

CARLUKE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi All,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our long-standing members as well as our many new members to season 2024.

We ran our annual new members induction night on the 27th of March which was well attended and hopefully was useful to all that came along. If you missed it or have joined since, please get in touch if you require any assistance with the likes of V1, BRS etc. Hopefully I get the

opportunity to meet up with you all throughout the season.

This winter has been the wettest in memory but hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. Andy and his team have done a fantastic job managing the course through the winter months to enable the course to be open as much as possible. Hopefully the sun starts to shine soon and dries the course up. Please be respectful of the rules of play for the time being and watch for updates as they come through.

Being given the opportunity to be Captain of our club is a huge honour and I'm very much looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to thank Past Captain Fraser Forrest for the nomination and all the support shown throughout my year as Vice-Captain, also many thanks to Lynne, Gavin and Jim for all the hard work and dedication they show to ensure the smooth running of the club.

This year's chosen charity is the Clydesdale food bank. We have all witnessed the affects of the current cost of living crisis and the Clydesdale food bank do wonderful work supporting people through this difficult time. We run various raffles throughout the year so please help support this where you can.

We have already had a busy social calendar this year and the catering team are planning further events for the season ahead, watch out for details of these in the coming months via emails, Facebook and posters situated in the clubhouse.

Finally, I would like to welcome Michael Brooks, our new head Pro along with Fraser Merriweather and Kyle McKinnon to the club. The shop is looking amazing and has everything you could ever wish for in stock. Do pop in and say hello to the team but be prepared to leave with new gear and a slightly lower bank balance.

I hope you all have a fantastic season, your golf matches your expectations and I look forward to catching up with everyone at some point throughout the year.

Captain Ross



Clydesdale Food Bank is a SCIO,
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COURSE UPDATE

Hi Folks

Hope you are all well and still afloat. This weather for the past six months has been quite horrific and has had an adverse effect on the playability of the course. We find ourselves in the middle of April, with Winter rules still in place and the course closed, almost as often as its open.

This has been by far the wettest Winter any of us can remember, not helped by the fact that we had very little frost and virtually no snow!!

So far this month, we have had over 130mm of rain measured in the rain gauge, which as I've said before, just gives a rough estimate of what has fallen. For those of you still dealing in old money, thats not far short of six inches of rain ... in two weeks!!! Hardly surprising then that the course is wet.

As well as plenty of the wet stuff it has also been very mild on the whole, so the grass (that we can't get onto to cut because it's so wet)

hasn't really stopped growing.

We are hopeful that there is dry weather ahead that will allow us to actually get machines out and cut the fairways and rough. However, due to the excess growth in the mild conditions, it will take a few cuts to get everything to the proper height of cut for the time of year, so please bear with us and don't expect miracles as soon as we get a couple of dry days.

Hopefully the next newsletter will have pictures of striped fairways and sunshine, instead of this!!

Here's hoping for some decent weather.

Until next time

Andy and the boys.



OPENING DAY 2024



The 2024 season got underway at the end of March with the Club Captain, Vice Captain and Junior Captain unfurling the flag. Captain Ross Fleming showed Club Champion Lloyd Haddow how its done with the first tee shot of the new season...

We wish Ross, Colin and Daniel all the very best for the season ahead.



OPENING DAY 2024



COURSE MAINTENANCE - MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Unfortunately we have seen a recent rise in the amount of un-repaired pitch marks **AND** divots. This is essential maintenance that is the responsibility of EVERY member and if not carried out will result in a decline in the standard of our golf course. Please politely remind your playing partners if they simply forget (it happens).

For those that are not aware, each green is allocated a letter of the alphabet and members with a surname beginning with the letter should **ADOPT** the green and make an effort to not only repair their own pitch marks but also any others they find on that green.

PITCH MARKS - ADOPT A GREEN

HOLE	LETTER	HOLE	LETTER
1	A	10	MAC
2	B	11	M
3	C	12	MC
4	D	13	N & O
5	E & F	14	P
6	G	15	Q & R
7	H	16	S
8	I, J & K	17	T, U & V
9	L	18	W, Y & Z



QUICK INFO

- **BAG TAGS** etc - swipe cards, membership stickers and bag tags for new members have been placed in envelopes and will be available from behind the bar during opening hours
- **OPEN COMPETITIONS** - Booking is open for all Open competitions. Visit the club website and click Book Now then click Book an Open Competition and login to BRS.
- **CATERING** - Mon Closed, Tue-Thu 10.30am - 5pm, Fri 10.30am - 8pm, Sat 10.30am - 7pm, Sun 11am - 7pm
- **BAR** - Mon Closed, Tue-Thu 12 noon till 10pm, Fri/Sat 11am till late, Sun 12noon-10pm (subject to change depending on footfall)
- **PRO SHOP** - Mon-Fri 8am-6.30pm, Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 8am-5pm
- **CONTACT DETAILS:**
 - For general enquiries contact Club Manager, Lynne Bridges at admin@carlukegolfclub.com
 - For handicap/fixture/Open comps contact info@carlukegolfclub.com
 - For all other matters email secretary@carlukegolfclub.com

PRO SHOP NEWS

Click the link below for a video message from our Head Pro Michael Brooks!



SKILLS REGISTER

We have a register of members with appropriate skills that are willing to give their voluntary time to maintaining and enhancing the clubhouse and course. There is a sheet on the noticeboard for anyone wishing to add their name or you can do so anonymously by contacting any Committee member

6 HOLE COURSE / PRACTICE AREA

A couple of things we need to remind members of is that if you plan to use the practice area or the short game area please check-in at the Pro Shop. This is required purely for us to know the numbers. In the past we have sent people down believing it is empty only for the players to return to the shop and complain.

Please be aware that the practice area is first and foremost a 6 hole course, therefore, people who book the 6 hole course will have preference over casual practice. When using the area for casual practice, if possible, use the mats, however, grass practice will be marked but please only hit one way. Please do not hit balls back towards the 2nd tee as this causes unnecessary divots to be taken out of the 6 hole course. We would like the course to stay in good condition for the kids that have competitions on it. Thank-you.

JUNIORS



It's great to see our Junior section thriving - 24 played in this weekends Texas Scramble (April 14th)

JOKER

Look out for our new Joker game that will be launched in the next few weeks. Weekly entry can be purchased from the bar wiht full details to follow.