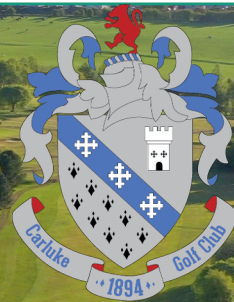


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CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi Everyone,

On the course this month we have had a number of events played - The Hayes Mixed Greensome, Seniors Open, Silloth Invitational, Ladies Championship, and team matches every week, on top of our usual weekly medals and Russell competitions. Andy and his team have done a great job keeping the course in the condition we have become

accustomed to, despite being short-handed and difficult weather. The Match/Handicap team deserve huge credit for running all these competitions as well as Ian Gray and Tom Frame for their help with the Seniors events. Congratulations to all winners and a special mention to Julie Wright for winning the Ladies Championship.

The Silloth Invitational is one of our biggest events of the year and I would like to once again thank all involved in the preparation leading up to it and on the day itself - Greens, catering and bar staff, committee and other volunteers. It was an excellent day and we received many compliments regarding the course and the clubhouse. Vice Captain, Ross, did a fantastic job organising the day and we also raised an incredible £2,000 for charity/defibrillator fund through raffle ticket sales and auction. Many thanks to Kenny Martin for obtaining the football memorabilia that contributed £950 to this total.

As the club is in a sound financial position, there will be further upgrades to the clubhouse in the coming weeks. All lighting will be replaced with energy efficient LED's, the front door will be replaced and the outside seating area renewed with 25 year guaranteed recycled plastic tables as the current tables are badly damaged.

Until next month, keep enjoying your golf!

Captain Fraser



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COURSE UPDATE

Hello folks

What a lovely spell of weather we enjoyed, but I am very glad to see a bit of rain. The course was starting to burn up quite badly in bits, but hopefully we will get some recovery now.

Our staffing situation actually got worse this month instead of better, as Gordon had a fall while out walking his dog, and broke three ribs. With the continued watering that was going on, that left us seriously short of staff. However, we managed to keep up with most bits and got some help with some bunker raking for the Silloth (also, thanks to my wife, Pamela, who was kind enough to clean the caravan inside and out, which saved us another job). Members and visitors alike were still complimenting the course, so we'll take that as a positive.

We are hoping to have Gordon back this week, to do some light duties which will be a big help. We also have been able to start one of our younger members on an apprenticeship this week. JJ Arnott, who has joined the greens team and already is settling in well. It's a great bonus to recruit, not only a golfer, but a member, because he knows his way around right away, instead of a stranger continually getting lost...

On another positive note, we took delivery of a new staff buggy this week so you won't see us driving at half a mile an hour or pushing the old blue one any more.

As far as the course is concerned, we are continuing with routine maintenance and doing as much tidying as we can. The greens and tees have both been treated to try and aid recovery from the dry spell and we have managed to get the greens sprayed with the growth regulator and also, slightly lowered the height of cut, as well as returning to daily cutting. These steps should see the greens speed up a bit, as a lack of pace seems to have been the main criticism recently, although, to be fair, most people did appreciate why they were a bit slower than usual (i.e. to protect them against the dry, hot weather).

The fairways and rough are greening up again and look good after a cut thanks to the rain, lets just hope it remembers to stop at some point!!!

I will be on holiday for the last two weeks in July so there may not be a greens update next month, depending on when the next newsletter goes out. My good lady is taking me away on holiday to celebrate my birthday, which has a zero on the end of it. Not telling you which birthday, but if we go anywhere by bus I'll get it free...

Until next time,

Andy, Sammy, Gordon, George and JJ

TEAM UPDATES

Gents Team

It's been a tough couple of months for the Gents team and they ended their season with a home tie against Bellshill, which unfortunately ended in defeat to leave the team winless.

Ladies Team

The Ladies team fared better in their matches with a win at home to Cambuslang which was followed with a defeat away to Bothwell.

Gents Seniors Team

The Gents Seniors team have played 3 matches since last month's update with a defeat against Kirkhill which was followed by wins against Torrance House and Torrance Park seeing them through to the knockout stages. Well done guys!

PRO SHOP NEWS

Welcome to this month's pro shop news.

It's been a pretty interesting month between a cleg bite and a visit to the operating theatre but hopefully that's all behind us now and we can get back into the swing of things.

After again a bit off-time out I returned to the course to play an event down in Manchester it was a senior q series event which is basically an order of merit where you play 4 events and the top 4 in the table get to play in the Staysure British senior championships at Trump Aberdeen. I wasn't really expecting much having played very little golf this year mainly all

down to niggling injuries, it did prove to be a learning curve on what needs to be sharper a grand total of 149 was not going to do much, but I did hit the ball pretty good but the putter was stone cold, 72 putts in two rounds is woeful, so as punishment for behaving so badly the old two ball spent a night down the toilet pan, why wouldn't it? I mean it couldn't just be me could it... Another chance comes soon at Mottram Hall in Manchester next week so time to get practicing.

This week we have been restocked in the shop with more Carluke branded gilets, shirts, towels, ball markers amongst other things so pop in and wear the club logo with pride.

Not pro shop related but a big Pat on the back must go to our head greenkeeper Andy and his staff, the course is in fantastic condition and the amount of visitors that have popped into the shop after their round complimenting the course has been huge. Well done guys.

Next up for me is a few days away with my family to try and relax, doubt that's going to happen with my two granddaughters pulling me from pillar to post, when I return we will get back to teaching so if there's a part of your game you need help with give me a shout. Until next time hit 'em straight. Craig.



HISTORY OF THE CLUB - PART 4

In the year of 1960 the future of the club was in doubt as the club failed to form a Committee at the AGM, however, the club carried on with various events held with the first Gents annual dinner held in the clubhouse.

At the end of October in 1964 the new clubhouse was opened by Roberta Forrest and John Kelly. The ladies had their own section of the clubhouse and they set about furnishing their lounge with a new carpet being installed for a sum of £150 which was shortly stolen the first weekend after being laid. Burglars had got in as no snibs had been fitted on the small windows but the would be thieves weren't the sharpest tools in the box as the carpet was found under a hedge and soon relaid.

By the mid 1970s The Club purchased the course from Lanark County Council and the clubhouse would later be extended to the south facing side to form a larger lounge area overlooking the course.

In 1977 the club won the Lanarkshire Golf Association league for the first time with mementoes of sweaters and medals being given to the victorious team pictured below.



OTHER NEWS



Scotmid co-op

As part of our fundraising in recent months towards new defibrillators for the club we have recently been successful for a grant of £500 from the Scotmid Community Grant Fund which we are extremely grateful for and also thank you to all members that have donated so far. We are still continuing to raise money for the defibrillators and any donations are most welcome.

Pictured (below, left) is Anne Sinclair who won the Vice Captain's Prize, with Vice Captain, Ross Fleming presenting Anne with her prize. Stewart Laing (below, right) achieved a fantastic hole in one at the 11th hole in the Texas Scramble on Saturday 8th July.



NEW SPONSORS WELCOME

This month we welcome two new sponsors, Ascent Accounting who will be the new sponsor of the 9th hole and Moody Cows who will sponsor the 15th hole.



Ascent Accounting are a new accountancy firm which was formed last month by club member, Steven Barr, and long time friend/former colleague, Graeme Wright. The pair have over 30 years of experience working in accountancy and can carry out the following services; management accounts/bookkeeping, personal/corporate tax, accounts preparation and VAT/payroll services.

Whether you are a budding startup seeking guidance or an established firm looking for a fresh approach to your accounting needs or just require tax return assistance, they would be delighted to have a conversation with you. They can be contacted at steven.barr@ascentaccounting.co.uk or graeme.wright@ascentaccounting.co.uk

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