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CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi fellow golfers,

We are now well into the golfing season and the weather over the last couple of months has been wonderful. I hope everyone has managed to get in plenty of golf and managed to get some rest and relaxation after a particularly hard last 15 months or so.

As the course has dried out hopefully you will all have enjoyed your increased distance off the tee and avoided the odd wayward bounce.

It's hard to believe given current course conditions, but one of the main findings of the survey was that members would like to see an improvement in the drainage system so that the course would be more playable in the winter. A contractor has now been engaged to start work on the first and second holes immediately after the completion of the men's club championship in August. More details on this will follow nearer the time.

The prolonged dry spell of weather has highlighted that we need to get a good supply of water to our greens in particular. Our Planning sub-committee along with the Green's team are currently looking at options for improving our rather antiquated irrigation system.

Over the last couple of months, we were able to hold a number of successful Open competitions including a Senior's event, The Hayes Trophy as well as our annual Silloth competition. My thanks to all who were involved in the successful running of these events. We have also seen a steady stream of visitors and visiting parties over the summer.

June saw the Ladies Club Championship and for once the weather didn't cause any problems with scheduling. Congratulations to Julie Wright our new Ladies Champion.

Having watched a number of the men's team games this year I was absolutely delighted to see them win their league and gain promotion. It has been a long time since our team has performed so well. My sincere thanks to Vice-Captain John who not only captained the winning team but played a huge part in securing the points that assured victory.

Our Senior Men's team are also playing well at the moment and have reached the (cont. next page)



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semi-final of their competition after home and away victories over Bellshill. Fingers crossed for another good result in their upcoming match.

A big thank you to Colin Merriweather our Junior Convenor for organising a coaching event recently for our rapidly expanding junior section. Also, my thanks to coaches Bryce McLean and Fraser Merriwether, two members of our successful msn's team who have come through the system, for assisting in developing the next generation of Carluke golfers.

Finally, as we move into August, I wish all our men golfers success in the club championship.

Captain Bill

J.T. BROWN SILLOTH INVITATIONAL TROPHY



We are delighted to announce that the trophy held in the picture by Honorary President J.T. Brown has been donated to the club by the Brown family. The trophy will henceforth be presented to the winners of the Silloth competition and is inscribed as follows: J.T. Brown Silloth Invitational Trophy.

We would like to thank the Brown family for this splendid addition to the trophy collection.

COURSE UPDATE

Hi All,

Well, the summer continues, I was away for a few days there and when I played on Sunday 25th, I hadn't seen the course for 10 days - not seen it so burnt for a good few years. Still seemed to be playing ok right enough, although, some really funny bounces in places. Nice though, that we can all enjoy some golf in shirt sleeves, with collars, and tailored shorts, and a few extra yards run on the ball, instead of walking around in waterproofs picking the ball out of pitchmarks....although we still have August to come!!!!

Congratulations to the gents team on winning their league for the first time since.....I cant remember when, and I played in it for long enough . Great to see the results going our way for a change, well done guys.

Congratulations also to the Ladies Champion, Julie and all the other winners, and runners up too, Anne :)

The club also ran a successful junior coaching day, which was well attended and taken by Bryce and Fraser, well done to you two and hope for more to come, I know my Jack enjoyed it anyway.

Not much to tell you about, greenkeeping wise this month - we cut grass and we watered grass, thats about it. I have a feeling if we were to do another survey of the members it wouldn't be improving the drainage that would be on everybody's mind, but improving the irrigation system - its a funny old game!

We have a busy month ahead of us with, Championships and Open competitions so fingers crossed we get a better August than we have become used to, especially for old Grumpys tournament this Saturday. Kenny and Scott put a power of work into organising what is now probably the biggest tournament of the year at Carluke and I know their mum is, and John would be, very proud of them both, for putting this altogether so smoothly...apart from the weather, usually :)

Hopefully by the time I am putting together next months chat, the drainage work at the 1st and 2nd will be well underway because the weather is going to hold for us, and the Club Championship, Rose Bowl and Dan Carmichael will all have been played, without a hitch, (or the need for a brolly)

Just a quick mention regarding the drainage work, it will be necessary during the two weeks the guys are here, to shorten either the 1st or 2nd holes, perhaps even both, briefly, but the contractors have assured us that weekends will not be affected, and there will be as little disruption as possible during the time they are here. If all goes according to plan and the weather is kind to us, it will be well worth it, to get that area dry enough for play during the Winter months (August - April!)

Until next month, as a famous duck used to say

" thats all folks"

Andy and the boys.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Julie and all our Winners!

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP:

Winner Julie Wright 264. R/Up Jan Kidd 269 (BIH)

MAULDSLIE CUP (Scratch Bronze Division):

Winner Jean Smart 280. R/Up Ann Sinclair 283

SUNDAY LADIES CUP(Handicap Silver Division):

Winner Annyse Ewing 223. R/Up Julie Wright 208.

FORREST KIRK SHIELD:

Winner Liz Munro 210. R/Up Jean Smart 202

COPPER KETTLE

Winner Rita O'Brien 211. R/Up Sadie Brown 216

GENTS TEAM - DIVISION 4 CHAMPIONS!

Well where can I start - it certainly has been a roller coaster nine month's for me as vice captain. I was honoured when Jim Robertson asked me to take the Gents team (i knew then there was no way I could drop myself lol).

We started away to Crowood after our first match at home to Strathclyde park was called off due to the snowfall in May. Although we lost that match 6.5/3.5, it was not a disaster as it is very much a homers course.

We then moved onto Shotts at home and won that match 7/3. We were down in a few games that night but the guys dug deep and produced the goods.

After that we followed up an away match to Biggar which is always a tough match. We had all finished apart from one game with the teams all square, and with the game going to the last hole tied, I knew if we sneaked something here this could very well be a pivotal away victory. We managed to win the last game giving us a 5.5/4.5 away victory.

Then we moved onto a double header with Strathclyde park. We managed to win both games with big victories. I then started to think we could be onto something here. Next was the big test - Crowood at home. They turned up with a bit of a swagger thinking we will turn Carluke over on their own patch, how wrong were they we won 8/2 and at last it was in touching distance.

With 1 away game to Shotts and 1 home game to Biggar, we knew if we won all the games and with a favour elsewhere - we would be Champions... We went to Shotts and won and finished off beating Biggar at Carluke to be crowned division 4 champs.

I would like to thank everyone who played this year and to all the spectators who came to watch especially away from home.

John Cleland, Vice Captain.

HAYES TROPHY



Congratulations to the winners of our Mixed Greensomes Open.

Captain Bill presented the Hayes Trophy to the winners Derek and Sandra Lundie (Strathaven).

Well Done!

RULES REFRESHER

Do I need to mark my ball when taking relief?

A player found his ball next to a staked tree. The player indicated he would take relief under Rule 16 and picked up his ball before establishing the nearest point of complete relief and dropping it in a relief area.

His partner believed he should have marked the position of his ball first..

What do you think? Should he have popped in a tee peg – or your marker of choice – before lifting it, or was he perfectly entitled to just pick it up and take relief accordingly?

Rules of Golf explained:



Rule 14.1a says that 'when a ball is lifted to take relief under a Rule, the player is not required to mark the spot before lifting the ball'.

Don't go all cavalier though, and start lifting your ball willy-nilly in all circumstances. Remember if you're lifting under a rule that requires your ball to be replaced on its original spot then you've got to mark that spot before picking it up otherwise you're going to get a one-stroke penalty.

(From National Club Golfer)

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AUGUST FIXTURES

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

AUGUST

Sun 1: Russell Trophy No. 6

Sun 1: August Medals - (all Junior groups)

Tue 3: Taggart's Trophy - Stableford

Tue 3: Eclectics round 6 – Juniors. Tee off 12.00 noon

Thu 5: Seniors Open Texas Scramble – The Ross MacNicol Memorial Trophy

Fri 6: Tinto ladies No. 7

Sat 7: Club Championships Round 1 + August Medal

Sun 8: Walker Rosebowl & Dan Carmichael Trophy (Tee closed until 4.00 p.m.)

(No Junior Competitions)

Tue 10: Hon. Vice President's prize + 9 hole stableford qualifier

Tue 10: Eclectics round 7 – Juniors. Tee off 12.00 noon

Thu 12: Seniors' Championship – round 1

Fri 13: Tinto ladies No. 8

Sat 14: Club Championships round 2

Sun 15: Ladies' SG medal (dual day), 9 hole stableford qualifier

Sun 15: Championships round 1 (all Junior groups)

Tue 17: *Clic Sargent (donation), SG medal

Thu 19: Seniors' championship round 2

Sat 21: Club Championships – final day

Sun 22: Russell Trophy No. 7

Sun 22: Ladies' SG medal (dual day)

Sun 22: Championships round 2 (all Junior groups)

Tue 24: 18 hole strokeplay + SG medal, 9 hole stableford qualifier

Thu 26: Seniors' Open four ball better ball

Sat 28: Professional's Day

Sun 29: Russell Trophy No. 8

Sun 29: May Kirkpatrick Trophy (Ladies' Past Captains) Tee closed 12.15pm – 1pm.

Sun 29: Championships round 3 (all Junior groups)

Tue 31: *Captain's Prize, 9 hole stableford qualifier