

Captain's Newsletter 8th April 2022



Fellow members,

Welcome to the latest newsletter for the Castle. Though the weather has certainly turned slightly wetter in the last week or so, I certainly hope that you are still getting out onto the course in between those heavy downpours.

Competitions

April saw the gents monthly medal return 82 entries of players with varying handicaps on a day that was flat calm. A one-hour delay to the start time on Saturday morning due to the frost in the early hours of the morning ensured the greens were protected and were not damaged. The frost duly cleared, and Head Greenkeeper Craig gave the go-ahead after discussion with the Greens Convener.

Some good scores were recorded and in the winners' circle, once again, was Gary Donnelly. Scores recorded were as follows:

1. Gary Donnelly -3 for a net 67
2. Brian Glover -2 for a net 68
3. Doug Robson Par for a net 70 (BIH)

Category 1 was won by Brian Glover

Category 2 was won by Gary Donnelly

Category 3 was won by Brian McLaughlin

The course was again in magnificent condition with many members commenting on the true surfaces this early in the season.

Next up on Saturday 9th April, is the Erskine Hospital Stableford with the basic entry fee being donated to the charity. We presently have 96 entries, so the tee sheet is coming along nicely with tee times still available.

The Random Scramble will be played on the 16th of April, and you can now enter via the SG app at a cost of £12 which includes entry fee, morning roll and a traditional Glasgow salad of Pie, Beans and Chips as well as some nice prizes to be won.

Book early to avoid disappointment as we are trying to get a full tee sheet for the 9am shotgun start of 72 entries. This is a great opportunity for new members to join up and play with other players new and old to the club.

Lady Captain Morag Cunningham has sent out correspondence to all new members in the last year to invite them to participate in the New Members Quaich so look out for this on the SG app.

The summer knockout competitions have now been drawn and are available on the SG app so ensure you get those ties played before the deadline or there will be a coin toss to decide the victor, so no excuses. It is essential that all competitions are reaching their conclusion by Finals Day.

I am trying to get draw sheets to pin up on the gent's locker room notice board so there is a good visual of the draw as it progresses. Good luck to all the entrants.



Course

There will be on-going green works either this Monday, 11th April or Tuesday 19th April. These are part of an essential spring works programme to ensure the greens are at their best for the summer. The works are weather dependent hence the two dates being proposed.

The course was in great condition for the recent April Medal. This was despite temperatures not allowing any obvious growth to the surfaces. When Craig starts to see some warmer weather then I am sure our golf course will start to evidence some nice definition once he starts to cut the surfaces.

The wet weather this week was possibly a blessing for the green staff after the dry spell and will help to bed in the newly turfed areas around the paths and recently laid astro turf.

Craig along with the Greens Convener are continuing to develop their 3-year plan for course improvements.

Social Events

Another reminder that, Captain's Night will be on Saturday the 11th of June at 7.30pm. There will be a 2-course dinner with wine on the table and we will be entertained by Platinum Duo who cover Abba favourites, 70s and some modern classics. Tickets will be £25 per person, and these can be booked with Leanna behind the bar at any time.

If any members out there have ideas that we can bring to the social scene here at the Castle, then please get in touch.

Suggestion Box

A recent note was placed in the suggestion box relating to cars of dog walkers taking up space at the parking area next to the 17th tee box. I welcome any thoughts on this from a positive or indeed a negative perspective, so please email me via my captain's address.

A few other suggestions are as follows:

- Bell at the 18th medal tee
- Ballot time slot between 0930hrs and 1030hrs on Saturday medals

That's all from me for this week and I hope you are able to get some golf in over the coming days and the weather is kind.

Kind regards

Stevie Scott

Captain