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CAPTAINS BLOG



Hello Fellow Golfers,

August was an extremely busy month. We managed to get the men's club championship completed in record time, and thankfully just before the heavens opened. Congratulations to Craig MacNicol on his victory. Also, congratulations to all the

other class winners. A number of comments have been made by members on the 36-hole format final day.

The committee intend to issue a survey shortly seeking member's opinions on any changes to the future format. The results of the survey will inform any proposals to be brought to the AGM in January.

As well as the club championship there were a number of open competitions including the final senior's event of the year which attracted a capacity field. A big thanks to all involved in the successful running of these many competitions.

The excellent weather conditions allowed the drainage works to the first and second holes to proceed as planned. A special thanks to Malcolm and the Planning Team for organising this and also to Anne and the Greens Team for

supporting the work of the contractor. Having regularly inspected the job myself, I have been particularly impressed with the quality of the work and how tidy the contractor has been. Hopefully the work will make winter playing conditions a bit better this year.

A big thanks to Fraser and Gavin, assisted by Lynne in doing a great job in organising and running the recent Sponsor's Day. This gave us an opportunity to thank our valuable sponsors who have supported the club through a very difficult couple of years. One of our new sponsors, Prego, secured victory on the day.

Many congratulations to our men's senior team who reached the final of their competition but were narrowly beaten 3-2 by Drumpellier, a fantastic achievement despite losing in the final.

Also, good luck to everyone involved in our Medal and Match play Finals taking place this month.

Captain Bill



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COURSE UPDATE

Hi All,

We have now reached the month of September, and we are still watering greens!! This is certainly the best, and driest summer I can remember for a while, usually by this time we have worn away the rubber on the squeegees trying to shift water from greens and are having to tip-toe around the course for fear of getting stuck. One of our older members commented to me the other day that the course is so much tidier with the rough all being cut at the same height. I agreed but had to remind him of the 3 or 4 wet summers we have endured lately, which have meant cutting these areas was at times not possible, for fear of getting stuck in the mud!!!

In an effort to alleviate some of the wetter parts of the course, I am delighted to say that the proposed drainage programme went ahead as planned and was finished on schedule. I would like to thank everyone who played during this time for their patience and cooperation when we had to shorten one or both of the holes to allow the contractor to carry out the work safely. I am sure this will make a big difference to this area during wetter periods, and thus further improve our course.

While we are on the subject, I would like to pay homage to our current committee of management who have seen fit to release funds not only for this drainage programme, but also for a general budget increase which has allowed us to buy extra fertiliser and chemicals initially, which can only help with the general aesthetics of the course. (Next year we are getting a new automated irrigation system at a cost of £300,000 - cant wait!!!)

Hate to mention this, but over the next few weeks we will be starting to do Autumn renovations to tees greens and fairways. We will be aerating the greens on the week commencing 20th September and the contractor who has just completed the drainage, is coming back in to aerate the fairways, the first week in October. Again obviously there will be some disruption to play with both these tasks, but we will keep it to a minimum and ask for your cooperation again.

Finally congratulations to my mate Craig Macnicol on winning the club championship for the 78th time.lol

Oh, and by the way, I was only
kidding about the irrigation system:)

Till next time

Andy and the boys.

DRAINAGE WORKS

The photo on the left shows the two parts of the ditch meeting and running down into the main drain where it is carried along under the second fairway into a 300mm pipe in the rough and away.

Picture on the right shows the ditch running back towards the first tee and you can also see one of the old tile drains in the forefront.

Pic 3 shows a crossing point with the old stone utilised to give a nice effect.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Many congratulations to Craig MacNicol on his 11th Club Championship victory - a truly remarkable achievement.

Well done to the division winners also, pictured below receiving their trophy from Captain Bill.

Colville Cup and Club Champion: Craig MacNicol 283

James Anderson Cup (first class handicap): Craig Steventon - 275

Gazette Cup (second class handicap): John Jackson Jr - 279

Gardiner Laverick Trophy (third class handicap): John Stewart - 206



FRANK BRADY

Congratulations to Frank Brady who celebrated his 90th birthday on the 21st August and just a few days earlier shot an amazing round of 93, net 66, in the Seniors Club Championship.

Frank has been married to his wife Margaret for an incredible 64 years and a member at our Club for 56 years.

He has a handicap of 27 now but was as low as 9 at one stage.

Congratulations on the landmark birthday Frank, and a fantastic score!



DAN FORREST MIXED GREENSOME



Congratulations to the winners of our Mixed Greensome.

Past-Captain John McNeil presented the trophy to the winners, Andy & Senga Andrews.

Well Done!

EDDIE MCGHEE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Eddie McGhee joined Carluke Golf Club fifteen years ago on his retirement and quickly became an active member of the Club particularly with the Seniors where he took part every week in the Tuesday and Thursday games – laterally organising the Tuesday sweep.

Despite being a lifelong Accies fan he played a mean game, was a keen competitor, good company and a loyal friend. He is sadly missed.

In his memory his wife Sheena has donated a trophy to be competed for annually at the Senior Open Four Ball Better Ball. She is photographed presenting it to one of the inaugural winning team Eddie Dallas of Lochview



J.T. BROWN SILLOTH INVITATIONAL



Last month we featured a picture of Honorary President J.T. Brown with the new Silloth trophy and to the left is his son David Brown handing over the trophy to Captain Bill and this year's winner Vice Captain John. Many thanks again to the Brown family for the donation of this fantastic new trophy.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS PRIZE

On the right is Elaine Bowman receiving the Honorary Presidents prize from Mrs Elsa Brown, the wife of Honorary President Mr J.T.Brown.

Well done Elaine!



PAST CAPTAIN'S SHIELD



Congratulations to Past Captain, John McNeil, who won this years Past Captain's Shield.

Well done John!

RULES REFRESHER

My ball hit a marker on the green and went in the hole - What do I do?

It is not a penalty. In fact, in this situation, the ball is holed.

There is an exception to Rule 11.1b that says when a ball in motion hits a ball marker on the putting green, the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies. In this case, it's in the hole so write the score down and move on.



Of course before the stroke, a player whose ball marker might help or interfere with play can move it out of the way if it is their own, using Rule 15.3c, or, if the marker belongs to another player, require that player to move it.

(From National Club Golfer)

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SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

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

SEPTEMBER

Fri 3: Sponsors' day (2). Tee closed until 2.30pm.

Sat 4: September Medal + Captain's prize

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Sun 5: September medals (all Junior groups) + Captain's prize

Tue 7: 18 hole texas scramble + 9 hole stableford qualifier

Sat 11: Medal finals + Centenary Putter

Sun 12: Strokeplay – all junior groups.

Tue 14: 18 hole strokeplay, SG medal, 9 hole stableford qualifier. Tee closed 12.30pm- 3pm and 4.45pm – 5.45pm

Sat 18: Frank B. Craig Invitational Texas Scramble – member + visitor.

Sun 19: Match Play finals day (**Gents, Ladies, Mixed, Juniors**)

Sun 19: Stableford Cup (Senior boys, Junior boys, Girls), Strokeplay (Juveniles)

Tues 21: 18 hole Tri-Am strokeplay, 9 hole stableford qualifier. Tee closed 12.30pm -3pm and 4.45pm – 5.45pm

Sat 25: John Sinclair Trophy (strokeplay)

Sun 26: Strokeplay (all junior groups)

Tue 28: 18 hole Stableford, 9 hole Stableford qualifier. Tee closed 12.30pm –3pm and 4.45pm – 5.45pm

FRANK B. CRAIG

Many thanks to Frank Craig for sponsoring the upcoming Invitational Texas Scramble on Saturday 18th September. Please book your tee time via the club website - click book an open competition. Remember a minimum of 1 invited guest is required per team of 4. Entry is £20 per team.

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