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CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi Fellow Golfers,

A warm welcome to all, including our many new members who have joined over the last few months. Hopefully I will get a chance to meet up with you over the season when restrictions ease.

The new season beckons. The smell of cut grass, spring flowers blooming and the Masters just around the corner, a great time of the year and hopefully a return to a more normal one.

Andy and his team having been working extremely hard to get the course in great shape for the new season. Even though we have had an extremely hard winter a lot has been done to prepare the greens, repair drainage and paths and general course improvement. I have high hopes that the course will be in the same excellent condition as it was last year. Although as Andy would say "we have no control over the weather". Fingers crossed.

To be Captain of our club is a huge honour and privilege and a I am looking forward to a memorable year and who knows I may be able to fit in a few games as well. I hope to be able to carry on the great work of Past Captain Malcolm. He steered us through what was undoubtedly one of the most difficult years in Carluke Golf Club's history. A big shout out also goes to our Secretary Gavin and the committee who worked tirelessly last year to adapt to the ever-changing guidelines and restrictions.

Looking forward, we hope to open the Clubhouse at the end of April all going well with government restrictions. Our catering team will return to offer their normal service. Recently Baber/Fiona and the team have been providing a very successful takeaway service for members, I even managed to win a free Curry! We will let you know about bar reopening as information becomes available.

You will see later in the newsletter that I have chosen the Clydesdale Food Bank as my charity this year. Due to the current pandemic, I understand there are fewer opportunities to make actual food donations. Financial donations are therefore extremely important so please give generously to support our local community.

Finally, I hope the sun shines and wish everyone a great golfing season and a better understanding of the new World Handicap System!

Captain Bill

CAPTAINS CHARITY

As mentioned above, 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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OPENING DAY 2021



Well 2021 has certainly started better than 2020 as we actually had an Opening Day for a start!

Captain Bill Dodds and Vice Captain John Cleland raised the flag with the help of Past-Captain Malcolm Bowden and the sun even made an appearance as well.

The course was in fantastic condition and huge credit goes to Andy and the Boys for their hard work over the Winter months.

Thank-you to our fantastic catering team for a warm cup of tea and roll and sausage - was most welcome either before starting or finishing our game. Thank you Team Saleem.

Good luck to everyone for the new season!

MEMBER SURVEY

The Committee has put together a short member survey to collect your views on various topics. You will receive a link via email or you can click the link below. We would really appreciate you completing the survey as it will help us make decisions for the future that best represent the consensus of the membership.

<https://forms.gle/YFHF86TYGdePEtAU9>

COURSE UPDATE

Hello All,

I am writing this a couple of hours after getting my covid vaccination, so if it begins to stop making sense in a wee while, I've taken a reaction to it!!

The last column I did, stated that we were just about to begin our Winter programme, and, its been so long since then, that I'm pleased to tell you we have now finished it. As previously mentioned, no green reconstruction or major building works were to be undertaken, this time round. The main tasks carried out were :-

- new drainage works on some of the greens, (1st, 2nd, 7th and 16th.)
- Tidying / resurfacing of all buggy paths.
- Cut down the tree in the middle of the 8th fairway.....oh no sorry, did mention I might start to ramble, dont worry the tree is still there, although God only knows why because it totally ruins that hole!!
- Removed 7 dead trees from the right hand side of the 4th hole and levelled out the banking.
- Installed some fairway drainage on the 5th hole. This should be considered a starting point and if it proves to be the case that we need to intensify the drainage in this area, then we have the main in place.
- We have repaired or installed drains on 2nd fairway, bottom half of path at 11th, bottom of hill at 12th, path in front of 13th tee, front of 17th medal tee and on the 17th Ladies/box tee.
- The path at the 11th has been resurfaced and now has a handrail running the full length of the path.
- Tees greens and fairways were aerated during the winter, when conditions allowed.
- The path up the 12th with the rubber mats has been stripped back and relaid.

There are other tasks which have been completed, but these are the kind of main things.

Over the last week we have begun cutting as we have had some nice dry, and even warm at times, weather. Sammy has been out on his favourite machine, (those of you who read the last newsletter will know what that is). We have actually managed to get more of the rough cut than I thought we would, but it is still soft in bits.

Tees. greens. surrounds and fairways have all been cut and the place is actually starting to resemble a golf course again. We have been cutting tee bankings and greenside and bunker banks/faces and have been cutting a strip in from the rough into the plantations, as has been done before. I believe some of these plantations will be brought into play this year in the form of "penalty areas" (get your rule books out!!!).

I can feel my eyes starting to shut now, must be the vaccine, lol. I would just like to finish by wishing all the best to our new Captain, Bill and our outgoing Captain Malcolm. It was a strange Captaincy for Malcolm, and I'm not sure Bills is going to be much more straightforward....we can only hope that by later in the year we are starting to get to the new normal, whatever that is!!

Good luck to all for the new season,

Andy and the Boys



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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Opening Day Stableford |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Ladies Opening Day | 31 | | | |

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2021 APRIL

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---|-----------|----------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 April Medal |
| 4 Adult / Junior Foursomes | 5 | 6 18 hole SF 9 hole SF qualifier | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Harvie of Brownlie Qualifier |
| 11 April Medals (All Junior Groups) | 12 | 13 Martin Forrest Cup (Cystic Fibrosis Donation) SF | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Anstruther Qualifier |
| 18 SF (Senior boys, Junior boys, Girls) Skills competition (Juveniles) | 19 | 20 Ruthven Cup Rd. 1, 9 hole stableford qualifier | 21 | 22 | 23 Tinto Ladies no.1 | 24 TBC |
| 25 McEwan Trophy (Snr boys), Jackson Trophy (Jnr boys), Junior Cup (Girls), Strokeplay (Juv) | 26 | 27 Ruthven Cup Rd. 2, SG medal | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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ONLINE FIXTURE LIST & APRIL BOOKING PROCEDURE

For all April Saturday competitions booking will open via HowDidiDo /ClubV1 app at 7.30am on the Saturday proceeding the competition (as per last season). The booking will close on the **Thursday** before each competition at 5pm to allow the handicap committee to carry out a draw to facilitate all members in line with current government guidelines.

This year we have published fixtures live on the Club website. This will enable us to update fixtures as we progress through the different levels of government restrictions.

Please click the below link to view the 2021 fixtures. Please note that all fixtures are subject to change.

<https://www.carlukegolfclub.com/members-area/fixture-list/>

MEET YOUR 2021 COMMITTEE



Bill Dodds
Captain



John Cleland
Vice-Captain



Gavin White
Secretary



Malcolm Bowden
Past Captain



Lynne Bridges
Treasurer



Colin Merriweather
Junior Convener



Jim Bridges
House Convener



Anne Sinclair
Greens Convener



Jim Robertson
Match Secretary



Fraser Forrest
Marketing & Comms Convener



John Carnochan



Jim Milligan



Dougie Walker



John McNeil

SUB-COMMITTEES

Planning

Malcolm Bowden (Convenor), Fraser Forrest, Bill Dodds, John McNeil

Finance & Visitors

Lynne Bridges (Convenor), Bill Dodds, John Cleland, Stephen Frew (seconded)

House, Bar & Social

Jim Bridges (Convenor), John McNeil, John Cleland, John Carnochan

Match & Handicap

Jim Robertson (Convenor), John Cleland (Open Comps), Gavin White, Jim Milligan, John Carnochan, Dougie Walker, Elizabeth Munro (seconded)

Greens

Anne Sinclair (Convenor), Fraser Forrest, Dougie Walker, Jim Robertson, Jim Milligan

Marketing, Communications & Sponsorship

Fraser Forrest (Convenor), Malcolm Bowden, John Cleland, John Carnochan, Marlene Turner (seconded)

REPAIRING PITCH MARKS

If you repair a pitch mark badly it can actually do a lot more harm than if you had just left it alone, so it's essential you know how to do it correctly. It's not just for the sake of the greens either. There is nothing more infuriating for a golfer than to see a perfect putt knocked off line, especially through no fault of their own.

The end product of a badly repaired pitch mark is an ugly brown scar left on the green that not only looks awful, but also affects the roll of yours and other peoples' putts.

To achieve the ideal look, you need to push the earth inwards, rather than lifting it upwards, which is what causes the unsightly scarring.

Once you have circled your pitch mark, gently push the earth inwards towards the centre of the crater and then tap down any excess material to leave the smoothest possible surface.

HOW TO REPAIR A PITCHMARK



Take your ball mark repair tool and insert the prongs into the turf at the edge of the depression. Do NOT insert the prongs into the depression itself, but at the rim of the depression.

Then push the edge of the ball mark toward the centre, using your ball mark repair tool in a gentle twisting motion.



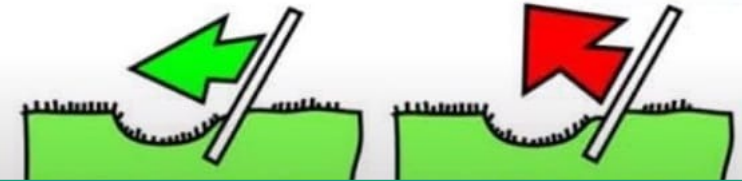
*This is where golfers who try to repair ball marks usually mess up. Many golfers believe the way to fix a ball mark is to insert the tool at an angle, so the prongs are beneath the center of the crater, and then to use the tool as a lever to push the bottom of the ball mark back up even with the surface. **Do not do this!***

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

Right: Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



Wrong: Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression



COURSE STATUS UPDATES



Now that the season is underway, course status updates will only be issued when there is a change in course status. The easiest way to get instant notifications is using the ClubV1 app. If you don't have this app downloaded then please visit the Play Store (Android) or App Store (Apple) and search ClubV1. As well as live course updates you will be able to book medal competitions, review your membership fee balance, bar card balance, live competition scores, handicap info and much more. The login is the same as your HowDidIDo login.

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