time of year when we welcome new members to the club, some returning after a short break in their golfing career.

Fixtures have been posted, fees paid, purses topped up and we are nearly there, fingers crossed.

The committee are taking some initiatives to increase visitor numbers and we will shortly announce one to encourage lapsed golfers in our area to try our course.

I hope you are all swinging it well and look forward to seeing you on the course over the coming weeks.

Chris Jones,
Club Captain.

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Volunteers, please, please, please

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the Office, particularly as 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 ok with computers (for the email, tee booking and membership systems we operate), answering the phone and dealing with visitors then please get in touch. We will, of course, give you some instruction on how we do these things and we do try to provide documentation on each process, too.

If you just want to answer the phone and take some notes for the next person, that's okay, too. We really would appreciate any help we can get, at all.

Your golf club can ill afford to have to employ somebody so please volunteer. Ring the office on 01557 330 314 or email office@kirkcudbrightGolf.co.uk



18th Green, March 2025

Ladies' end of season lunch

Please see below photos of our end of season lunch on 11th March.

This winter ladies section has collected £340 which will go towards a new coffee machine for the lounge when it needs replaced.

We provided the lunch ourselves, and it was a very enjoyable last day of the winter season for us.



L-R : Amanda Houston, Gladys Kelly and Janet Roff



Some Ladies teeing off at the 17th



A lady wonders where the 17th hole flagstick is.





Join your Committee

We **urgently** need a volunteer to take over the role of **Minute Secretary**.

You Committee will meet 8-10 times per year, as and when required, for an hour or so, and the role should record the important issues that are discussed and any decisions, as well as who has agreed to take action on any points raised. You can see copies of the minutes in your changing rooms and on the noticeboard in the corridor. Your version doesn't have to follow this template, as long as it is clear and readable. You will need to be able to type the minutes you take and email them to the Committee for checking before you print and display them.

Please volunteer - ring us on 01557 330 314 or email to office@kirkcudbrightGolf.co.uk



Inside your golf balls

THE outside of a golf ball is familiar to us all, with its white, plastic surface covered with little dimples. But have you every wondered what is on the inside? Most of us, from time to time, have wondered what makes up the innards of these small, hard spheres. What lies within remains a mystery to all except those who

work in the factories where they are made, and those inquisitive enough to have cut one open with a Stanley knife. Or ran one over with the lawn mower.

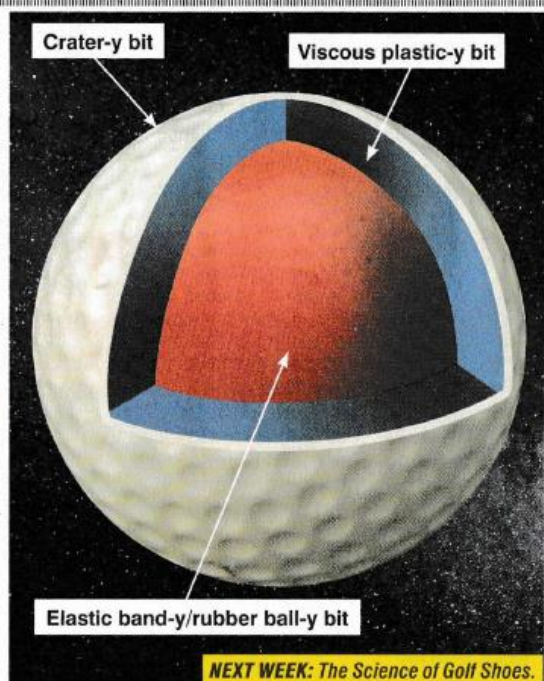
But now, Physicist Professor Brian Cox invites us to delve into this unseen world. Come with us now, as the D:Ream keyboard wizard takes us on...

A JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE GOLF BALL



“WHEN viewed from the outside, a golf ball is very much like our nearest celestial neighbour, the Moon – a small, hard sphere, its surface pock-marked with a myriad of little craters. But there the similarity ends, because delve inside and we leave the celestial and enter the world of the quantum. Beneath the plastic outer coat we find a thick layer of viscous plastic, very similar to the clouds of electrons that constantly move at the speed of light around their energy shells on the fringes of every atom in the universe. And inside this plastic is the nucleus of the golf ball. Like the atomic nucleus, the centre of the golf ball is made up of fundamental particles held tightly together – not protons and neutrons bound by the Strong Force – but different lengths of tiny elastic bands stuck together with a rubber solution glue. I love physics, me.

”



NEXT WEEK: The Science of Golf Shoes.

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Go on, splash out (pun, very much intended) and spoil yourself today with a new bathroom accessory that all your neighbours will be talking about over the garden fence/dyke/railings/hedge/other type of partition between two gardens.

Ed.

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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 3 more draws since the last newsletter and the lucky winners (who each won £60) are as follows:

January	-	97	-	Flora McGowan
February	-	104	-	Amanda Houston
March	-	27	-	Elizabeth Davidson

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.

You are what you eat...

Some time last year, we were walking around the course when the topic of food popped up. After one or two comments about what our favourite meals were, one member of the party said :

"I'm having corned beef and chips for tea and I don't care who knows it".

I'm offering a box of 12 brand new Titleist Tru-Feel golf balls to the first person to email the office with the name of this member. And only ONE entry per person, please. Use the link below to send your email or your usual email client (app/program) ensuring the subject is "You are what you eat" and send it to office@kirkcudbrightGolf.co.uk - good luck!

Rules you never usually need...

Do you know what to do if a dog or a bird or a naughty schoolboy (or girl) picks up your golf ball and makes off with it, never to be seen again? I refer you, M'lud to [Rule 9.6](#) of the Rules of Golf:

If it is known or virtually certain that an outside influence (including another player in stroke play or another ball) lifted or moved a player's ball at rest:

- There is no penalty, and

The ball must be replaced on its original spot
(which, if not known, must be estimated)
(see [Rule 14.2](#)).



This applies whether or not the player's ball has been found. **But** if it is not known [n]or virtually certain that the ball was lifted or moved by an outside influence and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under [Rule 18.2](#). If the player's ball is played as a wrong ball by another player, that is covered by [Rule 6.3c \(2\)](#), not by this Rule. **Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 9.6: General Penalty Under [Rule 14.7a](#).**

EGGS' Presentation Lunch 2024/2025

On Friday 10th January, 2025, the EGGS held their Annual Prize-Giving Lunch at the usual place, The Arden House Hotel. A good turnout of EGGS were present and some of the winners are pictured below.

The Raffle raised £288, and £70 was also raised in an auction for some golf clothing, some of which will be donated to the club and/or other worthy causes later in the year.

On the left of each photo is or EGGS Captain (Ian McCartney) and on the right, our Guest of Honour, James Erskine (Professional at Dumfries & County).



Opening Day (Captain's Prize) -
Ian Senior



EGGS Spoon (Knockout) -
Gordon Smith



EGGS Shield - Neil Macintosh



Bill Telfer Trophy - Andy McMinn



Rab's Claret Jug - Chris Jones



Sam Ironmonger Cup - Neil McConchie



Ian Senior Trophy - Anthony Moor & Ian Senior

Did you know...?

"The word 'gasoline' doesn't come from 'gas'. It comes from Cazeline – after John Cassell, founder of the publisher Cassell & Co., who was the first to sell it commercially."

Nearest the Pin Whatsapp group (for the Gents)

To join the WhatsApp group for bounce games or playing partners and to record your Nearest-The-Pin distance (should you be as lucky to get anywhere near it) on the 16th green, please email the office with your mobile phone number.

You should be added within a couple of days. Use the link below:

office@kirkcudbrightGolf.co.uk

Winter League results



Captain Chris "CJ" Jones (left) presents Wilson Lochhead with the Winter League trophy for 2024/2025.

Well done, Wilson!

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





Congratulations go to Joint Winter Eclectic Winners David Davidson [left] and Michael Kirkham [right].



Alastair (Acky) McGowan wins this winter's 2's Final.

Lexography

With a big “Thank You” to Lizzy Shamash, we present the latest (light-hearted) offerings for addition to the Oxford English Dictionary:

BURGLARIZE	What a crook sees through.
AVOIDABLE	What a bullfighter tries to do.
COUNTERFEITER	Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
PARASITES	What you see from the Eiffel Tower.
PARADOX	Two physicians.
PHARMACIST	A helper on a farm.
RELIEF	What trees do in the spring.
RUBBERNECK	What you do to relax your wife.
SELFISH	What the owner of a seafood store does.

And these sentences...

... When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U. C. L. A.

... The batteries were given out free of charge

.... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

... A will is a dead giveaway.

... With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

.... A boiled egg is hard to beat.

... When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

... Police were summoned to a day-care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

... Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

... When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

.. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

... When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

... Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

A big Thank You

Course Volunteers

Acky (our newly-appointed Course-Volunteer Co-ordinator) would like to say a big Thank You to the following people:

- ♦ John Thomson for strimming bankings & tees and for helping to repair damage caused by storm Eowyn;
- ♦ Jack McCreadie for his horticultural skills in planting at the 8th tee as well as the gardens and tubs around the clubhouse;
- ♦ Hamish Dunlop for his help with logistics;
- ♦ Graham Campbell for the use of his equipment in path construction;
- ♦ Members of the EGGS who cleared the brambles from the dyke at 17;

Anyone who is able to help with divoting and/or painting through the season, would they please make the office aware, thanks.

The Course Suggestion Book has been active for a few weeks now with some items already addressed. If you have a suggestion to improve the course, please jot it down but also leave your name & contact number so that we can respond.

Opening Day

Our summer season kicked off on Sunday 30th March in good weather (mostly sunshine with a few April showers thrown in for good measure and a strong, gusting, direction-changing wind) with the traditional mixed Texas Scramble and finished as shown below:

1. Gillian Rowlinson, Steve Richardson and Kevin Morrison.
2. Jamie Galloway, Michael Kirkham, Janet Roff And Tony Moor.
3. Jane Richardson, Acky McGowan, Peter Roberts and Dave Harris.

The Captain handed out Easter Eggs and/or golf balls to the lucky winners and they all lived happily ever after. Awwww...



Juniors, where are you?

John Thomson has been trying to get some of the Juniors together so that he can get an idea of their number and to sort out some dates for their competitions, however, his appeals seem to be falling on stony ground.

If you are a Junior (or if you are a parent/guardian of a Junior golfer) who wants to play in the Junior events this year, please get in touch with John, quickly.

John's number is 07732 171 173 and his email ardavon2019@hotmail.com and he'll be at the club, expecting you, on Friday 11th April at 4pm.

We know that a lot of you **do** want to play golf as most of you have already paid your annual subscriptions but you also have to be pro-active yourself and meet us half-way.

We all want the club to have a thriving Junior (and Junior Junior) section so, go on, pick the phone up now.

We'd love to see you again.

Did you know?

A greetings card that can play 'Happy Birthday' has more computing power than existed in the whole world in 1950.



The Last Word (from the Editor)

The Very Last Word

So, after a period spanning 8 years and 29 issues, I've decided to hang-up my pen (although that should read "keyboard") and hand over the reins to somebody else for a while. I've enjoyed writing them all, and being allowed to be creative is something I'll miss but nothing lasts for ever and I do feel a bit like it's becoming a burden more than a pleasure, of late.

The new editorial team may change the frequency, the layout and the tone of this newsletter but I'm sure they'll still do a great job and after a few issues, you won't even remember who did it before, i.e. me.

The King is dead! Long live the King!

Wishing the new editor(s) every success and wishing you all a sunny, happy and pleasurable golfing season, I'll just sign off for the last time by saying...

So long, and thanks for all the fish,

The Editor.



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