

# CARLUKE GOLF CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### CAPTAINS BLOG



Hello Fellow Golfers,

April has been a glorious month, albeit the frostiest and one of the driest on record. Mother nature has presented Andy and his team with some major challenges and later in the newsletter Andy will give you a run down on what he has been doing to keep the course in great a shape.

A couple of points to note. Firstly, are the new shallow cups using the existing flagsticks. The ball lifters have served us well over the last year or so but have attracted criticism from a few members about "bounce outs" (this includes one of my golf buddies - he knows who he is!). Hopefully the set-up being introduced for our first men's competition will be universally praised by all members – ok I will settle for a little less moaning then! Secondly the blue stakes are being removed from the right-hand side of the second hole bringing the area back into play again. The comfort blanket of "it's in the blue stakes, I'll just drop another ball" has gone. These changes along with the removal of preferred lies begin on 1 May.

After a long and tough period of lockdown I was absolutely delighted to see members returning to the clubhouse. Baber, Fiona and the catering team are back as well as Stephanie and the bar team. Lynne, our new Administrator is also settling in well to her new role and has successfully managed to upgrade our email system. This will greatly improve communication with members. A list of contact email addresses can be found later in the newsletter along with catering, bar and office opening times.

Our Golf Pro Craig has also been busy getting new season stock delivered and now that government restrictions have been lifted is able to offer member's lessons once more. So, if your game is a bit rusty after a winter lay off or you need some new golfing gear, drop in and see Craig.

Scottish Golf have now given clearance for competitions to begin again and a revised fixture list can be found on our website. The booking system for men's competition now returns to HDID and for casual play the BRS system is the go too. We will also see our various Teams return to competition play over the coming months. I wish all our Teams as well as our members a successful golfing season as we hopefully look forward to a long and hot summer!

Captain Bill

### CAPTAINS CHARITY

Our Captain has chosen the Clydesdale Food Bank as this year's charity. There will be various events throughout the year to raise money but you can do so at any time by clicking on the below link. Thank-you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carlukegolfclub>



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## COURSE UPDATE

Hello again,

Here we are at the end of April, fast approaching Summer, and we are still sitting on machines cutting fairways/rough etc with a minimum of two jackets, woolly hats, snoods, and gloves that are made for working in deep freezes!! And still the greens aren't perfect!!!! My point being, we are not going to get even growth on the greens until it warms up a bit and the POA decides its time to show face. The easiest solution would be to cut them short and get rid of the longer grasses which are starting to grow, but when we are experiencing temperature swings from -6 in the morning to 17 or 18 degrees in the afternoon, we have to be careful. Hence the reason the greens were not as good last weekend as they have been.

I spent the full week applying over 100,000 litres of water to the greens, and they still burned up quickly at the weekend. Without an automatic watering system, our only means of defense in this situation is to leave grass on the greens, by reducing the frequency of cut and increasing the height of cut. Hence the reason we have had slower bumpier greens.

There is further, essential maintenance work to be carried out next month, in our quest to reduce thatch levels and improve surfaces for longer. On Monday the 10th May, we will be, with the assistance of the Proturf guys, hollow coring the greens, and sanding them. This should hopefully coincide with the growth kicking in, and recovery should be reasonably quick and this, combined with the scarifying we did in March, should keep the surfaces more free draining, through the rainy season - June onwards!!!!

I mentioned penalty areas in my last ramble, we have not introduced any new penalty areas yet, however, one major change is that the blue stakes have been removed from the plantation that stretches from the right hand side of the second, beyond the fairway bunker, and over the road to the fourth. This entire area is now "in play" and the only relief you will get because of trees, is for the odd one that still has a stake on it. We have cut the rough down a bit, around the edge of it but the heavier rough will still be there - as it was before the trees were there.





## COURSE UPDATE

We did a small experiment on the putting green with cups and flags, as there were a lot of disgruntled members, moaning about the "lifters" being too wide and the ball just bouncing off them. The outcome of this is that we have new cups going in which are not as deep as a normal cup, which allow you to easily retrieve the ball without touching the flagpole, and the lifters will be removed from the flagsticks, which will therefore be back to their normal width.

While we are on the topic of restrictions brought about by covid19, all players should be aware that if greens are being watered, the hose or sprinkler should not be touched by anyone other than greenstaff. Relief may be taken, under the rule for casual water, if the hose or sprinkler are in the way. We endeavour to have as much watering done as possible, as early as possible, but sometimes if there is a bit of a wind or if the pressure isn't great, the sprinkler can need to be moved three or even four times to do one green, (or if someone has dragged it out of the way and not bothered to put it back!!)

Lastly, you'll be glad to hear, if anyone is still reading, we have been topping up the bunker sand. Most of the greenside ones have been done and we have a load there to do the rest, as required, and also give some of the fairway bunkers a light top up. The bunkers are being raked every morning and by lunchtime most of them are a disgrace!! Far too many people have got into the habit of just walking in, hitting a shot and walking back out again. I, like a lot of you, am old enough to remember the days when there were never members rakes in bunkers and the bunkers were raked twice a week. You tidied the bunker yourself using your club and/or feet - and they were a lot tidier then than they are now.!!!



I am saying this as a fellow golfer who very occasionally ends up in a bunker, not just as a greenkeeper - if you land in a bunker, play your shot and come back out the way you went in, levelling the sand with club or foot or whatever, but please don't just walk away and leave your mess for the next unlucky soul who lands in it!!!!

Thats all folks!!!

Andy.

# IMPORTANT INFO

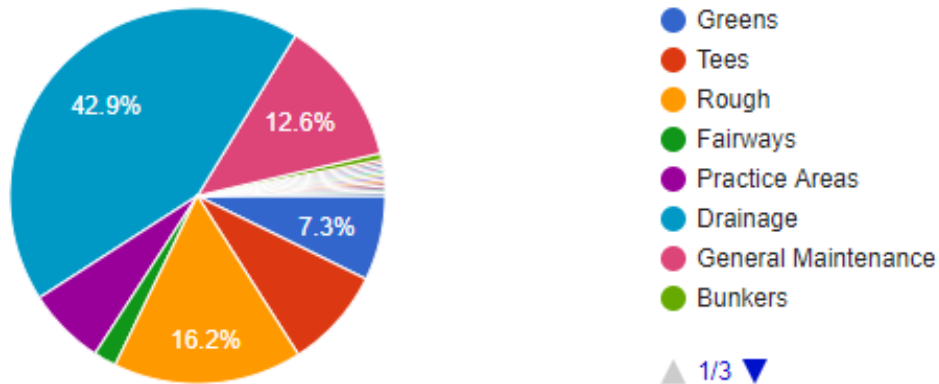
We are living in a constantly changing environment at the moment so below is some quick-fire important points all members should be aware of:

- **PREFERRED LIES** - As of 1st May, there will be no preferred lies in operation
- **FLAGS & CUPS** - The ball elevators are being replaced by the normal flagsticks in combination with shallow cups. It will be possible to remove the ball without touching the flagstick. This decision has been made after feedback from members in the survey and via the putting green trial cups.
- **BLUE STAKES AT THE 2ND / 4TH** - The blue stakes will be removed in the area between the 2nd & 4th and this area is now in play. There has been considerable work completed in the plantation area between the 2nd & 4th fairways as part of the ongoing Woodland Management Programme. The blue stakes are no longer necessary as the saplings are now of a good height & maturity. In addition any weak saplings and unruly bushes have been thinned but there are still some single staked trees. The usual ruling of taking a club length relief will be in place to protect staked trees.
- **BOOKING MEDAL TIMES** - As indicated by email last week, times for Saturday and Wednesday medals will go live Friday and Tuesday respectively at 7pm. All casual times will still be 6.15pm, seven days beforehand.
- **GENERAL PLAY SCORES** - White tees cannot be used for general play scores unless playing with a visitor or advised by the Club. This is in line with the vote at the AGM in 2019/20. The option to use the white tees will however be present when you sign in as it cannot be deleted.
- **COURSE & SLOPE RATING CARDS** - please pickup your copy from the pro-shop.
- **BAG TAGS etc** - swipe cards, membership stickers and bag tags for new members have been placed in envelopes and will be available from behind the bar during opening hours
- **MATCHPLAY ENTRIES** - on the HDID app, choose Knockouts from the menu to enter the Barr (Mixed Doubles), Smyllum (Mens Doubles), Seniors (Mens Singles), or Brooks (Mens Singles, 8 Hcap or less). Entry fee will be deducted from your club card. **Entry closes 16th May.**
- **MATCHPLAY QUALIFIERS** - 8th & 15th May. Strokeplay competitions with the top scores qualifying for the Harvie of Brownlie (top 64 qualify) and Anstruther Trophy (top 32) matchplay competitions.
- **OPEN COMPETITIONS** - Booking is open for all Open competitions. Visit the club website and click Book Now then click Book an Open Competition and login to BRS.
- **TEAM MATCHES** - Team matches have started so please be aware of closed tees at certain times. Check the website fixture list for details.
- **CATERING** - Mon Closed, Tue 11am - 8pm, Wed & Thu 11am - 3.30pm, Fri 11am - 8pm, Sat 11am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 7pm
- **BAR** - Tuesday to Sunday 12 noon till 8pm
- **TUTORIALS** - we issued a tutorial on general play scores last week. This can be found on our YouTube channel. Please visit and subscribe to the channel by clicking this [link](#) - leave some feedback and let us know if you would like to see more tutorials.
- **CONTACT DETAILS:**
  - For general enquiries (admin/treasurer) contact Lynne on [admin@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:admin@carlukegolfclub.com)
  - For handicap/fixture/Open comps contact [info@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:info@carlukegolfclub.com)
  - For all other matters email [secretary@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:secretary@carlukegolfclub.com)

## APRIL MEMBERS SURVEY

Please choose the area of the course that you think should be the priority for improvement:

357 responses



Firstly, a massive thanks to all members that completed the survey. We received 357 responses which is fantastic. The Committee are already analysing the responses and will take on board your views when making decisions for the future.

## NEW MEMBERS

There are a number of new members this season but unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we have been unable to arrange the usual induction. Please take the time to make our new members feel welcome and help them out where necessary. If any new member has not received the new member handbook or membership book please let us know - [info@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:info@carlukegolfclub.com)

## SLOPE RATING CARD

MEN			MEN			WOMEN		
Female Score	Gender Percent	Count	Female Score	Gender Percent	Count	Female Score	Gender Percent	Count
110	100	1	110	100	1	100	100	1
109	99	1	109	99	1	99	99	1
108	98	1	108	98	1	98	98	1
107	97	1	107	97	1	97	97	1
106	96	1	106	96	1	96	96	1
105	95	1	105	95	1	95	95	1
104	94	1	104	94	1	94	94	1
103	93	1	103	93	1	93	93	1
102	92	1	102	92	1	92	92	1
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2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1
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You can pickup your course slope rating card in the pro-shop at any time or you can click the image on the left to view it on the website



# CARLUKE JUNIORS

As the season progresses so does our JNR section with great improvement from last year. We now have moved some golfers up to playing 14 holes where previously they were playing 9 and some doing 18 which is fantastic for the future of the club.

It is also great to see the support of parents and members helping out each week which I would like to thank.

Well done to Euan MacNicol who was in top form recently at Easter Moffat GC in the LGA get-together, winning both the scratch and handicap categories with a splendid 74 so hopefully more wins in the near future.

Lastly here are our winners for our recent medals

## **April 18th:**

6 hole: Struan Fleming

9 hole: Fraser Cowan

18 hole: Daniel Barnstaple

## **April 25th:**

6 hole: Struan Fleming

9 hole: Charlie Barnstaple

18 hole: Euan Macnicol



# MAY FIXTURES

SEE THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR THE FULL FIXTURE LIST (ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE )

**Sat 1:** May Medal

**Sun 2:** R. & A. 9 hole qualifier

**Sun 2:** Junior competitions.

**Tue 4:** Carol Baskerville Trophy, SG medal, 9 hole qualifier

**Wed 5:** Wednesday Medal 1 / Lanarkshire Seniors' team match v. Cambuslang (A)

**Thu 6:** Gents team match v. Strathclyde Park. Tee closed 5pm – 6.30pm

**Sat 8:** Harvie of Brownlie qualifier

**Sun 9:** Russell Trophy No.1.

**Sun 9:** May Medals (All Junior groups).Coronation Fours (ladies)

**Mon 10:** Ladies' team match v. East Kilbride (A)

**Tue 11:** Susan Stratton Memorial + SG medal, silver spoon

**Wed 12:** Wednesday Medal 2 / Lanarkshire Seniors team match v. Carnwath (away)

**Thu 13:** Gents' team match v. Crow Wood (A) / Ladies' team match v. Sandyhills. Tee closed 5.15pm – 6.15pm

**Sat 15:** Anstruther qualifier

**Sun 16:** Strokeplay (all Junior groups)

**Mon 17:** Ladies' team match v. Strathaven (away)

**Tue 18:** Valley Trophy (two ball foursome). Enter draw with partner

**Wed 19:** Wednesday Medal 3

**Thu 20:** Lanarkshire Seniors' team match v. Strathaven. Tee closed 11am – 12 noon.

Gents' team match v. Shotts. Tee closed 5pm – 6.30pm.

**Fri 21:**Sponsors' Day (1). Tee closed until 2.30pm.

**Sat 22:**Sommerville, Alhambra & Stevenson Trophies (strokeplay)

**Sun 23:** Russell Trophy No. 2

**Sun 23:** Ladies' SG medal (dual day)

**Sun 23:** Junior Trophy (Senior boys), Ford Trophy (Junior boys), Allison Booth Salver (Girls), Vice Captain Salver (Juveniles)

**Tue 25:** Gents' team match v. Biggar (away)

**Tue 25:** \*Hon. President's prize, 9 hole stableford qualifier

**Wed 26:** Wednesday Medal 4

**Fri 28:** Tinto ladies No. 2

**Sat 29:** James Millar Trophy (strokeplay)

**Sun 30:** Russell Trophy No. 3

**Sun 30:** Ladies'SG Medal (dual day)

**Sun 30:** Rotary Cup (Senior boys), Madras Shield (Juniorboys), Stroke Shield (Girls), Strokeplay (Juveniles)