



Captain's Newsletter 5th May 2022

Fellow members,

Another interesting week of weather which saw the course busy on bank holiday Monday. Still a cold wind in the air which has not allowed the surfaces to flourish as hoped but there is hope in the near forecast. The rain we experienced has certainly helped the course and improving playability for all.

Competitions

Not much new information regarding competitions although we look forward to the May Medal which also encompasses the Club Championship Qualifier as well as the Medal Finals this Saturday the 7th of May.

To qualify for the CC, Senior CC or Holms Plate it is the best 2 scores from 4 competitions as listed in the club diary on the website. Please take time to look these out if you are planning your diary.

The course will be set up to be a challenge so look out for those tricky pin positions and challenging tee boxes.

The Medal Finals is a competition to for all categories of medal winners in the last 12 months with the best score taking the plaudits. Match & Handicap are still finalising those who qualify. The positive thing is to just turn up and play and try and get a good score in for the Club Championship and Senior Club Championship.

Fear not for those who miss out, as there is still the opportunity to qualify for the Holms Plate which is also played on Finals Day and is the best 24 scores from the qualifiers who did not qualify for the Club Championships. A little confusing but great opportunity for players of all categories.

Last week's Thursday Stableford was won by Jim George with 44 points followed by Zach Gunn on 40 points. Might need to look at those handicaps but well played and a couple of great scores.

Catering and Hospitality

No significant updates other than the catering times being updated via the pro shop newsletter as we move into the summer season. Staffing is still an issue across all hospitality areas and we at The Castle are not immune as Leanna continues to keep things moving but we should see longer catering and bar hours as the nights have drawn out.

See the opening times as we move into the high golfing season.

[Hospitality Opening Hours](#)

Course/Greens

As I mentioned the course has benefitted from some rainfall in the last few days and with Craig undertaking a top-dressing application this has allowed the sand to wash into the greens. This should have a positive impact on already excellent surfaces.





You will also note I have put up the hooks onto the starters hut to take the divot bags when Craig brings them out along with the seed box. The starters hut seemed the obvious place to hang them.

Anyone wishing to assist with the divoting programme next Thursday 12th May please contact me on the Captain@RanfurlyCastleGolfClub.co.uk and I will point you to Paul Morrell who is organising this gathering.

Social Events

Captain's Night draws closer (11th June) so get your seats reserved by purchasing tickets at £25 per person from Leanna or her catering staff. I will produce a menu to choose from in due course. The numbers are limited to 55 although I am assured, we can get increase that number if there is a demand.

Quiz night on Friday the 27th May so keep it in your diary. Teams of up to 4 persons and hopefully have a fun night. Watch this space.

Newton Shield Team

Sunday afternoon saw a weakened RCGC team experience some difficulty at a strong Elderslie, eventually going down 6-2. Although some of the games went to the wire, we came up short in the end to one of the competition favourites. Next up on Monday 9th we are away to Kilmacolm GC, with the first tee times around 5pm.

Juniors

Junior Convener David Provan continues to develop the group of young golfers along with Jim McBeth. The aim is to increase membership significantly and at the moment he is experiencing some positive numbers taking up membership. The Junior Team will play in the Newton Shield after a mid-table finish last season giving some confidence going into the 2022 season.

Good luck to the boys and girls representing RCGC.

Pro-Shop

A quick update to say that the pro-shop will be open 7 days a week as of Monday 9th of May as we welcome Dawn onto The Castle team.

A final note, as I have just completed a round at the much sought after and well renowned Lanark Golf Club. This was my first visit here to play in a competition and the layout was fabulous and a must for anyone looking to tick this off their to do list. The only draw back were the greens which were in poor condition given it is early in the season and leads me to appreciate just how lucky we are here at The Castle. The Lanark greens will improve in the coming weeks and certainly worth visiting.

This will be my final newsletter for a couple of weeks as I head off to the sun so enjoy the golf and get out onto our great course when you can.

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