

# 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 2025

Andy and his team have done a fantastic job managing the course throughout the

winter months to enable the course to be open as much as possible and the course is starting to shape up for the season ahead.

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 am very much looking forward to the season ahead.

I would like to thank Past Captain Ross Fleming 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

the club to ensure the smooth running of the club.

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 club house

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 season.

Captain

Colin Merriweather



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## COURSE UPDATE

Hi All

Been a wee while since our last newsletter so a lot to catch up on, so, if you're sitting comfortably, I'll begin.....

Fears of a wet Winter, on top of the already wet course, causing weeks of course closures were unfounded, as we had one of the driest Winters we've had for many years. Indeed, the dry weather has continued since the turn of the year, with only around 170mm of rain from the start of January to the end of April!!!!

To put that into context, in the same 4 month period last year, we had about 450mm, followed by the month of May, which had 170mm!!!! In fact, the 4 month period from May to August produced 510mm of rain. Thank goodness it did stop, or at least ease off!!!!

We did have one weather warning this Spring, a red one indeed, with storm Eowyn, which downed one of the oldest and most prominent trees on the golf course. The tree to the right of the 8th green, remarkably fell backwards, away from the green and against the way the wind was blowing!!! Hard to understand but a real escape because it would have caused serious damage to the green. We have removed the tree and stump and created a mounded area in its place. There was talk of putting in a bunker or two on that side, but the course is hard enough!

During the rest of the Winter, we did the planned drainage work. We built new teeing areas at 14, 17 and 18 to use during the Winter season.

We extended the 6th medal tee.

We built up and re-turfed the low area to the right of the 3rd green.

We dug out, drained and backfilled and turfed the area under the tree on the banking at the 13th green.

We installed new pipework in the ditch on the right of the 4th and filled in the ditch, thus removing an unnecessary penalty area.

We installed 60 metres of main drain at the other side of the road at the 4th.

We removed and backfilled and turfed the old tree stump at the start of the 6th fairway.

We relaid the rubber mat path up the 12th.

## COURSE UPDATE

We did a lot of tree trimming especially around the 11th and 12th to open areas up.

We removed a lot of tree stumps we never got to last year.

Think that's about it.....

And then we started on Spring work!!

Because it's been pretty dry we've been able to get a lot more cutting done than we have in previous seasons, particularly fairways and rough.

The greens have been solid tined, and deep scarified, overseeded and top dressed. They were fed a couple of weeks ago and are starting to fill in, but this will, as usual, take a wee bit of time and patience. It's all very well half the folk out there in shorts and tee shirts, but when the overnight temperatures are still low,( and I've just heard wee Sean on STV saying it could be minus 1 or 2 for the May bank holiday weekend!!) the soil temperatures remain low and the grass won't grow in.

On a brighter note, it is quite pleasant for playing golf I suppose.

Another problem for the greens in particular is the aforementioned lack of rain. Not having a proper watering system, ( and remember all we did was move some of the taps closer to the greens) meant we rely heavily on rain to irrigate the greens and regulate, as much as possible, the water content. It is also a drawback not being able to apply fertiliser in the current warm temperatures we are enjoying, and simply turn on the pop ups at two in the morning, because, if it stayed dry then we would not be able to stop the greens from drying out and burning up, with the system we have. However for around £750 000 we could install a fully automated system and...problem solved. How much of a levy would that be Lynne....?

Anyway back in the real world and shockeroonie.....we watered the greens this week, first time since June 2023!!!! I even took a picture to prove it!

To finish on a more serious note, one of our staff, George, has had to stop working for a bit, due to a health problem, nothing too serious, but causing him too much discomfort to work. He has been off since the start of April and is not going to be back until at least the end of June.

We and I'm sure all of you, wish him well and a speedy recovery.



## COURSE UPDATE

Please bear in mind that while he is off we are a man short so if you see something that's maybe not as tidy as you think it should be, there is a reasonable explanation. Finally all the best to all players as the season really gets underway, here's hoping for a long hot summer, but with rain at night, or on a Tuesday. Only kidding Ladies!! Andy and the boys.





## OPENING DAY PICTURES

For a change we were blessed with dry weather in the run up to Opening Day and although it was a cold one, Captain Colin sent his drive straight down the middle!



## LADIES SECTION

This season in the Montgomery League, the ladies' team will play:

Drumpellier Thursday 22nd May Away

Kirkhill Friday 30th May Home

Cambuslang Thursday 5th June Home

Cathkin Braes 30th June Away

It promises to be fierce competition this season, but team members always enjoy representing Carluke Golf Club.

## LADIES OPEN GREENSOME

The Ladies' Open Greensome was held on Sunday, the 11th of May. Over 70 ladies entered and a great day was had by all. Congratulations to the winners.

The raffle raised a fantastic £731 which will go towards the captain's charities: Clydesdale Foodbank and Chris's House.

Thanks to all our fellow golfing members for their support on the day and donation of raffle prizes.

Winners:

Julie Wright/Elaine Henderson 66 BIH

2nd Catrina Pickard/Karen Charnley 66

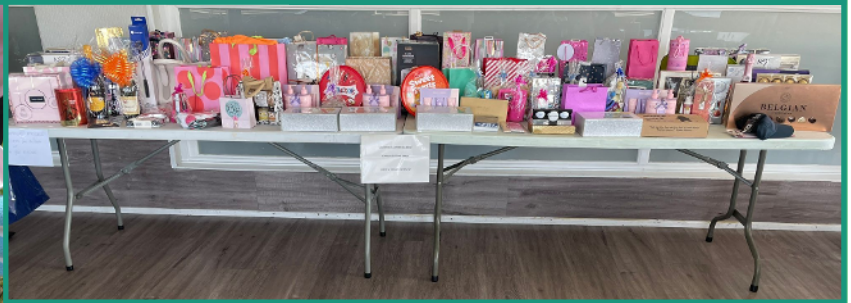
3rd Rosemary Lake/Alison Park 68 BIH

4th Tammy Haycock/Fiona Wait 68

Scratch winners: J Lees/K Maksymuik 80



# LADIES OPEN GREENSOME





# 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
- **OFFICE** - Mon, Thu, Fri 9am-12, Tue 2-5pm
- **CONTACT DETAILS:**
  - For general enquiries contact Club Manager, Lynne Bridges at [admin@carlukegolfclub.com](mailto:admin@carlukegolfclub.com)
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## PRO SHOP NEWS



Hello again all. First of all, well done to all the medal winners over the last month. I think we can all agree the weather over the last month has been a welcome improvement from this time last year.

The course is in fantastic condition for the start of the season and we would like to put on thanks, our appreciation to Andy and his team for all their hard work. The ladies section have also enjoyed the dry start to the season and have been out in force for the Tuesday medals. Well done to all the winners and hopefully the good golf continues.

The junior section are also up and running for the start of the season. The club should be very proud of the strong and growing junior section we have as they are the future of this golf club. Once again a thanks to Alan Middleton who has been running the junior competitions on a Sunday with help from many others each week.

We also have had a new member of staff join us within the pro shop. Euan Macnicol who was a junior member at Carluke, has started in the pro shop while continuing his pga training. Hopefully everyone can pop in and welcome euan into his new role. Our 10% members discount has been well received with members saving £££'s on inline products from Callaway, Mizuno, Taylormade, Ping, PowaKaddy and Adidas, pop in for a mooch next time your down or register for our great wee App

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/xpos-caddie/id1518250006> where you can click and reserve the latest products from home, the course or the clubhouse!

Lessons with myself have also been busy this month with many golfers choosing to better their game using our trackman technology. If anyone would like to work 1 to 1 to improve many aspects of their game they should get in touch with myself in the pro shop. We would also like to wish all members the best in their match play ties which have started to commence over the last couple weeks.

Fraser Merriweather

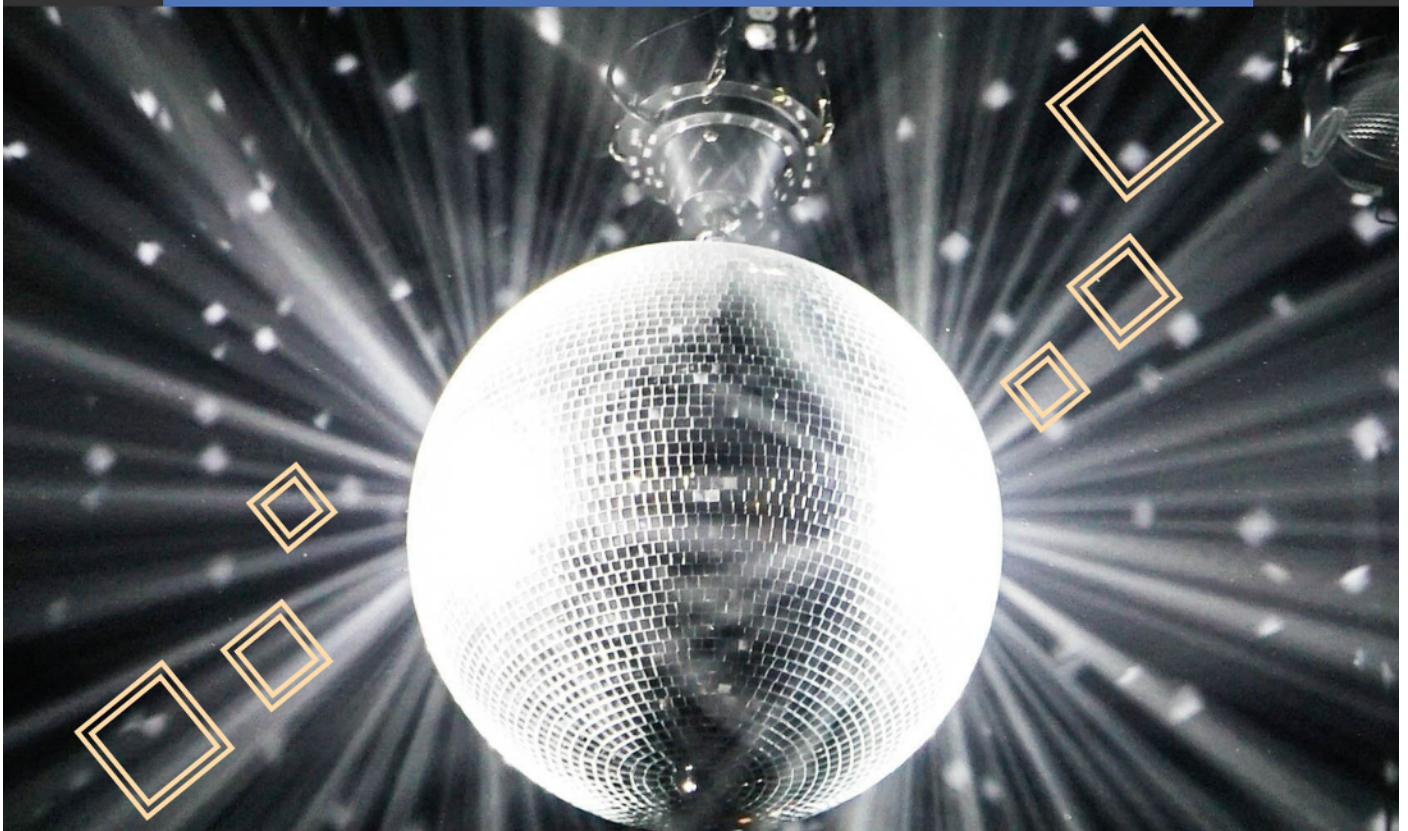
# SOCIALS



## CARLUKE GOLF CLUB PRESENTS

25TH APR	CURRY NIGHT	THE GNOMES
18TH MAY	SUNDAY SOCIAL	KARISMATIC
7TH JUNE	VICE CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL	HAVANA BLONDE
16TH AUG	EVENING SOCIAL	KARISMATIC
6TH SEPT	CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL	NICHOLAS MACDONALD
25TH OCT	CLOSING SOCIAL	HAVANA BLONDE
1ST NOV	LADIES DINNER	TBC
5TH DEC	GENTS DINNER	DICK CAMPBELL & ROBBIE CARRON
13TH DEC	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	SPLASH SHOWGROUP
31ST DEC	HOGMANY SOCIAL	VICTOR ANDREWS & NICHOLAS MACDONALD

**BOOK NOW WITH THE CATERING TEAM!**





# JOKER COMPETITION!



## PLAY NOW IN THE MAULDSLIE LOUNGE!

### HOW TO PLAY

1. On the envelopes provided next to the board fill in your name, contact number and select a number between 1-53 (Do NOT select a number where the card is face up as this has already been turned over previously).
2. Place a £1 coin in the envelope, seal it and post it in the money box next to the board.
3. A draw will be made each Tuesday evening to determine that week's winner, they will receive 25% of that week's money collected.
4. The weekly winners selected number will be turned over on the board to reveal the playing card, if it is the **JOKER** then the winner will win the total **JOKER JACKPOT!**  
(If the weekly winner is not present, they will be called and informed to collect their prize in person at the club).
5. If the playing card revealed is **NOT** the **JOKER**, 50% of the weekly money is added to the **JOKER JACKPOT.**
6. The Golf Club will receive a donation of 25% of the weekly money collected each week.
7. The **JOKER JACKPOT** will never be less than £25 and will continue to grow until it is won by revealing the **JOKER** card.