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COURSE UPDATE

Hello again folks,

The season is now well underway and even although we are still struggling for growth in some bits, the course is looking ok for the time of year and some favourable comments have been passed on from both members and visitors.

Hopefully we will get a granular feed onto the greens soon and get all the bare uneven areas to fill in and some heat and rain to get all areas growing properly and looking good.

April, not unusually, was pretty dry and warm at times but a lot of cold nights, (and days sometimes with the East wind!!!) tend to slow down growth or prevent it from even starting. It is at times like these that we try to keep the course as tidy as possible and cut, even when there is not a lot of growth in sight, to "stripe" greens, tees, fairways and rough to make them more aesthetically pleasing, even if not in ideal playing condition.

Some of you may have noticed that the new flagsticks did not sit particularly straight in the

new cups. I contacted the supplier and sent pictures to show that they were leaning slightly, which they shouldn't do. To be fair the supplier, TACIT, have been great and tried to get to the heart of the problem. We have, as of the first week in May, after many emails and phone calls, been supplied with replacement flags and cups, which seem to be sitting much better. While we are on the subject, could I just ask that, if you take the flag out, when replacing it, use two hands to put the flag back in, (like you see the caddies doing on the telly!) without touching and damaging the side of the hole. These flags are much heavier than the ones we are used to and if there is a slight wind or you have missed a short putt, it is easy to catch the edge, and easy to damage them. This makes the hole smaller and its then even harder to hole a putt!!! New batteries have been fitted to the buggies so hopefully they will perform better now and maybe even go for a full round!

Congratulations to the gents team on winning their first game back in the third division, with a 6-4 victory at home against Bothwell Castle. Another flag this year guys?!

Finally just a quick word on course maintenance - there is nothing planned for definite yet, but this month, we may aerate the greens with the "air2g2" machine, which injects bursts of air pressure into the lower areas of the rootzone. There is almost no disruption with this machine, although it is quite time consuming and there will be the need to take greens out of play to carry out the operation. As usual we will endeavour to keep any inconvenience to the members to an absolute minimum.

Until next month, enjoy your golf - or at least the walk!

Andy, Sam, Gordon, Dougie and George.



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REMEMBERING THOMSON BROWN



Last month sadly saw the passing of our Honorary President, Thomson Brown. Thomson was very well known throughout the Club, which he joined in 1957, and he had many successes on the course, winning the Club Championship four times, in 1970, 1971, 1974 and 1979. He was also the Club Captain in 1978. Thomson regularly played outwith Carluke as well and is pictured above winning the 'Lady Lockhart de Robeck Trophy' at Carnwath.

In 2021, Thomson and his family donated the J.T. Brown trophy to the Club, which is now presented to the winning team of our annual Silloth competition.

Thomson wasn't just a talented golfer. He was a successful athlete at school but his first love was football and he played

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for the Scottish Schools football team. Thomson is pictured above (middle row, far right) along with Sir Alex Ferguson (top row, two from the right) and Craig Brown CBE (middle row, centre).

A career in football beckoned and Leeds showed interest in signing him but his Mum wasn't having her boy moving to England so she said no! It was Hamilton Accies that he signed for instead and he made his debut on the 20th August 1958 in a Scottish League match away to Cowdenbeath in which Accies recorded a 6-0 win. He went on to make 22 appearances for Hamilton, scoring 4 goals - not a bad return for a full back. The newspaper clipping on the right reports "Young Thomson Brown at



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left back is a discovery for Accies. He tackled and cleared like a veteran." It was those type of performances that led to him being nicknamed 'Bruiser.' Some may say he carried that steely determination on to the golf course!

His football career was however cut short due to a cruciate ligament injury which forced him to retire after his first season and that is when golf became a big part of his life.

Thomson enjoyed many golf away days with friends and none more so than with his son David, who most of us know through the Club. David and Thomson are pictured on the right on the



famous Swilken Bridge on the Old Course at St. Andrews.

On the left, Thomson is being presented with the Club Championship trophy by Captain Andy Christie and his wife Betty.

Thomson will be sadly missed by all at Carluke Golf Club.

Rest in peace Thomson.

THE BIG GOLF RACE



Prostate cancer kills one man every 45 minutes in the UK - that's the time it takes to play 3 holes of golf. That's why 4 of our members have teamed up for Prostate Cancer UK's Big Golf Race where they will complete 4 rounds of golf round Carluke in one day.

Fraser Young, Kris Ferguson, Stewart Greacen and Stevie Brown will be playing their 4 rounds of the 6th June. You can support them by donating at the below address. Good luck Boys!!!



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-big-golf-race-2022-12241>

UKRAINE FUNDRAISER



Thank-you to everyone who donated to the Ukraine appeal. We raised £437.

The winners of the raffle were Liz Munro (Greenburn 4ball) and Jamie Mowat (Shotts 4ball). Please collect your voucher from the office.

FIXTURES / DOWNLOADS

As well as printed copies of the members handbook being available from the office, you can also download the handbook and the fixture list from the website.

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

This year we have also created google calendars for the Gents and Ladies fixtures which you can add to the calendar in your smartphone simply by clicking on the + Google Calendar link as shown in the screenshot below. Just click the website link above and then click the +Google Calendar link. You can choose to add Gents, Ladies or both.

Gents Fixtures

Today ◀ ▶ April 2022 ▼ Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1 Apr	2 April Medal	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Harvie of Brownlie	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Anstruther Qualifie	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Mauldslie Trophy -	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 4-man Team Comp	1 May

Events shown in time zone: United Kingdom Time

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