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Hello fellow members,

Another step closer to normality following the latest relaxation of regulations, competition golf is back and everybody on Handicap, Match and our Secretary have been busy putting together a plan which will enable us to play as many of our stroke and match play competitions as possible with the first set for 4th July. This is all dependent on every player observing the guidance given by our handicap team. Please ensure you take time to read and familiarise yourself with these instructions.

Unfortunately there has been no relaxation of regulations which would allow us to reopen the clubhouse.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome all new members who have come onboard during the pandemic. Normally we would have had a welcome evening in the clubhouse where you would have had the opportunity to meet the Committee of Management and get first hand information on how the club operates. Thanks to Covid 19 this has not been possible and we have no clear picture as to when mass gatherings can resume. However, we do have a new members handbook which if you don't already have can be emailed to you by contacting the office.

As always, observe the rules and stay safe.

Malcolm

Club Captain



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MATCH & HANDICAP UPDATE

The Handicap Committee has explored every avenue to help keep you safe as possible during these competitions and have implemented the following:

- We will be using a scorecard label printer that will automatically print your details which you can then stick on to your scorecard.
- Players should mark their own score cards. However a verbal confirmation should be used to verify score.
- The club has installed a Mobile Score Input (MSI) and it is strongly recommended for use in all competitions. The MSI is available through members' How Did I Do app and is easily accessed on a phone, tablet, iPad and laptop. This allows you to sign in to the competition, pay any competition fees, and enter your score after your round. (video tutorial on page 5)
- The members' area of the club website has a short video which shows how this is implemented.
- Score cards should be retained by players for verification purposes until results have been published on How Did I Do. If all competitors use this method, we can publish results more quickly.
- Any member having problems with this technology please contact any member of the Handicap Committee or the Match Secretary for assistance.
- Scores may also be e mailed or sent by text if MSI is unavailable.
- BUNKERS - In the meantime, all bunkers should be regarded as playing preferred lies. This means six inches, not nearer the hole. No smoothing of bunkers should be carried out before the preferred lie is taken.

Hopefully this will allow us to enjoy golf in a safe, controlled manner and enable us to play qualifying competitions whilst observing R. and A. rules for COVID - 19. Please follow all government guidelines regarding social distancing at all times, enjoy your golf and stay safe.

All Saturday competitions from now on will revert to the usual system being forward booked 7 days in advance on HDID/ClubV1 NOT on BRS.

As usual Saturday competition procedure, booking will open 30 minutes before the first tee time, (7 days in advance) and will close at 5pm on the Friday night. Then the draw will take place as usual with tee times and groupings being emailed to members, so please ensure we have your correct email details. It may not be possible at this time to display the draw in the Clubhouse or Pro Shop.

It is anticipated our first medal will be the 4th July 2020 and **forward booking will open on Saturday 27th June at 6.30 am on HowDidiDo**. We intend to trial the mobile scoring app and printer (technology permitting) on Saturday the 27th June during the pro sweep. This will enable you to get a feel for it in anticipation of our first medal. If you have any queries please contact the handicap committee or match secretary who will be happy to help with any issues you have.

With the return of competition golf nearly upon us the booking for entering the Seniors and Brooks Matchplay will be available on How Did I Do (Knockout Section). **Deadline is Friday 10 July.**

Unfortunately we will not be playing the Smyllum or Barr Trophy as guidelines do not allow us. The Harvie and Anstruther will still be qualifiers with fields reduced by 50%. We anticipate having all matchplay draws finalised by July 12. Draws will be posted on How Did I Do in the knockout section

2020 JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 July Medal & Anstruther Qual
5	6	7 Booth Shield & SG medal (9-hole stableford)	8 Wed Medal #1	9	10	11 Vice Captain's Prize & Harvie Qual
12 Russell #1	13	14 Trust Motors Trophy (stableford)	15 Wed Medal #2	16	17	18 Somerville, Alhambra, Stevenson Trophies
19	20	21 Betty Henderson Memorial & SG medal (9-hole stableford)	22 Wed Medal #3	23	24	25 Murray Trophy
26 Russell #2	27	28 Ladies Championship Round 1	29 Wed Medal #4	30	31	

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AUGUST - OCTOBER 2020

AUGUST

Sat 1: Club championships Rd. 1 + August medal
 Tue 4: Ladies' Championships – round 2
 Wed 5: Wednesday medal 5
 Sat 8: Club championships Rd. 2 + Pringle, Henderson, Balmore
 Sun 9: Walker Rose Bowl and Dan Carmichael Trophies
 Tue 11: Ladies' Championships – round 3
 Wed 12: Wednesday medal final (Grant Booth Trophy)
 Thu 13: Seniors' championship round 1
 Sat 15: Club championships – final rounds
 Sun 16: Russell 3
 Tue 18: Hon. Vice President's prize 9hole stableford
 Thu 20: Seniors' championship round 2
 Sat 22: James Millar Trophy
 Sun 23: Ladies' Open Greensome (10am – 3pm)
 Tue 25: Taggart trophy + SG medal 9hole stableford
 Thu 27: Senior gents open four ball
 Sat 29: Professional's day
 Sun 30: Russell 4

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1: Captain's prize
 Thu 3: Jimmy Stewart memorial trophy (senior gents)
 Fri 4: Sponsors' day
 Sat 5: Captain's prize + September medal
 Sun 6: Invitational Texas Scramble (sponsored by Baber Saleem)
 Tue 8: Carol Baskerville trophy + SG medal 9hole stableford
 Sat 12: Monthly medals final + centenary putter
 Sun 13: Russell 5
 Tue 15: 18 hole stroke play + SG medal 9hole stableford
 Thu 17: Seniors' Open (gents)
 Sat 19: Silloth Invitational (gents)
 Sun 20: Matchplay finals
 Thu 24: Irene Lockhart Trophy (senior ladies and gents)
 Sat 26: John Sinclair Trophy
 Sun 27: Hayes Trophy (open mixed greensome)
 Tue 29: 18 hole stroke play 9hole stableford

FOR FULL FIXTURE LIST PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

COURSE UPDATE

Hi Folks, Well now that we are all back playing golf, in one form or another, lol, I can explain why the course looks like it does - instead of having to tell people what it looks like, as they couldn't get on it!!!

The greens are running ok but need to be speeded up a bit, especially now that the C.O.M. are hoping to hold competitive play by the start of next month. Tuesday the 15th of June was the first available delivery of sand I could get to top dress the greens, after the quarries were allowed to reopen and we received a load that morning.

However we had noticed some spots of Fusarium on the greens and had to treat that, before we could get the sand on. I am now hoping to get them lightly scarified and top dressed the week commencing the 22nd of June and hopefully after that, a light feed and start bringing the height of cut down a bit and get the speeds up.

The tees were looking ok for a while but started to dry out and needed a feeding applied to them. I had to wait for the right conditions to do this however, and, given the forecast we had for last week, rain every day, starting Mon 15th, I cut all the tees on the Monday to get the feeding on, and let the forecast rain and heat work its magic. However, as you may hear more than once in this column, the weather people got it wrong!!! and I actually had to run about on the Thursday and water the feeding in by hand. Hence the reason the tees looked a bit scruffy at the weekend - if I had cut them, the feeding would all have been lifted off them before it had a chance to work, and given the very tight budget that we run on, I wouldn't have been able to buy more, so they would have suffered for most of the season. Since watering the feeding in, it has rained every day, and some cutting and filling of divots and overseeding should get them back to more what they should look like.

The fairways and rough are looking ok and we have started getting all the plantations cut down again to make the place look more like normal. However, it is a slow task and the grass just keeps on growing, so please be patient and accept that we are trying our hardest to get to these bits, while still carrying on normal maintenance of the rest of the course. A casual labourer, like we have had for the past few years would be a great help, but given the circumstances, we may not be in a position to finance that, this year.

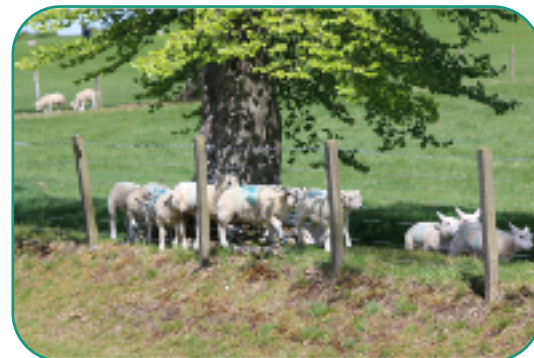
Since the resumption of golf, one of the biggest problems I have noticed has been the state of the bunkers. We are trying to rake them at least twice a week, but golfers need to try and repair their footprints etc as well. **(COM input: We have decided to follow R&A and SGU guidelines and play 6" preferred lies in bunkers.)**

Staff wise, we now have everyone back at work but, as mentioned, we are very much playing catch up - at a time when the growth is really starting to kick in, so please show a little patience, if you see an area that is not as tidy as usual.

Until next time,

Andy, Sam, Gordon and Dougie.

(COM: Thanks to Mrs Janette Mason for capturing and sending in some of these pictures whilst out enjoying a morning round).



C.G.C. YOU TUBE CHANNEL

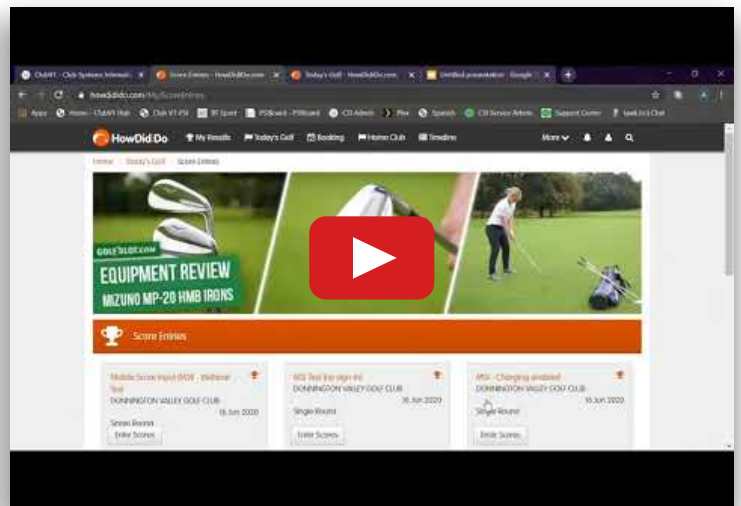
To further expand our marketing and communications channels with both Members & Visitors we have established a C.G.C. YouTube channel. Please click [HERE](#) to visit the Channel and subscribe so that you are updated when we upload new content.

We plan to upload various videos to the Channel - Instruction videos for new members how to use BRS & HDID, new features such as the HDID scoring input, as well as short video lessons and tips from our Pro, Craig Ronald - and much more!

The below videos are uploaded to the Channel - HDID mobile score input tutorial and fantastic drone video footage covering most of the Course - well worth a watch! There are also some pictures from the drone on the last 2 pages of the newsletter. Click on the videos below to watch.



Drone Footage



HDID MSI Video Tutorial

JUNIORS UPDATE

Great news for our Junior Golfers!

Easter Moffat GC have confirmed that the County Boys Strokeplay Championship is rescheduled for **Monday 20 July** and subsequent Matchplay from **Tuesday 21 July** onwards. These dates will continue to be under review during the coming weeks.

It has been great to see so many of our junior golfers playing Carluke GC 18 and 6 hole course - the future of our club is bright with **over 70 members under the age of 18**.

Please contact contact Colin Merriweather, our Junior Convener, should you have any questions regarding the Juniors' set up for this golf season.

"Golf is a great way for someone to learn discipline, responsibility, and sportsmanship." –Tiger Woods

Q & A - COMMITTEE

In the very first edition of our newsletter we included information about Committee of Management (COM) for this year. Do you have any questions for us?

We want to be able to answer any questions you may have and then share that question along with the subsequent answer with all members via the monthly newsletter. It could be about anything related to the course/club. Email us at newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com.

Q1. I have noticed some people play from white tees when no medal/qualifying/competition golf is organised - why is this?

A1. It was agreed at the 2019 AGM that members with paying guests can play from white tees when in use. Inform club pro before playing round. Also supplementary scores (when those can be entered again) allow for play from white tees. Similarly, you should notify club pro prior to round and also indicate this on your scorecard (or alternative scoring system) so that it can be considered legitimate for handicap purposes.

If you are playing a round of golf and believe that anyone is playing from white tees without meeting such criteria please report to COM as opposed to approach people on the course.

Q2. I'm a new member - what are the Anstruther & Harvie of Brownlee Qualifiers for?

A2. These qualifiers have been re-arranged for 4th & 11th July respectively. It is a normal strokeplay medal but in addition the top 32 (Anstruther) and top 64 (Harvie) scores qualify to play in singles handicap matchplay with a draw announced after the qualifiers have been completed. This year, due to COVID-19, we are reducing the number of qualifying positions by 50% in both competitions in order that we have time to play all matches. Therefore the top 16 will qualify for Anstruther and top 32 will qualify for Harvie.

Q3. I just joined this year and wasn't too sure about how to pay for competitions and 2's money?

A3. With the imminent arrival of our set fixtures you will pay for 2s in the pro shop - this costs £1.50 if you wish to participate. If you are successful in scoring a 2 your payment will go directly to pro shop account. Your account is tracked using a card which is held in pro shop (1st class players do not get paid for 2 at 11). The sweep is slightly different as you will pay for this using your V1 account therefore you need to ensure enough credit is available in your membership card you use to access clubhouse, pay for refreshments etc. Sweep winning will be paid directly into your account which can be tracked using V1 app.

New (and longstanding) members can contact us newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com with any questions.



SATURDAY SWEEP - RESULTS

Well done to all of those who participated in our Saturday Sweeps - it is a positive step towards competitive (qualifying) golf scheduled for **Saturday 4 July**. The majority of those who have played each Saturday have participated in the sweep - thank you for your support.

COM liaised with Craig Ronald to ensure all of the operational and logistical issues were set in a way whereby everyone involved in processing cards and money were comfortable. It is important to note that the 'Saturday Sweep' is optional so if you are not comfortable with any element of it then feel free to opt out.

Thanks to Craig for organising it all. Results, including 2s winners, are shared below as well as displayed on window in pro shop.



Saturday 13 June - Stableford Sweep

First Class

- 1. Barry Melrose - 41
- T2. Stevie Frew - 39
- T2. Lloyd Haddow - 39
- T2. Graham Mason - 39

Second Class

- 1. Steven McFarlane - 41
- 2. Ross Fleming - 39

Third Class

- 1. Douglas McLuckie - 40
- 2. Kieran Melling - 39

Two's winners - Brian Rintoul, John McStay, Jim Blair x2, Kenny Martin, Ross Fleming, Alan Alexander, Peter Hinshelwood, Gary Hogg, Steven McFarlane x2 and Kieran Melling.

Saturday 20 June - Stableford Sweep

First Class

- 1. Lloyd Haddow - 41
- 2. Scott Jeffrey - 40

Second Class

- 1. Alan Middleton - 42
- 2. Ross Hamilton - 40

Third Class

- 1. Jack Hunter - 44
- 2. David Turner - 43

Two's winners - Kenny Wilson, Mark Gilmour, Barry Melrose, Dougie Walker, Lindsay Anderson, John Cleland, Scott Murphy, Chris Paterson, Robert McLean, Steven McFarlane, Jim Fordyce, David Turner, Allan Hunter, Stephen Nimmo, Shaun Wilkie and Russell Johnstone. ***Please see pro shop display for amounts with cash paid for sweep and money added to shop account for 2's.***

PRO SHOP NEWS

It is great that we are now allowed 3 and 4 balls (within regulations set) and it is great to see so many people at the club. Let's hope that we soon get the clubhouse open and the bar and the kitchen serving us all once more!

Having played the course this past weekend it is looking great, sure there are some bare bits here and there but so have most courses. Having had the inconsistent weather, we have been subjected to, in my humble opinion, the few green staff we have are doing an excellent job under very trying circumstances.

I get many questions about how do you play this hole; how do you play that hole?

Well, here at Carluke there are a variety of different ways to play all of the holes. In all honesty I couldn't answer that question and neither should you as each day is different. It could be wind, the rain or any other of the elements we get here at Carluke! All too often I hear members at Carluke say that they can't play a certain hole, every week it costs them a score. What I'd say to you is take a step back and think!! In all honesty if you think you can't play a hole well then in all probability you won't!

Next time you play the hole stand behind the ball and look at your target, then make that target smaller. If you were aiming at the fairway then aim at a stripe in the fairway. If you were aiming at a tree then aim at a leaf on the tree. Aiming at the flag then aim at the number on the flag. What this equates to is 'aim small, miss small'. I guarantee your shot dispersion will be much less with this approach.

Lastly, I just wanted to address question I get all of the time about holes 16 & 17. So many people come there with a good score and that is where it all unravels. All they see is OB so they aim further and further left instead of sticking to the routine that has them playing well. Remember, for those that play with a fade the further left you aim the further right the ball will go!

So next time you are in this situation –

1. Stand behind the ball
2. Pick a small target
3. Trust your set up
4. Keep it calm and smooth

Until next time – Golf your ball

Craig Ronald.



BRIEF RULES REMINDER

As we return to competitive golf it is important to familiarise yourself and adhere to the rules of golf - R&A overview is available by following this link - why not try out the quiz available at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels!

<https://www.randa.org/en/rulesoverview>

C.G.C. FROM THE AIR!

During lockdown we have had many 'visitors' enjoying spending their exercise time walking our beautiful course. One of those Visitors, Mr Bill Souter, passed on these fantastic pictures he took with his drone. If you follow us on social media you may have seen some of these images already but we know there are a lot of members that are not on social media so here's a small sample.



C.G.C. FROM THE AIR!

Huge thanks to Bill again for sending us on these images and video footage - we'll be using them in our marketing activities in the coming months

