

# CARLUKE GOLF CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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This Newsletter contains some information that was produced prior to the recent Government guidelines regarding COVID-19. Unfortunately, we have had to remove some of the content but kept others as we want to communicate with you as much as possible our plans for what we hope will eventually be a great golfing season. Dates etc are obviously all subject to change.

### CAPTAINS BLOG



Fellow members,

Firstly let me wish all of you good fortune in the coming weeks, perhaps months in our efforts to avoid the dreaded Coronavirus knocking on our door. Our Marketing and Communications team (boys and girl - Marlene is a pensioner may not take too well to being called a girl) have been busy pulling this, our first newsletter together.

This has taken us away a bit from all those extra jobs which have suddenly appeared around the house and garden which seems to get bigger every time I look at it. There are also only so many times you can wash the car.

Anyway, I am pacing myself for the long run and saving up as many jobs as possible. When we do get back to playing we can expect a course in pristine condition all thanks to our greens team who are working away with no interruptions. Andy has quite kindly offered to keep us up to date to what is happening on the course and has taken full advantage of the recent good weather to get it in great shape. We can also look forward to seeing a splash of colour across the course where over 10,000 bulbs have been planted thanks to our friends at Buglife and our own volunteer's. There is also the new boardings at each tee showing hole layout and distances, these thanks to the generosity of the Melvin family, and more wooden litter bins beautifully made by Billy Jack.

Like everyone, I am looking forward to playing to our new 9th green and avoiding the new bunker. It has been suggested that we make this 'The Captains Bunker' for this season, meaning you have to give a donation to the club charity every time you land in it. A charity box will be left on the bar for this purpose. We are now in our 126th year here at Carluke and arguable facing our most severe test for survival, We will have no recognizable income from our usual income streams, the bar, open competitions, outings, visitor fees and social functions until Covid 19 is put to bed. Until then we are solely dependent on the loyalty of you the members paying the annual subscription. I would like to assure everyone that we will take all necessary actions to limit our expenditure to the minimum and no stone will be left unturned in our pursuit of available funding which may be available to us through outside agencies. So, if it is at all possible, please support your club by paying your fees. In the mean time, Stay Safe.

Malcolm, Club Captain

### AGM INFORMATION

There were requests made for the following information to be made available to members:

1. Information on bar margin
2. Utility costs
3. New budget for 2020
4. Changing the constitution to remove reference to joining fees

Please be assured that these points are being reviewed by the Committee and more information will be circulated when reviews are complete

## COURSE UPDATE

As everyone is aware, the 9th green has had drainage problems which have increased greatly over the last few years.. The decision was taken to rebuild the green to a more modern standard and also to do a bit of re-shaping, reducing the size of the green, and tightening the entrance with the introduction of a small 'splash' bunker on the front left of the old green.

The front of the green was raised by about a foot to provide a more level putting surface and the green re-shaped around the new bunker, as you can see in the pictures below.



This reduced the green from approx. 550 sq. yards to 450 sq. yards, in line with the thinking that as a short par 5 it should have a smaller target area. The works were completed slightly later than anticipated, due to a period of frost that meant we couldn't relay the turf, but on a brighter note the green came in under budget, whilst still achieving what we set out to do. The green has been rolled several times since being laid and has been fed and top dressed and is looking and putting well. We hope to have the green in play for the start of the new season - coronavirus and weather permitting!

As I said in my email on Friday, Scottish Golf confirmed that we could return to work for essential maintenance. Below are pictures of the course. It is looking great and waiting for you as soon as we get through this current situation.

If the support for the newsletter from members is positive then every month this will be a regular feature. Contact the Newsletter Team by email [newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com) and let them know! Stay safe everyone and we'll hopefully see you soon.

**Andy Colquhoun, Course Manager**





# Membership Decision Time - Your Golf Club Needs You More Than Ever

By: [Derek Clements](#) | Thu 26 Mar 2020

[https://www.golfshake.com/news/view/14937/Membership\\_Decision\\_Time\\_Your\\_Golf\\_Club\\_Needs\\_You\\_More\\_Than\\_Ever.html](https://www.golfshake.com/news/view/14937/Membership_Decision_Time_Your_Golf_Club_Needs_You_More_Than_Ever.html)

MOST of us who are golf club members will have had our subscription renewals through the post. Golf club memberships tend to run from the beginning of April to the end of the following March and represent a substantial financial commitment.

Quite frankly, the timing of this couldn't be worse for all concerned. Dozens of courses had already closed their doors for good and many others will be worried about what the future might hold.

And those golfers who paid their subs in January and who now face their own concerns will find themselves wondering whether they should be asking for their money back or looking for refunds while their courses are closed.

I note that there is a campaign on Twitter to encourage us all to pay outstanding subscriptions in order that our golf clubs can survive the coronavirus crisis. In an ideal world, we would of course all be doing precisely that. But it's not quite that simple.

Like the golf clubs of which we are members, many of us face worrying times. As we work from home and start to suffer golf withdrawal symptoms, there will be tens of thousands of men and women the length and breadth of the United Kingdom who will be wondering how long it is going to be before our employers tell us that they can no longer afford to pay us. There is government help available but it seems that the best possible outcome for any of us is that we are going to be entitled to claim 80% of our normal salaries. And for those who are self-employed, the outlook is even more uncertain.

Those of us with savings will want to sit tight on that money because the reality is that nobody really has any clear idea how long this crisis is going to continue.

[Golf clubs have now been ordered to close their doors](#), which means that stewards, secretaries, office staff, bar and kitchen staff and club professionals have been sent home and have been told to stay there. Greenkeepers have been told that they can continue with essential maintenance although the guidelines are unclear as to what that actually allows them to do. And they are likely to change anyway.

Like the rest of us, golf club staff will be entitled to claim benefits when the time comes that the clubs who employ them say that the money has run out. And in the case of the golf industry that is likely to be sooner rather than later.

Some people who have already paid their subs in full might be tempted to demand their money back. If this happens in any great volume it will surely signal the end for many already struggling clubs. For those whose reminders are sitting with a pile of unpaid bills, some difficult choices will have to be made. It stands to reason that if the choice is between feeding your family or paying a golf club membership that you currently cannot take advantage of then there is no choice at all.

Like other businesses around the country, golf clubs will be entitled to seek financial assistance from the government and understanding from HMRC.

Many members pay their fees by direct debit - for most golf clubs, that money represents their lifeblood. If you are tempted to cancel your DD stop and ask yourself if you really need to. And before doing so, get in touch with your club secretary to find out what your club is planning to do and what impact cancellation might have on them. Thankfully, the evidence is that many clubs are being proactive and are contacting their members to keep them updated.

Andy Stewart, the president at [Brora Golf Club](#), wrote an open letter to members warning them that he wasn't certain the club would survive the crisis without their continued support. The good news is that Brora, [which is a gem of a golf course](#), has been inundated with messages of support and it looks like most members have decided to pay their subscriptions in full.

Thankfully, many clubs are already coming up with some novel ways of keeping their members on board.

At [Royal North Devon](#), for instance, they have announced that subscriptions which would normally expire on December 31 will now run until March 31, 2021. And they are not alone. We have heard of many golf clubs who are now doing the same, effectively suspending memberships for three months. There are, of course, no guarantees that life will have returned to normal after three months but that is a bridge to be crossed when we come to it.

There are no easy answers here but if you can afford to carry on paying your subs please do so. The consequences of mass membership cancellations do not bear thinking about for the future of a sport that was already struggling before any of this reared its ugly head.

# PRO SHOP NEWS

## Welcome to the first edition of Pro Shop News!

As you can well imagine it has been a very long, tough winter but we can only hope that the season is a great one for us all at Carluke GC.

Over the winter I turned the magical age of 50 so I thought it only right that I had a go at trying my luck at the Senior Tour Qualifying. First up was the PGA Champions Tour in America, played at TPC Tampa in Florida.

Unfortunately a week prior to going I was admitted to hospital for a quick op which certainly hampered my preparation. My game wasn't sharp and my energy levels were pretty low and playing a course like TPC Tampa at 7000 yards long you certainly need everything to come together at the right time! Needless to say I didn't make it through but thanks to some American backers it was a great experience.

Next up was European Seniors pre-qualifying in Portugal. I must say I wasn't very optimistic as I had hurt my back and didn't look like I was going to travel at all. The pre-qual was at Silves Golf Club. 100 guys playing for 25 spaces to advance to the final. Thankfully I played nicely and progressed finishing 7th.

The final qualifying was at Vale De Pinta. It started just 3 days later so after trying to extend my stay changing flights and getting accommodation sorted I was ready to play. 100 guys playing for just 5 cards this time – if you finish 6th you may as well finish 96th! I played decent all week but the putter was stone cold so again no card but another good experience.

Apart from that it has been a long, lonely winter here in the pro shop but we are now on countdown to the new season so let's hope for minimal disruption from the Coronavirus and we are all out swinging in the sunshine in the near future! Regards, Craig.



## COMPETITION!

We would like a name for our Newsletter! So engage your brain and let your creative side take over and send your suggestion to [newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com)

The best suggestion as chosen by the Marketing Committee will win a prize for their efforts. Good luck!

## Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

[www.lifeinthetrap.com](http://www.lifeinthetrap.com)



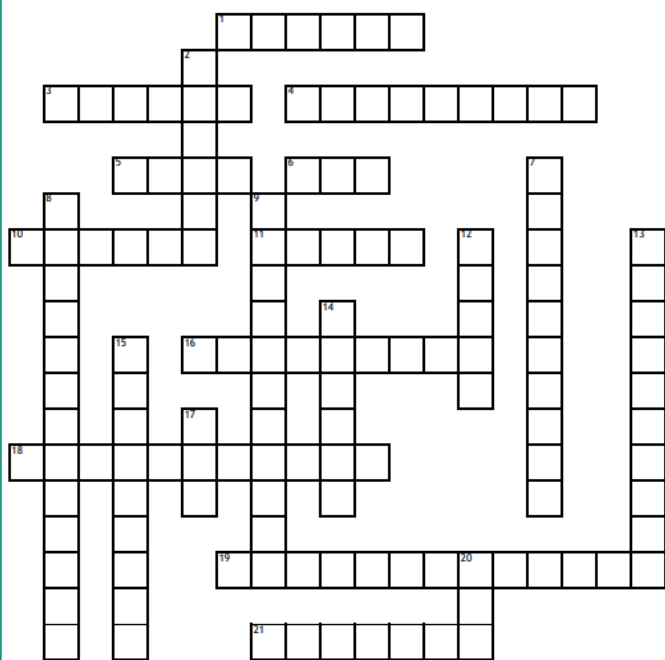
## US MASTERS QUICK QUIZ



The 2020 Masters will be the 84th edition of the Masters Tournament and the first major of the year. Held at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, the tournament has been postponed due to the current circumstances across the globe but we can still find out how good your Masters knowledge is! (Answers on page 6)

1. Which golfer has won the most Masters and how many?
2. Who is the youngest winner of the Masters? Age & year won for bonus points...
3. Who is the only player to finish runner-up to Jack Nicklaus & Tiger Woods?
4. Which European played in the most Masters before winning?
5. In 1956, which US President unsuccessfully lobbied that a tree be removed from the 17th hole as he kept hitting it? The tree was thereafter named after him... (rumours that it was named after Carluke's 8th hole are entirely false)

## CROSSWORD CORNER!



**ACROSS** (Answers are on the next page)

1. Captain used this for shooting ARROWS in his LAIR
3. Top seller in CGC kitchen!
4. Carluke castle
5. 1988 British Open winner (first name only)
6. CGC Money Man!
10. Nuclear shelter is hazard of course
11. Hooligan on the golf course
16. 1988 US Masters Champion
18. Captained Europe's 2010 Ryder Cup Team (surname only)
19. Proved numerous times hes CGC's best!
21. Carluke. A Town called..

**DOWN**

2. A club for the motorist
7. Swift Golf equipment maker
8. 2016 US Open Winner
9. Naive footballer gets job at golf course
12. Donald Trump made this person the youngest athlete to be awarded the US Presidential Medal of Freedom (First name only)
13. Past Captain
14. Not an iron, not a wood
15. 15th Hole at Carluke
17. A duffer!
20. Our Vice-Captain has these initials

## GENTS MATCHPLAY

PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Harvie of Brownlee Qualifier (Singles):

Qualifier 11th April. (to be re-arranged) This is an individual strokeplay Gents medal with the top 64 scores qualifying for the matchplay tournament. Please indicate on scorecard that you wish to play in the Matchplay competition and you will be entered into the matchplay draw if you qualify.

### Anstruther Qualifier (Singles):

Qualification 18th April.(to be re-arranged) This is an individual strokeplay Gents medal with the top 32 scores qualifying for the matchplay tournament. Same applies regarding marking scorecard.

### Brooks Trophy (Singles):

Only golfers with a handicap of 8 or under can enter this scratch matchplay competition. Entry via the Pro-Shop, £3. (when we open up again...)

### Smyllum Trophy (Doubles):

Open to all handicaps and 6 & 7 day members, please enter you and your partners name in the Pro-Shop, £5 per team.

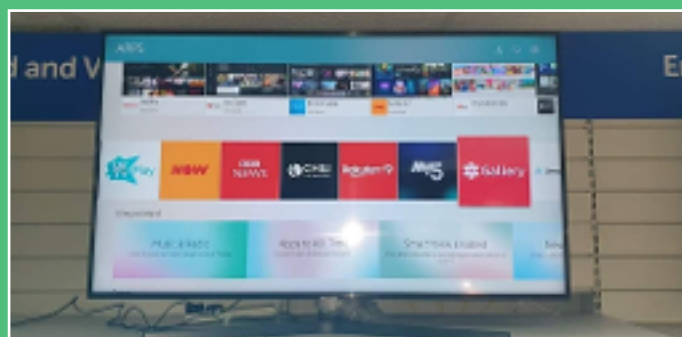
### Seniors Trophy (Singles):

For ages 50+, 6 & 7 day members, £3 entry can be paid in the Pro-shop

### Barr Trophy (Mixed Doubles):

Gents & Ladies, 6 & 7 day members, £5 entry can be paid in the Pro-shop

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Derek Dillon has won the Samsung Smart TV Facebook Competition. Many thanks to the sponsor that very generously donated the TV

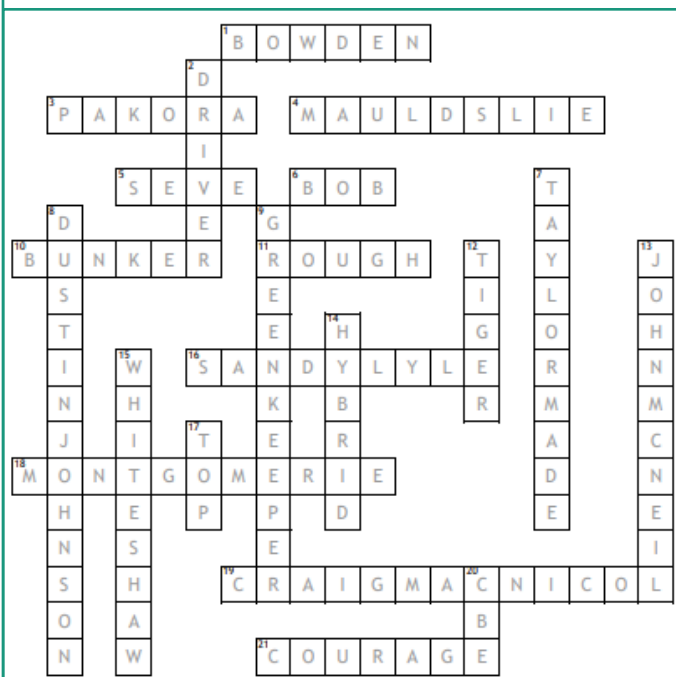
## NEW PAR 3 COMPETITION!

We are delighted to announce a new par 3 competition that will take place on Sunday 28th June. This competition will see the course re-designed to include 18 par-3 holes and will be open to Gents & Ladies. More information will be provided in next months newsletter

# THE SELF-ISOLATION GOLF QUIZ

Well we all have a bit more time on our hands than expected at the moment... Let's see how many you can get? There are 18 questions, some have multiple answers so a total of 25 points available - Answers are on the following page, send us your scores and let us know how you got on - no Googling!!!  
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1. In the 2017 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, which South African golfer became the first in history to record a sub 63 score in a major when he recorded an 8 below par 62?
2. Which Swedish golfer, who retired in 2008 with 90 international titles, is widely regarded as the best ever female player?
3. What is Tiger Woods' real first name?
4. Two golfers have been world number one without winning a major, can you name them?
5. What nickname is given to the second shot at the 11th, all of the 12th, and the first two shots at the 13th hole at Augusta?
6. Which golf resort and hotel in Wishaw, Warwickshire, has hosted the Ryder Cup four times?
7. Which TWO players have both won nine major championships, making them joint fourth in the all-time list behind Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Walter Hagen?
8. Under the rules of golf what's the maximum number of clubs allowed in a player's golf bag during a round?
9. The Masters, the first major of the year, is the only major held at the same location each year; name the city which hosts the tournament?
10. Which common slang term is often used for the clubhouse (or even sometimes a pub close to the course)?
11. Which golfer, the winner of 3 majors, died in a 1999 airplane accident at the age of 42?
12. Which word is traditionally shouted to warn anyone standing or moving in the flight of a golf ball?
13. Name the exceptional golf course on the Monterey Peninsula, California, which has hosted several U.S. Open Championships?



14. The Ryder Cup is named after English businessman Samuel Ryder who made most of his money selling what?
15. How many major championships has Tiger Woods won? And in which year did he win his last?
16. By what name is the trophy presented to the winner of The Open Championship most commonly known?
17. In 1985, which golfer was the first British player to win The Open Championship since Tony Jacklin in 1969?
18. Can you name the players from the following nicknames: (a) The Walrus, (b) The Big Easy, (c) The Mechanic, (d) Boom Boom, and (e) Junk Man?



# MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



Malcolm Bowden  
**Captain**



Bill Dodds  
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**Secretary**



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**Treasurer**



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**Greens Convener**



Jim Robertson  
**Handicap Convener**



Marshall McDowall



Ross Fleming



Kenny Martin



Dougie Walker



Scott Murphy



Fraser Forrest

## SKILLS REGISTER

We are creating a register of members with appropriate skills that are willing to give their voluntary time to maintaining and enhancing the clubhouse and course. There is a sheet on the noticeboard for anyone wishing to add their name or you can do so anonymously by contacting any Committee member

## WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?

This is Your Club and this is Your Newsletter.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, any news that you would like to promote, or any pictures that you would like to share then please email [newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com) or speak to Fraser Forrest or Scott Murphy.

Why not drop us an email to let us know what you think of the newsletter - we will even take constructive criticism on board!

The next couple of pages contain some golf specific exercises to help you keep fit and healthy during this difficult time - follow these exercises and you will be ripping it straight down the middle when we get back on the Course!

(Disclaimer: The Newsletter accept no responsibility if this does not happen...)

**Isolation Quiz Answers.** 1. Branden Grace 2. Annika Sorenstam 3. Eldrick (Eldrick Tont Woods is his real full name) 4. Luke Donald and Lee Westood (note: Colin Montgomerie's career-high world ranking is number two) 5. Amen Corner 6. The Belfry 7. Ben Hogan and Gary Player 8. Fourteen 9. Augusta (Georgia) 10. The nineteenth hole 11. Payne Stewart 12. Fore! 13. Pebble Beach 14. Garden seeds (he originated the idea of selling garden seeds in small packets called 'penny packets') 15. Fourteen. And 2008 (when he won the U.S. Open). 16. Claret Jug 17. Sandy Lyle 18. (a) Craig Stadler, (b) Ernie Els, (c) Miguel Angel Jimenez, (d) Fred Couples, and (e) Fredrik Jacobson

# The Junior Golfer

## Medicine Ball Exercises

High to Low & Twist



Squat & Press



Front Lunge & Twist



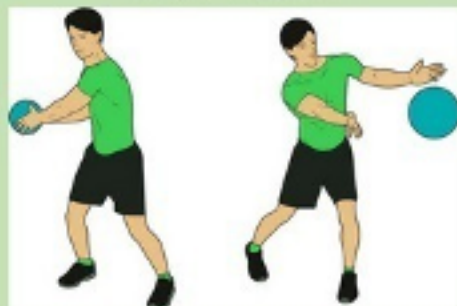
Back Lunge & Twist



Slams



Side Throw



Sit-Up & Throw



V-Sits with a Twist





# Junior Golf Exercises

## Legs, Core & Upper Body

Stability Ball Kneeling



Bosu Ball Squats



Single Leg Deadlift



Planks



Incline Push Ups



## Dynamic and Explosive Exercises

Box Jumps



Standing Long Jumps



Battle Ropes



Jump Rope



High Knee Skips



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