

Kirkcudbright Golf Club Newsletter

July / August 2019



Captain's Corner

I find it hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the season, it seems to have flown by. Having said that there is still a lot of golf to play and an improvement in the weather would be much appreciated. Perhaps **thoughts of an "Indian Summer" are a little optimistic but we can hope!** We do count ourselves extremely fortunate that the course is still in remarkable condition after the amount of rain we have had in contrast to many other courses in the area.

Still to look forward to are some of the clubs most popular competitions throughout September, notably the Dalziel Trophy (Sept 7th), the Dee Salver (Sept 8th), Betty's Trophy in support of Alzheimer Scotland (Sept 13th) and the Loch Arthur Open (Sept 21st).



We will be presenting trophies for competitions held in the second half of the season after the Dalziel Trophy on Sunday, Sept 7th at 5.30pm so please do your best to come along and applaud our Club Champions and other trophy winners.

At this time of year the team are hard at work planning and preparing for next season so if you have an opportunity to help out with some time, assist with repairs, fund raising ideas or activities please let us know.

Every member must be aware that the club's existence is due to the efforts and dedication given by members past and present out of love for the club. However, I never cease to be surprised and impressed by the amount of time and support people put in, and on behalf of everybody at the club, I thank you all.

Jon,
Club Captain.

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Solheim Cup Challenge

Monday 29th August saw Kirkcudbright Ladies enjoying fantastic weather for our Solheim Cup Challenge with Gatehouse, New Galloway and Castle Douglas Ladies. Everyone entered into the spirit of the day, face painting, dressing up and friendly banter and competition. We had an 18-hole and a 9-hole Stableford competition, followed by a putting competition. The putting green was transformed, by the genius of Club Vice President, Donald Shamash, into a mini Gleneagles with the six holes named appropriately. The fun went on until it was nearly too dark to see. It was a very close result but Europe made it!

We included some local rules for play to make the games fun. New local rule was used as alternative to stoke and distance for lost balls, the use of gummies and everyone was allowed 1 mulligan off the tee. Most of the ladies had never played a mulligan! We all had a great time and raised £282 for Action for Children.



Ladies' News (continued...)



Above, a USA team member, the mini-Gleneagles putting green and 2 Europe team members.

Below, the mini-Gleneagles putting card and the final score sheet.

Kirkcudbright Golf Club Ladies
Solheim Cup Challenge
 Monday 19th August 2019

Player _____

Hole	Name	Putts
1	Gowden Beastie	3 4
2	Crookit Cratur	6 7
3	Mickle Skeip	2 3
4	Sleekit Howe	8 7
5	Ca' Canny	3 4
6	Dun Roamin	8 10
		30 35

Marker: _____

Player: _____

Solheim Cup Challenge
The Result

Europe Name	Result	USA Name	Result
Michelle Anderson	6 ✓	S. Smyth	11 ✓
Christine Stewart	20 ✓	Lois Macdonald	25 ✓
Deborah Clark	25 ✓	Theresa Stewart	26 ✓
Debbie Gair	10 ✓	Lois Macdonald	9 ✓
Marie Stewart	26 ✓	Christine Stewart	27 ✓
Marie Stewart	20 ✓	Christine Stewart	27 ✓
Deborah Clark	21 ✓	Michelle Anderson	25 ✓
Lois Macdonald	30 ✓	Lois Macdonald	14 ✓
Marie Stewart	28 ✓	Michelle Anderson	20 ✓
Lois Macdonald	34 ✓	Lois Macdonald	35 ✓
Deborah Clark	23 ✓	Lois Macdonald	12 ✓
Deborah Clark	31 ✓	Lois Macdonald	32 ✓
Marie Stewart	26 ✓	S. Smyth	27 ✓
Lois Macdonald	27 ✓	S. Smyth	32 ✓
Lois Macdonald	30 ✓	Lois Macdonald	27 ✓
Lois Macdonald	28 ✓	Lois Macdonald	23 ✓
Lois Macdonald	16 ✓	Lois Macdonald	30 ✓
Lois Macdonald	34 ✓	Lois Macdonald	38 ✓
Total	458	Total	440
Less No of Putts	414	Less No of Putts	298
Total	44	Total	42

Winner

Ladies' News (continued...)

Lady Captains' Day

16th July was Ladies' Captain's Day using the formats for the Solheim Cup to play a 6/6/6 - Foursomes on the front 6, switching partners for 4BBB in the middle and Singles to return home. This was a new format for the Ladies and we had a great turn out while raising awareness for the big event in September.



Above, a packed changing room on the day.

Other results

9th July – Ladies Campbell Pendant. Overall Winner Gillian Rowlinson.

23rd July 18 Hole Competition. Overall Winner Gillian Rowlinson.

30th July – July Medal. 18 Holes overall winner Liz Roberts. 9 Holes Medal winner Myra Dodd.

4th August Finals Day. Ladies Champion 2019 is Jan Mattison. Campbell Cup Winners Amanda Houston & Isobel Watson. MacDonald Cup Winner Susan King. 6th August Round 1 of the Margaret Allan Stableford Competition. Overall winner Gladys Kelly.

Other news...

Susan King and Isobel Watson won the Regional Final of the R&A Coronation Foursomes on Thursday 8th August at West Linton. They have qualified to play in the Grand Final at St Andrews on 9th September.

Isobel Watson won the SWI area final at Castle Douglas on Monday 5th August and now goes to Shiskine Golf Club with Margaret Hart from Haugh of Urr to represent Stewartry of Kirkcudbright Federation in the National Final on 27th August.

Ladies' News (continued...)

Wallace Rosebowl

Thanks to everyone who contributed to make our main open competition a great success, and in particular to our Competition Secretary, Caroline Dodds, the main coordinator. 44 Ladies competed and the Overall winner was Amanda Houston. Jan Mattison won the scratch prize and Laura Ellet won the Highest up Kirkcudbright Player next to the winner.

Our Close House Residential Outing (10th – 13th July)

Our Residential Outing to Close House was a great success. The weather was favourable throughout our stay and the courses and accommodation were enjoyed by all.



Ladies' News (continued...)

The Vera Tuchewicz 4 BBB

At the beginning of July, we played for the Vera Tuchewicz 4 BBB trophy and the winners (receiving the trophy from Vera (centre) below) were Gladys Kelly and Hilary Austin. Well done, ladies.



Dee Salver and Solheim Cup clash

The Ladies have rescheduled the Dee Salver open competition, as the previous date clashed with the Solheim Cup final on the 15th September. We know many of the ladies who would usually enter are going to Gleneagles and felt entries would be poor.

There is a poster in the main corridor for members and friends to add their names if they wish to buy discounted tickets for the Solheim Cup. I have a quotation for a bus to take us if there are enough of us. I have also offered seats to the other clubs. If full, the cost would be £11.00 per seat.

Finally, don't forget the Greensomes open on 8th September.

Isobel,
Ladies' Captain.

RULES CORNER

Players are getting more familiar with the options for relief from penalty areas (which are marked with either red or yellow stakes).

Here is a reminder of what to do about an unplayable ball, which is often when you have ended up in deep rough or bushes/trees but have found your ball. Take this example, where a player has hit a ball from position 1 into some bushes.

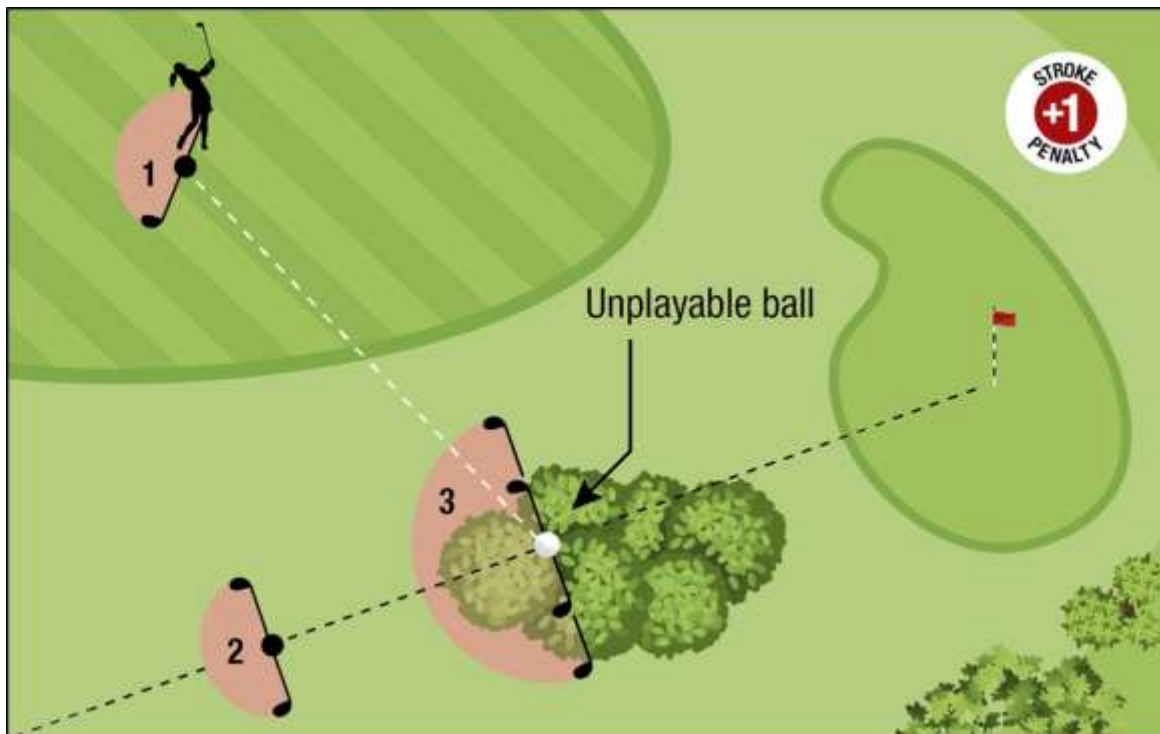


Diagram 1: Penalty Drop Options for Unplayable Ball.

You have 3 choices. You can play from position 1 again, you can go back on a line from the flag as far as you like (2) or you can take lateral relief (3). If you decide to do one of the first two, place a tee at the reference point i.e. where you played the first shot (1) or as far back on a line as you wish (2). Then, measure 1 club length using your longest club (not a putter) in a semicircle no nearer the hole. This is your relief area. Next, drop your ball from knee height so that it lands in and stays in this relief area.

REMEMBER: knee height *not* shoulder height and the ball must drop in and stay in the relief area.

For lateral relief (3) the reference point is the position of the unplayable ball and the relief area is 2 club lengths to either side, no nearer the hole. So, like the old rule, for lateral relief you must drop the ball within 2 club lengths of the unplayable ball's position.

For all 3 options you add one penalty stroke to your score for the hole.

REMEMBER: If you played a provisional ball from position 1 because you weren't sure you would find the first ball but do find it, then you have to play it or take one of the three options above for a penalty drop; you cannot choose to play the provisional ball instead.

Match News

It has been a busy couple of months for us with a lot of good golf being played.

Match play Competitions

The match play competitions came to a conclusion on Finals Day at the beginning of August and it was nice to see most finals being played out at the same time and a scattering of spectators out to give some support to the players involved on the day.

Cameron Gray is 2019 Club Champion after a keenly contested final against Bob Patterson over 36 holes.

Other Gents competitions

In the other finals:

Springbank Trophy

Hamish Dunlop beat Colin Kennedy

B Championship

Darren Gourlay beat James Jamieson

C Championship

Allan Breckenridge beat Peter Thomson

AC Brown Foursomes

Alastair McGowan & Kevin Morrison beat Craig Currie & Calum Ingram

Robb Quaich Mixed Foursomes

Eddie Carruthers & Laura Ellett beat Malcolm Kirkwood & Amanda Houston



Upcoming

Although we are now down to Stableford sweeps on **Wednesday's for the** remainder of the season, we still have some other events to settle before the season is over.

Next up will be the Dalziel 4-Ball Better Ball on Saturday 7th September and the Locharthur 4-Ball Better Ball on 21st August with the September Medal sandwiched in between on Sunday 15th. Both of our four-ball events are really **good tournaments and I'd** encourage anyone who is able to get involved to give their name to the office to be included in the draw.

In the remainder of our club competitions the winners were:

- July Medal - William Squires (66-1=65),
- TCB Cup - David McLachlan (73-10=63)
- Royal Cup - Ian Menzies (72-7=65)
- Marble Trophy - Craig Currie (79-15=64)
- Bob Park Trophy - Christopher Wilson (74-8=66)
- August Medal - Craig Currie (80-13=67)
- McMynn 4-Ball Better Ball - Alan Milligan & Mikey Taylor (48 points)

Many congratulations to all of the above.

Order of Merit

Finally, we have had a new order of merit event running throughout the season. The Iain McBeth Trophy has gone down to the wire and with only the September Medal and Amersham Greensomes remaining, Calum Ingram and John Picken are neck and neck leading to the final furlong with Craig Currie a short head behind.

Presentation

We will hold our second trophy presentation of the season on Saturday 7th September following the Dalziel Trophy at 5:30.

Do try to get along, if you can.



Match News (continued)

Mixed Pairs Open competitions

Winnie Wallace

Both of our mixed pairs Open Competitions have been played during July and August. First of all the Winnie Wallace Plate took place in mid July with 39 pairs taking part. The winners on the day were Ian Senior & Liz Roberts (pictured below) with an excellent total of 45 points, beating Michael & Sheena Moore of Abbotsford/Ayr Seafield on the better inward half.



Silver Divot

A month later the Silver Divot took place and although the field was smaller, with 19 pairs taking part, it was equally as competitive in windy conditions. The eventual winners were Malcolm Kirkwood & Amanda Houston (pictured below receiving the trophy from Donald Shamash) with a score of 76-8=68, beating Robert & Isobel Watson on the count-back.



Other Results

Remember, all results can be found on the club website www.kirkcudbrightgolf.co.uk

Match News (continued)

Summer Festivities Gents Open

Our second Singles Open of the season took place on the 17th August with Kevin Morrison winning the trophy with an excellent score of 71-3=68 in really tough conditions. John Thomson won the scratch prize with an equally impressive score of 73. Pictured below are both trophy winners along with Vice President Donald Shamash who presented the trophies.



Malcolm Kirkwood,
Match Secretary

Greens News

Not much to tell really, because, as usual, the condition of our golf course speaks for itself. Our greens-keeping team do a wonderful job considering the financial constraints we work to. However, it is worth mentioning the greens because they are absolutely spot on at the moment. I tried to take a photo of one recently but no photograph could do them justice. With unlimited funds, we could obviously do more wonderful things but as it stands, the greens and fairways are good as they can be.

Keep up the good work, lads.

Willie Watson,
Greens Convener

Treasurer's News

Golf Club Subscriptions

Having checked the charges for comparable courses in the region, we are still confident that our Club offers an excellent deal. The table is shown below for information. Our membership fees remain among the lowest, our green fees for visitors are attractively priced and our visitor buggy charges are still competitive (plus a much more favourable buggy hire structure for our members). All the Clubs have increased their fees since the last review but we feel that, thanks to some hard work, Kirkcudbright continues to offer exceptional value for money.

	Course	2019 Subs	Standard Green Fee (weekend/weekday)	Buggy Hire	Remarks
1	Southernness	565	70/60		+ £400 Joining Fee Buggies with med cert only
2	Dumfries & Galloway	525	40/35	20	
3	Dumfries & County	523	45	25	+ £403 Joining Fee
4	Thornhill	521	40/35	20	
5	Powfoot	499	46/40	25	
6	Dunskey	470	40	25	
7	Stranraer	460	40/35	25	
8	Moffat	459	24/20	20	
9	Lochmaben	445	38/32	22	+ £75 Joining Fee
10	Newton Stewart	415	25	20	
11	Kirkcudbright	410	30	20	
12	Lockerbie	408	27/22	20	
13	Wigtownshire County	395	33	20	
14	Colvend	395	25	25	

No other extra income (sadly) nor expenditure (gladly) to speak of so business as usual for the time being.

Donald Shamash,
Treasurer.

EGGS news

EGGS matches

The season is now approaching its end. Matches have followed their usual pattern, wins over Eden, Moffat, Wigtownshire County and Lochmaben at home and defeats to Moffat, Lochmaben and Thornhill away with a surprise win over Wigtownshire County away. Sadly the torrential rain proved too much for the low lying Eden Course and the match had to be cancelled.

Eclectic

The EGGS Eclectic is excitingly close this year with the top four tied together on net 58. It will be interesting to see if the last two counting competitions can produce an outright winner. The EGGS Shield played over two rounds was won by Ray Johnson with net 134 from Tommy Learmonth, Neil Macintosh and Ian Senior on 135. The August medal has had to be cancelled to make room for the rearranged Summer Festivities Veterans.



September Events & Outing

The next month is busy for the EGGS with Rab's Claret Jug, the Summer Festivities Seniors, The McMinn 4 club challenge and Betty's Mixed Greensomes taking up the next 4 Friday's. The last two matches are against Thornhill and New Galloway with the EGGS closing day Secretary's Prize finishing the season on the first Friday in October.

The members are all looking forward to their outing on Tuesday 10th September to Dumfries and County where they will be playing for a new trophy 'The Sam Ironmonger Cup' donated by his family in memory of Sam who loved his golf and was one of the Club's larger-than-life characters.

Other...

Fridays continue to be well supported with the usual mix of Four-balls and three-balls together with singles competitions. Anyone 55 or over is welcome to turn up on a Friday before 9:45, pay their £2 EGGS annual membership (if not already paid) and a £2 competition entry, and have good company and a good laugh.

Andy McMinn,
EGGS Captain.

Breaking Records



It's worth a mention that on Friday, 23rd August, 2019, the EGGS had their largest ever turnout for any EGGS event. An incredible 48 players attended to compete for Rab's Claret Jug. None of the EGGS present could remember a better attendance in the 30-odd years since the society was formed.

The winner on the day was John S Thomson scoring 39 points with 5 players scoring 36 and another 5 scoring 35.

GOLFALOTTO



The winner for July was Jane Richardson and for August it was Tom Brown. Both win £60 each. Congratulations to them both.

You can still join Golfalotto at any time. Details are at the office, or contact Mary Robertson or Donald Shamash.

Juniors news

Junior Juniors

Weather aside, we've been having some very good numbers on Saturday mornings for Junior Junior golf, with plenty of youngsters trying their hands at 2 or 5 holes (and a few playing more than that). It's great to see so much enthusiasm from the children and I'm very grateful to their parents or others who are accompanying them on the course. Let's hope these budding golfers are persuaded that this is a good way to spend some time outside on a Saturday morning!

Juniors

Although we still have very few older Juniors playing on Thursdays, I would like to highlight some excellent individual successes. Christopher Wilson and Callum MacMillan have both been playing for the South of Scotland Juniors - well done to them both. Callum also went to Blairgowrie for the Scottish Boys Amateur Championships, where he was successful in qualifying for the Matchplay round. He kept it all square with the eventual champion through 16 holes before being beaten but it was an excellent effort. Also, many congratulations to Cameron Gray, who has been awarded a golf scholarship in Texas, where we wish him every success.



Sponsorship

Finally, I'd like to thank Howden's Castle Douglas, who, for another year, have provided financial support for our Junior Section. They have been very generous to us over several years and their contributions have helped to support junior activities, including coaching for those interested.

Eddie Carruthers,
Junior Convenor.

Snippets



*Golf is like a love affair :
If you don't take it seriously, it's not fun;
If you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart.*



ARNOLD DALY

Volunteers, please

I know we've said it before but it does bear repeating. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the Office, as we provide more cover and (preferably) a 7-days a week service. If you are happy to offer some time and are ok with computers (for the email, tee booking and membership systems we operate), answering the phone and dealing with visitors then please get in touch. Even the odd day to cover other absences would be helpful. Assistance and some training will always be provided, where required.

The Thai Kitchen

Huge congratulations to Duangjai and Mark for being judged the BEST THAI RESTAURANT in SCOTLAND by the Herald a few weeks ago. You can read the article here: https://www.heraldscotland.com/life_style/17798879.scotland-s-15-best-thai-restaurants/

It's good to know the Herald has such good taste.



The hardest shot is a mashie at ninety yards from the green, where the ball has to be played against an oak tree, bounces back into a sandtrap, hits a stone, bounces on the green and then rolls into the cup. That shot is so difficult, I have only made it once



ZEPPO MARX

The Last Word (from the Editor)

Last of the Summer Wine

Yes, it's officially autumn and ... It's raining again :-)

But September and October will still bring us lots of days when we can get out on the course. And this year, why not play in the Winter Leagues, when they get going. We all still need that exercise. I'm going to try to do so, anyway.

And in case you think I write all of this newsletter myself every time, you're very wrong. The bulk of it comes from the various members of our excellent Committee so I must thank them for their efforts every time I ask for their contributions. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen!

Until next time...

The Editor.



Remember, if you have any contributions to make, we'd love to receive them. Just contact the office.



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