

# CARLUKE GOLF CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi Fellow Golfers,

It feels like the season is now properly underway with knockout qualifiers complete and the course getting a bit of dry weather for a change in the last couple of weeks of April. The course is coming along nicely and the hard work of the Greens staff is paying off.

I'd like to thank all the sub-committees for their hard work in tackling many tasks in the last month. There is never a quiet day at this time of year and a lot of work is being done to make this year a successful one. The Handicap team has done a great job setting up all the competitions and knockouts - something that doesn't just happen overnight! Congratulations and good luck to all those that have qualified or entered the knockouts.

We have received a £2,500 LED lighting grant which is a fantastic bonus as we need to replace the lighting in the clubhouse to improve efficiency as energy bills increase. This work will be carried out over the coming weeks.

Work has also started on organising this year's Silloth and obtaining sponsorship and prizes.

A new defibrillator has been donated by Carluke Rovers, which will replace the current one in the clubhouse. Many thanks to the Rovers who have a couple of our members on their committee and management team. We are proceeding with the purchase of another defibrillator which will be positioned on the course at the 7th/14th tee.

Team matches start this month - good luck to all our teams. Details are in your handbook and the online fixtures if anyone wants to come down and support them.

Finally, I am delighted to confirm that Lynne Bridges has started her role as Club Manager. Over the last couple of years Lynne has been instrumental in the running of the Club and this change of role officially acknowledges that and expands on her responsibilities. On behalf of the members I would like to congratulate Lynne and wish her every success in her new role.

Captain Fraser



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## COURSE UPDATE

Hi All

Another month into the season and I do believe it's actually getting colder!! North East winds for most of April have kept the temperature down which restricts/slows down, Spring growth, meaning recovery from Winter scarring and general traffic damage takes longer. The fact that it was still too wet to cut some bits up until a couple of weeks ago did not help the early season appearance of the course. However, it is drying out nicely now and presentation is gradually improving.

The greens were deep scarified on the 11th of April, in line with our ongoing aeration regime, which is working well, as borne out by how firm the greens remained through the Winter and wet Spring. Again, because of the temperatures and subsequent slow growth, recovery from this is taking time, but there is a noticeable difference this week.

The fairways and rough are looking more like the way

we expect them to be, as the drier conditions have allowed us to cut more frequently and also reduce the height of cut towards the desired levels.

General tidying up has been ongoing and the boys have been strimming away like mad.

Hopefully the heat is not far away and we can shed a few layers and get a bit of sun on our backs - for cutting.....and golfing!!

Finally, you may notice that the red stakes defining the penalty area between the 14th and 15th now have a green top (see pic). This indicates this entire area, within the stakes, as a "no play zone" and relief must be taken under rule 17.1d. Play is PROHIBITED from within the area marked as a penalty area No Play Zone.

Well that's this months rule overview done, after mentioning the relief from water points last month, only another 32 to go!!! Lol.

Until next time, Andy and the boys.





## GENERAL Q&A

The Rules of Golf have come a long way since they were first knowingly written in 1744. At Carluke Golf Club there have been a few changes to the course in the past year, with the blue stakes being removed and red stakes introduced in some areas. That has posed some questions as to how the rules work as we explore some other common questions that may be asked by our new members as they familiarise themselves with how handicaps and the online booking system works.



1. I don't have a handicap, how do I go about getting this?

*You require to have scorecards covering 54 holes, these can either be 9 hole or 18 hole cards. Cards should be placed in the box marked for handicap at the back of the bar next to the computer terminal. If you've been a member of another club prior to joining Carluke, please contact the handicap committee or administrator and the details can be updated.*

2. How do I enter the Wednesday/Saturday competitions?

*Bookings for the Wednesday medals can be booked via BRS with the booking going live on the Tuesday at 18.15, 8 days in advance of the medal. Bookings for the Saturday medal are available to book via HowDidiDo from 18.15 on the Friday evening, 8 days prior to the competition taking place.*

3. I've not managed to book before the draw was made for a Saturday medal – can I still play?

*If you contact the professional shop on the Saturday morning, the pro can add you.*

4. I have NR'd during my round, should I still complete my scorecard?

*Please enter a score if you NR, your handicap can still come down even if you have a no return. Failure to enter any score may incur a penalty score from the World Handicap System.*

5. I've booked into the Saturday medal but I can no longer make it.

*If not able to play, please remove your name from HowDidiDo prior to 5pm on the Friday before the medal. If you're unable to make it on the day of play, please ensure you call the pro or remove yourself from v1. We've had a few instances of people not contacting the pro when they have not played in the medal meaning that others who may have wanted to play have missed out.*

6. My ball has went in the red staked area off the tee at the 1st and the 14th. What do I do?

*The red staked areas at the 1st, 14th and 15th are no play zones. You have the option of taking lateral relief where you drop the ball within 2 club lengths of the point of where the ball passed into the red stake area taking a 1 stroke penalty. You can also elect to take another tee shot as your third shot also incurring a penalty stroke. Further reading can be found via the following link for in-depth details of rule 17 <https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf/rule-17>*

## Q&A CONTINUED

7. I'm hitting my second shot into the 12th green and there are people on the 13th tee. Should I wait until the tee is cleared or hit up?

*You can still play your second shot if there are players on the tee. However, if there are ladies on the tee, please wait until the tee has been cleared.*

8. I have landed on the path at the 7th hole, how do I take relief?

*If you land on any tracks or paths you can take relief which is the nearest point of relief. If you take relief off the path you must take full relief, you cannot take partial relief and still stand on the path. Alternatively, you can play the ball off the path/track as it lies.*

9. My ball is plugged in the rough, do I have to play it as it lies?

*You can lift your ball, clean and drop. This is the rule throughout the course.*

10. I have hit the wrong ball, what should I do?

*You require to go back and play the original shot from where you were incurring a 2 stroke penalty and if you don't correct this by time you're on the next tee you're disqualified. If you hit the wrong ball in matchplay then you lose the hole.*

Don't be afraid to ask any questions, no question is a silly question.

## TIP FROM THE PRO

Tip time. I hear it so many times, "my swing just wasn't there today". The fact is the golf swing just doesn't change from day to day, but what does is your perception. If the truth is to be known we just can't change our golf swing overnight. In order to give yourself the best chance of playing consistent golf you require a really good set up. A poor set up will result in poor shots, and the set up also determines the way the club works around the body. If you're looking for a great drill to help with your swing, the next time you're out, practice swing with your feet together. If you keep your balance then you're on the right road, if not it's time to book a lesson.

Craig



## HISTORY OF THE CLUB - PART 2

Unfortunately due to a fire in the clubhouse, records were lost between 1912 and 1932. However, by 1920 the course had been extended to 15 holes from 9 holes and in the 1930s the course would become an 18 hole golf course, see the next page for the drawings of the layout of the original 18 hole course.

In 1932, after much discussion, the membership authorised the Club to acquire a Ford tractor for £35 after horses were previously used for carrying out some of the course work with a horse being hired for 25p a week.

With the clubhouse still being stationed behind the 12th green, a motion to build a new clubhouse behind the 17th green was defeated when a suggestion to incorporate a licensed bar was made.

During World War II the course was reduced to 9 holes as many of the greens were fenced off with sheep and cattle being grazed on the course with the club receiving a sum of £70 a year for the grazing rights. An unfortunate outbreak of foot and mouth disease closed the course for some time and the club was required to employ shepherds to ensure that no sheep strayed outwith the course boundaries.

Following the end of the War the total membership of the club was 117 with 24 men still in the services. The course was restored to 18 holes with local rules introduced to allow players to tee up the ball on all holes newly opened as hoof prints from cattle could leave the ball in a difficult lie. However, playing partners had to agree that relief could be taken...

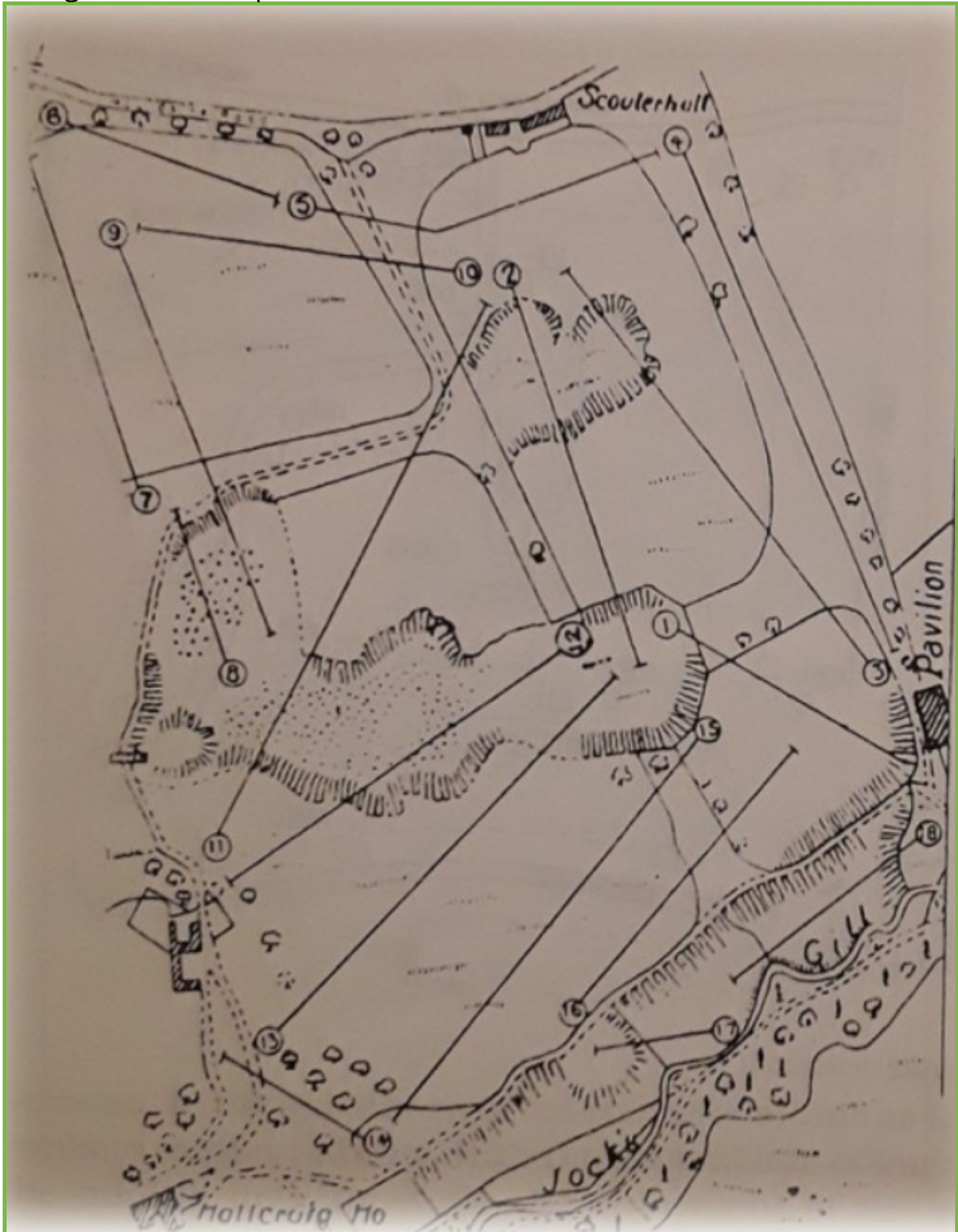
As a year by year lease for use of the land was still in place with Coltness Iron Company the club attempted to secure a 15 year lease, however, this was rejected as the National Coal Board were negotiating to take over the land.

Also in 1946, scorecards were made available to female members with there being an official Ladies Opening Day and the ladies would now be allowed the use of the Committee room. In what was viewed as a gesture in the 1940s the club installed a gas ring in the ladies area of the clubhouse.



## HISTORY OF THE CLUB CONTINUED

Below is the layout of the course in the 1930s. You will note the clubhouse behind the current 12th green with a tough finish to the round with the 18th being the Hill o'Hope.



## NEW SPONSOR WELCOME

We're delighted that Wallace Quinn (read more below) have come onboard as sponsors of the 17th hole this season. Please get in touch if you'd be interested in showcasing your company as part of our sponsors deals.



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