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## CAPTAINS BLOG



Hello fellow members,

Welcome back everyone, the bar is open, the coffee machine is full, the catering is ready to take your orders and medal play has started.

It seems like an age since we had the pleasure of sitting in the lounge for a blether and dissect each others game.

Club competitions are coming thick and fast with some fantastic scores being recorded, as usual I await my good round to happen. It is very encouraging to see the number of players playing in the competitions increase substantially from last season, long may it continue.

However, there remains a huge amount of uncertainty around open competitions which has lead us to take the decision to cancel all of our scheduled Opens for the remainder of this season.

Together we have managed the lockdown period extremely well and I would like to thank all members for your support throughout these trying times.

As always, observe the rules and Stay Safe.

Malcolm

Club Captain

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome so many new members to our fantastic Club this year - great to see and we hope to meet you all soon now that the Clubhouse is open again. A special welcome to Hazel Whyte who has 'graduated' from our Beginners 125 Club to full membership (more info on 125 Club on last page).

If any new members have any questions please let us know via social media or emailing [newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com)



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## MATCH SECRETARY UPDATE

With the golf season now in 'full swing' and the further relaxation of restrictions it is great to see many members, guests and visitors enjoying the course. A large number have commented on how good our course has been so credit to Andy and his team for their efforts. We still have restrictions in place from Scottish Golf Union (SGU) which prevents open competitions therefore **all open competitions have been cancelled this season**. The Smyllum and Barr trophies have been retired for the year, however, Brooks, Anstruther, Harvie and Seniors matchplay trophies will continue. The draws have been displayed on the office window/noticeboard in gents locker room and I would urge you all to take note of the deadline dates for rounds to be completed - no extensions will be granted due to timescales involved. All info has been emailed to members and can also be found in the yellow members book (page 6). Thank you all for your understanding and patience throughout this challenging period.

John Cleland

Match Secretary

## HANDICAP UPDATE

Since our return to qualifying golf competitions on 4th July 2020 we have had numerous Juniors, Ladies and Men's qualifiers which has included midweek, Saturday and Sunday medals as well as many others scheduled! As well as scheduling Matchplay competitions (as mentioned above) we have managed to schedule the majority of our original qualifying competitions which we hope will accomodate all of our members in the various membership categories. The initial numbers involved in all competitions so far indicates that we have all welcomed the return to qualifying competitions within the golf club - it is great to see so many of our members participate. Can I please encourage and remind everyone that it is really important to submit your score for the round - complete hole by hole even if this is NR. Please do so using 'Today's Golf' on How Did I Do or via PSI Terminal in clubhouse when it is available to use. By not entering your score at all it can impact on overall CSS which in turn can impacts on members' playing handicap. Thank you in advance and I hope you enjoy playing the rest of the competitions scheduled for 2020!

Jim Robertson

Handicap Convenor

## COURSE ETIQUETTE

- Please remember to repair your pitchmark on the greens as well as replace divots on course (with exception of tees).
- Attempt to adhere to playing pace for each hole and overall round (3hrs 45mins).
- Play a provisional ball if you are unsure if original ball is lost - remember to declare 'provisional ball' before playing it otherwise this ball is now in play with original ball deemed lost.
- Ready golf is available so feel free to use this - agree with playing partners.
- Allow group to 'play through' if delay is anticipated.

# COURSE UPDATE

Hello All,

Well now that summer has gone and we are into the rainy season, we are faced with a new set of problems. Instead of trying to keep up with the grass growth, we are having to repair washed in bunkers and washed away paths..... and keep up with the growth!!

On a brighter note, we have been able to take on a casual labourer for a number of weeks, which is helping, but the aforementioned rain is doing us no favours. On only the fourth competitive Saturday we have managed this year, we had to cancel the competition, before it even got started, there was so much water lying about. The decision was taken to keep the course closed as some long term damage could have been done to areas that were wet, if the course had been opened for casual play in the afternoon, and a lot of people had gone out, traipsing through the mud with trolleys. There were a few areas on the Sunday that started to get muddy, so imagine what it would have been like if people had been out on the Saturday when it was much wetter.

Apart from the weather, things have been going ok and are going pretty much according to plan. The height of cut on the greens is now 4.5mm and we are just about to lower it to 4mm which should be the height for the next few weeks. One problem we have encountered is that people seem to be still missing putts (!) and blaming the flags or the inserts we have in the holes to comply with the government guidelines.

We started off with cups that were cut down to size to allow easy retrieval of the ball. We then went for these foam inserts, because people were moaning about the small cups and balls bouncing out. Then the problem was that the foam wasn't in far enough and the ball was bouncing off that and out, or so I'm led to believe!

Then we changed the cups for a deeper set of cups, but now they are no good because the flags are not sitting properly in the centre of the hole. On closer inspection, I noticed that the reason for the "loose" flags was, the set of cups we had put out were worn at the bottom allowing the bottom of the flags to move about, this, combined with the heavy material the flags are made of, and the recent wind and rain has raised the stability issue. We are now on version 4 of the Covid 19 cups and this consists of replacing all the cups with ones that are not worn and also we have added some extra packing to the foam to try and hold the flag steadier.

There are other options, such as lifters which can be attached to the flag and can be "lifted," using your putter, so no need to touch the flag, but, from what I have seen, these start at £25 each - and then get more expensive....

A lot of money for something we are not likely to use again, although, they would maybe be useful for some of our older members, even when we get back to normal, as they would save bending down to get the ball out of the hole!! One to think about maybe?

Once again a big thank you to one of our seniors, Billy Jack for taking the time to construct the wooden "broken tee" boxes which we now have on most of the tees. A good match for the wooden rubbish bins he made last year

Good luck to all of you who are going to be aspiring to be club champion over the next few weeks, in whatever class, fingers crossed the weather is kind.

Andy, Sam, Gordon, Dougie (and George)



## CAPTAIN'S CHARITY

At Carluke Golf Club, we are proud to raise money for charity each year.

This year, as we all know, has been a challenging one, and as we are unable to raise charity through generous donations at our usual social events we have set up a Just Giving page for anyone who is able to donate. We appreciate any donations you can make - all money raised will be donated to Baby Bank (Scotland) which serves Carluke and surrounding areas supporting young families in need of basic essentials.

Thank you very much to all who have already made a donation. **All of those who donate by 7th August will be entered into a prizewinners draw to win a free 4 ball - not at Carluke!! 2 different winners guaranteed.**

A special thanks goes to Rebecca Gray for her amazing effort raising £100 selling golf balls and donating all the money to our Captain's chosen charity.

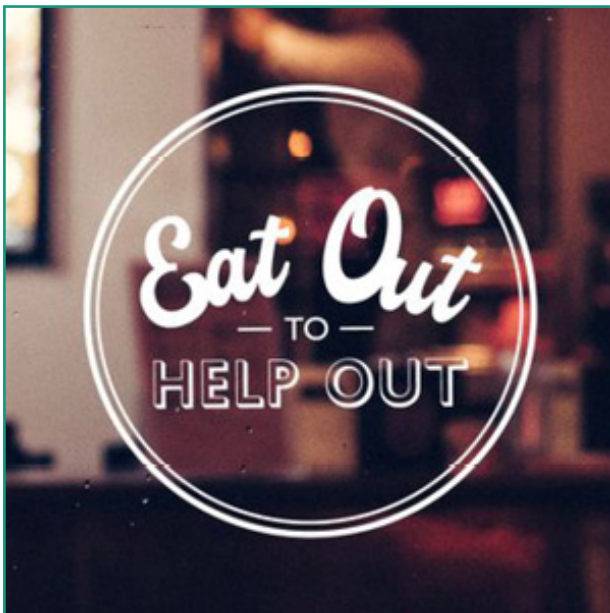
Our amazing Catering Team have always been very generous in helping us raise money for the Captain's Charity over the years and this year Fiona, Baber and Team are selling raffle tickets for £2 per strip with some amazing prizes on offer.

Please donate by clicking here [DONATE](#) or typing:

[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carluke-golfclub](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carluke-golfclub) in your web browser. Once again many thanks for all the donations so far.



## BAR & CATERING NEWS



Our Catering Team are delighted to announce that they have now registered for the 'Eat Out To Help Out' scheme!

This means every Tuesday and Wednesday 12pm-6pm you can enjoy 3 courses for an incredible £5!

Bookings **MUST** be made with the kitchen and you can book as many times as you like throughout the month of August.

### Bar:

Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 12 noon – 9pm  
Wednesday: 12 noon – 10pm  
Thursday: 12 noon – 6pm  
Friday: 12 noon – 9pm  
Saturday: 12 noon – 10pm  
Sunday: 12 noon – 8pm

### Kitchen:

Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 10am – 9pm  
Wednesday: 10am – 6pm  
Thursday: 10am – 4pm  
Friday: 10am – 9pm  
Saturday: 10am – 9pm  
Sunday: 10am – 7pm



# MEET OUR RISING STAR - REBECCA GRAY

**Fraser:** When I was 12 years old, I was playing Lanark 9 hole on a regular basis and probably shooting around 50, mainly messing about with my mates. Not this young Lady... For those that don't know her, meet Rebecca Gray.

It's a pleasure to see one of our Junior Girls break through into the Ladies section - and did she not do it in style! In her first Senior competition at Carluke, the Trust Motors Stableford, Rebecca won the 2nd Division with a scratch 99 and a whopping 41 points.

She has played the past 2 years at Carluke and started through the Club Golf nights. She has won the girls championship the past 2 years so it is perhaps no surprise to see her doing so well but at 12 years old this is a pretty special achievement.

So we thought it was time to get to know Becca a little better...

**Current age?** I turned 12 last month

**When did you start playing golf?** 4 years ago

**Who taught you to play?** Grandpa (ex-Captain Ian) & Dad (Cammy)

**Who is the best golfer in your family?** Dad

**Who is the worst?!** My Uncles

**Has it been difficult to step up from the Juniors to Ladies?**

The Ladies I've played with the past 2 medals have made me feel very welcome. I've really enjoyed it

**I hear you've been raising money for the Captain's Charity?**

Yes, I cleaned and sold golf balls my Dad's friends gave me during lockdown and raised £100 for Baby Bank

**Who is your favourite professional golfer and why?**

Carly Booth because she is Scottish and famous. Bob MacIntyre because he spoke to me at the Dunhill Championship

**Favourite and least favourite holes at Carluke and why?**

11th because it's easy. 2nd - the green is horrible!!

**Whats your best 18-hole score?** 99 in a medal

**Best shot you've ever played?** My tee shot at the first at Craighielaw in front of people watching

**Golfing ambition?** To play in the Solhiem Cup. I just want to enjoy playing golf just now and improve as I get older and try my best. I've started getting coaching this year but it had to stop because of lockdown but my coach is so good and ensures I enjoy it and he will improve me loads as I get older. I need to improve my putting and I'm sure my handicap will come down.

*And we're sure it will too Rebecca! Thanks for taking the time to talk to us and we wish you all the best for the future. We'll be watching your career progress with great interest.*



# 2020 AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Club Championship Round 1
2 Junior Club Championship	3	4 Ladies Championship Round 2	5 Wed Medal #5	6	7	8 Club Championship Round 2
9 Junior Club Championship	10	11 Ladies Championship Round 3	12 Wed Medal Final (Grant Booth Trophy)	13 Seniors Championship Round 1	14	15 Club Championship Round 3 & 4
16 Russell #3 Junior Club Championship	17	18 Hon. Vice President's Prize (9 hole Stableford)	19	20 Seniors Championship Round 2	21	22 James Millar Trophy
23	24	25 Taggart Trophy & SG medal (9hole stableford)	26	27	28	29 Professional's Day
30 Russell #4	31					

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## OCTOBER - SEPT 2020

### FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### SEPTEMBER

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

#### OCTOBER

Sat 3: Kirkstyle Trophy  
 Sun 4: Russell 6  
 Tues 6: 18 hole stroke play 9 hole stableford  
 Sat 10: Anderson Trophy (stableford)  
 Tues 13: 18 hole stableford  
 Sat 17: John Kyle Salver (stableford)  
 Sat 24: Bert Cutter Salver  
 Sat 31: Closing day scramble



## JUNIORS UPDATE

Our Junior golfers played their first competitive golf of 2020 season on **Sunday 12 July**. We would like to thank all of the adult volunteers who helped, supervised and encouraged our young golfers - it is greatly appreciated. We have 6, 9 and 18 hole competitions available so all junior golfers are welcome to attend - please contact **Colin Merriweather (Junior Convenor)** for more information if required.



A fantastic turn out from some of our junior golfers - we have over 70 juniors this year so our future looks very positive! Keep up the great work. Below (left) we pictured our 16 juniors who attended - ages ranging from 7-17! Below (right) is our 'Senior Juniors' with (l-r) Junior Captiain Euan MacNicol, Callum Wilson, Connor McIntyre and Robbie MacKenzie. Above (right) our Junior Captain Euan MacNicol teeing off at the 1st!





## PRO SHOP NEWS

As we return to some normality, things are getting back to the usual with the clubhouse and catering back open which is great news for all of the members – both old and new! On that note, welcome to the club to all of the new members. Thanks to everyone the shop has been relatively busy since our return and we thank all the members for that.

I've also had a good few questions about my own game and what is on the cards next – well that is a little bit up in the air as there are no P.G.A events at the moment. I have played a couple of mini tour events down south where my best finish was 10th and one event in Scotland where I finished 2nd. It is very tough to put any schedule together as to play these events is expensive and due to Covid-19 I have lost all the sponsors I had but hopefully as we get through this we might get some backing from somewhere – one can only hope as I still love to get out and compete even though I am not a 'flat belly' anymore!

New additions to the shop have proved popular so far with the introduction of Island Green apparel and some Under Armour, things remain difficult to get at the moment as there isn't a lot of stock around, however, if we can get you something we will and if we can't we will let you know straight away.



*Island*  
GREEN



UNDER ARMOUR

Some uncertainty still remains about competitions going forward which includes Professional's Days at this time but we still hope to have it in some capacity. Hopefully next month we will get some tips for you all in the newsletter to help you with your game but if you are struggling with your game don't be afraid to pop your head in to the shop and ask.

Until then – stay safe.

Craig Ronald



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## COMPETITION RESULTS - GENTS & LADIES

DATE	COMPETITION	DIV 1 WINNER/ SCORE	DIV 2 WINNER/ SCORE	DIV 3 WINNER/ SCORE
04/07/20	July Medal/ Anstruther Qualifier	Cameron Gray (70-6 = 64)	Robert Hamilton (87-13 = 67)	Derek Ross (88-25 = 63)
08/07/20	Wednesday Medal No 1	Scott Wilson (75-9 = 66)	Jamie McFarlane (77-13 = 64)	David Crichton (89-26 = 63)
11/07/20	VC Prize & Harvie of Brownlee	George Walker (72-6 = 66)	Scott Hamilton (80-14 = 66)	Patrick Byrne (84-21 = 63)
12/07/20	Russell No 1	Scott Murphy (39pts)	William Scott (36 pts)	Stephen Monaghan (42 pts)
15/07/20	Wednesday Medal No 2	Stephen Brown (70-5 = 65)	Ross Hamilton (81-16=65)	Russell Johnstone (87-20=67)
18/07/20	Sommerville, Stevenson & Alhambra Trophies	Kenneth Martin (75-9=66)	John Berry (78-13=65)	Derek Ross (87-22=65)
22/07/20	Wednesday Medal No 3	Ryan Wilson (74-11=63)	Ross Hamilton (83-15=68)	William Johnston (90-19=71)
26/07/20	Russell No 2	James Crawford (39 pts)	Tom Smith (36pts)	Allan Hunter (40pts)
29/07/20	Wednesday Medal No 4	James Robertson (75-11 = 64)	Jack McGuinness (80-16 = 64)	Allan Hunter (86-21 = 65)

07/07/20	Booth Shield Stableford & SG Medal	Jan Kidd (38 pts)	Ann Macfarlane ( 39 pts)	
14/07/20	Trust Motors Stableford	Jan Kidd (35 pts)	Rebecca Gray (41 pts)	
21/07/20	Betty Henderson Memorial Trophy	Annyse Ewing (85-16 = 69)	Elizabeth Nimmo (106-34 = 72)	
28/07/20	Ladies Championship 1st Round	Annyse Ewing (88-15 = 73)	Margaret Wright (102-28 = 74)	

**Congratulations to all this month's winners!**

# COMPETITION INFORMATION

## Russell Trophy - Selected Sunday's (Gents)

This year we have had to reduce the number of Russell qualifying rounds from 8 to 6, however, your best 4 (nett) scores from any 6 Russell competition rounds will be counted. The winner will be decided based on the highest accumulative stableford points from their best 4 rounds - all 3 divisions compete against each other for overall trophy. Remember to enter your gross score for each hole - that is the number of shots you played during each hole including penalty strokes if appropriate. HDID systems (Today's Golf and PSI Terminal) automatically counts your stableford score.

### A reminder of stableford scoring (nett) -

**Albatross - 5 points** \* **Eagle - 4 points** \* **Birdie - 3 points** \* **Par - 2 points.**  
**Bogey - 1 point** \* **Double Bogey or worse - 0 points**

## Wednesday Medal - Grant Booth Trophy (Gents)

**The top player and ties** from each division (best nett) will progress to the Wednesday Medal Final - Grant Booth Trophy which is due to be played on **Wednesday 12 August**. If any top player from each division has already qualified in previous Wednesday medals then the next best nett score will qualify to compete for the Grant Booth Trophy. All Wednesday Medals are strokeplay competitions. Information is available in the 2020 (Yellow) Fixture Book - remember dates have been revised due to Covid-19.

If you fail to qualify for the Wednesday Medal Final, you are still able to play for handicap and sweep purposes on **Wednesday 12 August**, however, you will be unable to win the trophy regardless of score. One last chance to qualify on **Wednesday 5 August!**

If you have any questions about any of our scheduled competitions please do not hesitate to contact us - [newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:newsletter@carlukegolfclub.com)

# JUNIORS RESULTS

DATE	COMPETITION/ WINNER
12/07/20	<b>July Girls Strokeplay</b> Rebecca Gray (109-35 =74)
12/07/20	<b>Snr &amp; Jnr Boys Stroke Competition</b> Callum Wilson (88-19 = 69)
19/07/20	<b>Craig Cup</b> Rebecca Gray (102-30 =72)

DATE	COMPETITION/ WINNER
19/07/20	<b>Senior Boys Professional Trophy</b> Euan MacNicol (19-7 = 72)
26/07/20	<b>Vice Captain's Prize Jnr Stableford</b> Callum Wilson (31 pts)
26/07/20	<b>Juvenill 9 Holes</b> Abbie Barnstaple (17 pts)





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