

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 23rd February
7:00pm

Bearsden Burgh Hall

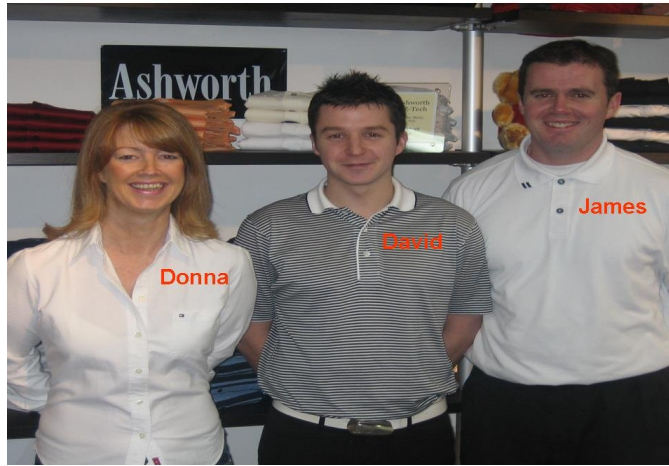
Please note for your diary.

The AGM is one of the principal opportunities Ordinary Members have to participate in the running of the club. As the Captain says in her comments on this page – we hope you will take a little time to digest the information which you will shortly receive. Hopefully, it will help to explain the affairs of the club and the thinking behind the decisions which affect you. A good turn out is healthy for the club, so we hope you will come along and let us know your views.

TWO for ONE OFFER

From now until the end of March we are offering visitors a voucher for either a Twoball at £25 or a Fourball at £50 on either course (excl. Saturday or Sunday mornings). Only one voucher will be issued per person. If you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact Gordon.

Here to Help !



The Professional shop is now fully staffed for the coming season with the start of **David Watt** as our Head Professional. David along with James and Donna – all pictured above - will be on hand in the shop to give advice or answer any questions that you may have.

As we get closer to the start of the new golfing season the shop will be receiving stock from companies such as Ashworth, Tommy Hilfiger, Daily Sports, Callaway and Foot-Joy. Our aim is to be able to offer a service to all our members, young, old, female or male so if we do not have what you require please feel free to ask any of the guys in the shop.

Brief background details of both David and James appear overleaf.

Gordon Simpson – General Manager

Captain`s Comments

The Committee is currently working on final preparations for the AGM – see left hand panel on this page. In the paperwork will be the proposed changes to the structure as well as the accounts etc.. I hope you will take the time to read the various papers to be discussed at the meeting.

Since this is my final report, I would like to thank everyone who has been supportive over the last two years. It has been an honour to have been Captain of your club. I will now, hopefully, get more time to enjoy my golf and the lovely courses. I was extremely touched to hear at a recent Committee meeting that a certain member – during their game – took the time to name one of the new shrubs planted on the course “Louise”. Hopefully it will take root and blossom. As I know from experience – you have to be a hardy perennial to survive at Hilton Park !!

Louise Cooper - Captain

Greens Report

The wettest November and December on record held up winter work on both courses – but the good news is that a weather window in January allowed for big progress with drainage. This meant a start to major improvements to the 1st, 10th, and 14th on the Hilton course and repairs to the 17th on the Allander. Weather permitting, we can be back on target when the new contractors arrive in early March. Overseeing on a number of greens should bring them on earlier this year and see off some moss, assuming we don` t have another cold spring.

Remember – the best greenkeeper in the world is the sun ! Let`s hope for lots of it in 2007.

*Murray Ritchie
Greens Convener*

Ease the `pain` of paying !

It will soon be that time again when we all have to dig deep for our subs. – but this year we have two new options which might make the process a little less painful.

You can opt to pay by credit card – with a £15 administrative charge – or use our Fairway Credit scheme – where for a 6% surcharge you can spread the payments over 10 months. Ask the office for details.

Social News

Following a number of successful social occasions – primarily based on Frank’s quality cuisine – we continue the gastronomic theme with a -



Valentines Dinner

Saturday 17th February
£12 pp – from Frank

Further to that we plan the following -

Ladies Social Night

Thursday 1st March
Details from Maida Grant

Casino Night

Saturday 3rd March
£5 pp – incl. Finger Buffet – Tickets from the Bar

I have received comments regarding the readability of the Herald on a computer screen. To try to help those who find this awkward, a text-only version of the ‘Herald’ will now be attached to the email notifying you of the publication of each issue. The link to view this version will still be available.

Please let us know how else we can improve the Newsletter. Comments to - Lewis Niven (lewisniven@aol.com) or any Committee Member.

Biographical Bits

David Watt - Head Professional

David played at Blairgowrie as an amateur before turning professional at Kings Acre Golf Centre in Edinburgh. During his time at Kings Acre he has assisted teaching professional Claude Harmon, son of Butch Harmon. As you can imagine this has set him up nicely for the challenge of developing our teaching facilities at Hilton Park. David along with James and Donna will be able to help with any question you may have regarding the coming golf season.

James Clarke - Assistant Professional

James has joined us from a summer post at Loch Lomond Golf Club where he worked on the outside staff since March. Prior to working at Loch Lomond he was over in the states on a golf scholarship, playing in the very competitive college golf tour. During his time at college he worked as an assistant at Rhode Island Country Club. As you can see from the clubs he has worked at previously his customer service will be second to none.



Just a reminder regarding our ‘Introduce a Friend’ opportunity. Until such time as our membership list is full, we are offering a **bonus of a £100** reduction in next year’s subscription for every new ordinary member who joins as a result of your introduction. With the new season only about six weeks away, now is the time to approach any acquaintances you think might be interested. Please ask in the office for more detail.



WEB LINKS

As part of our drive to promote the club and attract new members, we would like to establish reciprocal web-links with local businesses – starting with those where our own members have some interest. If you are involved in, or know of, any business which has a web-site and which might be interested in promoting the club on its site in return for a link from our site to theirs, please contact Gordon. Reciprocal links are a particularly effective way of promoting a business – or a golf club !

Finally a few amusing golf-related quotes – passed on by Jim Roulston -

I’m hitting the woods just great; but having a terrible time getting out of them!
Buddy Hackett

The only time my prayers are never answered is playing golf. - Billy Graham

The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can’t improve your lie. - George Deukmejian

Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe. - Lee Trevino