



Captain's Newsletter 29th April 2022

Fellow members,

Another week of fine dry weather as we are now looking for some moisture coupled with a few degrees warmer just to get the course growing. The car park has been busy with a good number of members and guests enjoying the great conditions.

Here is the latest news over the past week.

Competitions

Some fabulous scores from the ladies in their Marie Curie Stableford as follows:

Kate Scott 41 points

Sheila Swinnerton 39 points

Senga Nixon 39 points

The gents Saturday strokeplay was won by Alistair Howe with a net 64 (BIH) followed closely by Michael Cox who also had a 64 and in 3rd place James Hunter with a 67 and Bobby Holms making 4th with a 69. Again, some fabulous scores on a testing cold windy day although the sun shone brightly.

Last week's Thursday Stableford had only 7 entries with Grant Whyte coming out on top with 32 points.

The Jonny Martin Stableford had a strong field of entries, poor afternoon weather made conditions challenging with some excellent scores posted in the earlier tee times.

The competition results were as follows:

1. Gordon Howe 39 points (BIH)
2. Phil peacock 39 points
3. John Healy 38 points (BIH)
4. Andy Cunningham 38 points
5. Alan Gordon 38 points

The summer knockout tournaments are now well under way and all first-round ties should be completed by the 1st of May.

A very quick mention that all membership fees are now due and have been processed within the Club admin system. Anyone not yet paid up fully, or processed through the direct debit scheme, should make contact with our General Manager or Accounts department to get these set up to avoid the disappointment of not being able to play golf on our wonderful course.

Catering and Hospitality

Please see the following opportunity for room hire here at the Castle and Leanna and her team can cater for whatever is your fancy.



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Here is also a further opportunity for a vacancy we have within the club, and again I would ask any interested parties to contact Leanna.



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Course/Greens

Once again, the greens have looked fabulous over the last week or so and they have been getting watered due to the dry spell we are currently in.

The flagpole at the first tee has been repaired by Jim Park. Well done as this was a difficult piece of work to carry out.

The divot bags will be going out soon at the starters hut once there is a little more heat and growth in the course.

Have a look at the temporary tee situated at the ordinance survey stone on the hill at number 7 if you get a minute. This gives a fabulous view of the hole and also the valley back across to Houston and afar. There might be an opportunity to play off it later in the season. This was always an idea talked about by the late Clive Cummings.

Our greens convener is working tirelessly to try and look where we can improve our course especially at the paths at numbers 9 and 15 which are in a state of disrepair. We are looking at options to repair these once and for all.

Our Head Greenkeeper is currently looking to bring in a couple of new members to his team and adverts have recently gone out across all advertising platforms.

A final reminder that now we are into May preferred lies are no longer in play. That makes it even more important that we replace our divots and rake the bunkers and as is always the case repair any pitchmarks on the greens.

Social Events

We are still looking to start our social calendar and the quiz night has been decided to take place on Friday 27th of May. This will look to be teams of up to 4 people for a small entry fee. So, watch this space as we firm up details of this in the coming weeks.

The Member's Guest Day will be on Saturday 25th June, consisting of 2 x shotgun starts, morning and afternoon. 36 members and their guests for each tee slot with prizes at every hole for every category and ability. The final details are being discussed but this should be a great event to bring your pals for a bit of fun. Food and some drinks will be the order of the day, not one to be missed. It's been a while since we could undertake this type of competition so let's get supporting it.

Anyone with any ideas for a social event should contact either myself or Paul Lyons through the captains' email account.

Newton Shield Team

The Newton Shield started on Sunday against our old rivals at home to the Old Course Ranfurly Golf Club. We came through that with a creditable 5-3 win against a strong opponent. Next up today is an away match against a strong Elderslie GC.

Juniors

The next junior medal will take place on the 1st of May and entries are being taken now so good luck to all those taking part.

It just remains for me to say enjoy your golf, the weather and keep the heid as there is always next week.

Stevie Scott

Captain