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Dear Fellow Members,

Another season has come to an end, and I hope it has been a successful and enjoyable one for you all. Congratulations to all of our matchplay winners, and thank you to everyone who came out to watch and support them, and enjoy a drink in the clubhouse afterwards.

The defibrillator training was well attended by both staff and members, and I am grateful to everyone who participated. I hope that we will never need to use these devices, but it is good to know that they are in place and that we have been trained on how to use them.

Our Sponsor's Day was held at the beginning of September, and it was another successful event. We received many compliments on the condition of the course and the quality of the catering. Thank you to all of our sponsors for their continued support of the club, and to Steven Barr for organising the event and for his support of our sponsors throughout the year.

There have been some changes in the Pro Shop this month. I would like to thank Craig for his time at Carluke, and wish him all the best for the future. I would also like to welcome back Michael Brooks, who many of you will know. Michael reopened the shop this week, so be sure to stop by and check it out, and perhaps point out to your better half what you would like for Christmas!

Throughout the year, at many events, we have raised money for charity. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of our members and guests, which has resulted in us raising over £5,000 for the Clydesdale Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and all of our members for making this a successful season. It takes a lot of work to organise and run all of our events, and it would not be possible without your support.

Thank you.

Captain Fraser



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COURSE UPDATE

Hello golfers

And everybody else who just makes up the numbers lol.

That's another season gone, hard to believe we are back to thinking about Winter conditions and how to keep warm, and dry!!

It's been a bit of a mad year with a mish mash of weather cycles, more breakdowns, machinery wise, than I care to remember and changes in staff. On that subject, got to mention our departed Professional, Craig Ronald. Craig was with us for almost twenty years and we formed, (as greenkeepers and club Pros tend to do), a good relationship. He will have more time now to hone that golf game of his and hopefully make an impact on the Seniors tour. I wish him well in whatever he does.

His leaving, makes way for a new face, although it appears it's an old face who's going to take over the shop, for a short spell!!

Michael Brooks is going to be operating the shop for three days a week during the Winter. For those of you who don't know Michael, his father was Andrew Brooks, the club's first ever attached Professional and Michael used to laze about, sorry, work in the shop, with his dad!!

Michael is a former International and also played in the Walker Cup, with a certain Mr J. Rose!!

He has a very successful Pro shop of his own at Pumpherstons Golf Club and has agreed to help us out in the short-term. I wish him well and it'll be good to see the big man "home".

Enough sentimental rubbish, - the course has fortunately been spared some of the horrendous rain that has been around both East and West coasts over the last few weeks. We have been wet, and indeed were even closed for a couple of days, but, on the whole, the course is still in reasonable condition. Unfortunately, as is the norm at this time of year after a hard season, we have been doing some intensive aeration work to the greens and tees. We were unable to get the greens hollow tined as the intended day for that did coincide with one of the days we were closed!! We did try it and got the 18th and part of the first done, but it was evident that the machine was not going to work properly in removing the cores from the green. After a discussion between ourselves and the contractor, it was agreed that the cores we did manage to remove were pretty healthy and there was little sign of harmful thatch. Given this, and the knowledge that we were still to deep scarify the greens after Closing day, we decided to abandon the hollow tining and catch it instead at the Spring of the year. The scarifying has since been done and the greens have been overseeded and sanded. I would like to get a little more sand into them before the Winter, but obviously it depends on the weather. We will keep the surfaces open by solid tining the greens with our own machine and they will be treated with the shockwave, probably in December.

We will soon be starting the Winter Programme which this year is mostly made up of drainage on the 1st and 14th fairways, continued improving of the bunkers and surrounds and thinning out and pruning in the tree plantations.

COURSE UPDATE

While the drainage works at the 1st and 14th are taking place, these holes will be shortened to take play away from the areas being worked on.

Winter rules will soon be in effect and it would be a great help if players, especially with trolleys and buggies, would stick to the marked traffic routes. These are highlighted either with ropes and stakes, or with white lines. Please be conscious of the damage that can be done by large volumes of traffic in soft conditions, which we will undoubtedly have for the majority of the next 5 months or so. Also, if you play one day and there is a white line directing traffic along a certain route and you play a few days later and the line has faded, it doesn't mean the line isn't needed and you can walk wherever you like, it just means the conditions have had an adverse effect on the painted line - and it needs refreshed!!!

On a final note as the conditions do get a bit softer, please repair pitchmarks on greens. If your ball is on or over the green, the chances are it bounced on the green at some point, so look for and repair your pitchmark please. There was talk of re-introducing the scheme we had a few years ago, when your surname was used to put you in a group of people who were tasked with looking after a specific green. Don't know if this will happen but a few people have mentioned it and said they thought it worked quite well. (If we all fix our own you don't need schemes like this right enough!!)

Between now and Christmas, we will be using up holidays so I think we are a man down every week until we stop in December. Some days we will be two men down because I am pleased to say JJ Arnott, our apprentice (seems strange saying that its so long since we had one. lol) has started his day release, at Gosta training.

JJ has settled in really well and seems to be enjoying what he is doing, (apart from having to learn all the Latin names for all the plants etc)lol

Well I'm getting tired now, must be an age thing!!
If anyone is still reading thank you for listening to my ramblings for another year and here's to next season!!

Andy and the guys..



SEASON IN PICTURES



The 2023 season got underway at the end of March with the Club Captain, Vice Captain and Junior Captain unfurling the flag. Captain, Fraser Forrest, would start the season with a perfect drive at the first (a week of practicing at the driving range paying dividends....). We held our Turkey night in July with Peter Crawley showing off the losers prize and Stewart Laing celebrating his hole in one at 11 in the Texas Scramble.



SEASON IN PICTURES



Lloyd Haddow came out on top in the Club Championship and also did the double with a win in the Walker Rosebowl. Julie Wright was victorious in the Ladies Club Championship. In the Juniors there was family success for the Barnstables' with Charlie and Abbie Barnstable coming out on top in the Boys and Girls Club Championships respectively.



SEASON IN PICTURES



Stewart Greacen and John Moore joined Lloyd Haddow as winners on the final day of the Club Championships in the 2nd Class and 3rd Class categories. R & W Scott (the Carluke Jam Factory) were the victors in the Sponsors Day. Matchplay Finals Day was held in Mid September with the winners pictured below and massive congratulations to Peter Coyle who did the double winning the Brooks Trophy to add to the Anstruther Trophy he'd won earlier in the day.

