



Captain's comments

Finals Day

"Awful August" was the description the BBC gave to our recent weather as rainfall figures reached the second highest recorded level for the West of Scotland. Nevertheless, our championship week got off to a great start with the courses in wonderful condition, thanks to the hard work of our green keepers. However, later in the week, the bad weather took effect, playing havoc with the knock out stages and causing a delay in the Championship Finals day. Thankfully, and much to my relief, a window of opportunity

allowed us to complete most of the finals on the last Sunday of the month. Well done to all the worthy finalists, with congratulations to the eventual winners and commiserations to the gallant runners up.

We are now reaping the benefits of our expenditure on drainage improvements, with the courses recovering faster from heavy rainfall than I can ever remember. On Finals Day, the presentation of the courses was splendid and a credit to our green keeper's excellent husbandry.

See all the winners and runners-up overleaf

Coming up

Looking ahead, proposals for extending and surfacing the lower car park have been put on hold on grounds of cost benefit. In the short term, it was agreed to level some land at the green keeper's area and provide a base surface for additional overflow car parking. Our heating system is antiquated and inefficient and its replacement has become a high priority. We intend to bring forward proposals for replacing the system in the 2010 budget. We also intend to introduce a swipe card entry system to improve clubhouse security. The cards will also provide access to the touch screen terminals and, in the longer term, will allow purchases in the clubhouse.

More from the Captain

Current membership

I am often asked about our current membership numbers. Our successful Open Day at the beginning of September attracted 63 new members to the club comprised of 39 Ordinary Members; 6 Intermediates; 11 juniors and 7 cadets. This brings our total membership

up to 1,444 showing a slight increase on last year's equivalent figure of 1,439. The Club's Constitution limits the Ordinary Membership to 950 and at the moment we have 898 Ordinary Members, which is down on last year's equivalent figure of 915. However,

**Open Day success :
63 new members!**

compared to other clubs in the area, our current offer of £995 for Ordinary Membership to March 2011 represents excellent value for money and we remain optimistic about attracting further new members over the coming months. Word of mouth has proved to be our most effective marketing tool so please tell your colleagues, friends and family what we have to offer.

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Finals Day Results

Competition

Gents Club Champion
 Ladies Club Champion
 Gents Handicap Champion
 Ladies Handicap Champion
 Boys Champion (McCreath Trophy)
 Girls Champion
 Girls Handicap Champion
 Lady Anne Speirs
 Paton Gardner
 James Lothian Shield
 Yorke Trophy

Pairman Cup

Alex Young Memorial Trophy

White Fisher Foursomes

Ian R Lavery Quaich

Ladies Khyber Jug
 Girls Mai Trophy

Winner

John Wilson
 Fiona McLean
 Thomas McGonigle
 Margaret Carvill
 Scott Thistleton
 Catriona Brady
 Katy Snodgrass
 Norma Choat
 Jim Gordon
 Final not yet played
 Lindsay McCubbin/
 Joan Shankland
 Anne Cumberland/
 Crawford Cumming
 David Sutherland/
 John Ward
 James Miller/
 Neil Chalmers
 Steuart McLuckie/
 Hugh Reid
 Final not yet played
 Claire Mulholland

Runner Up

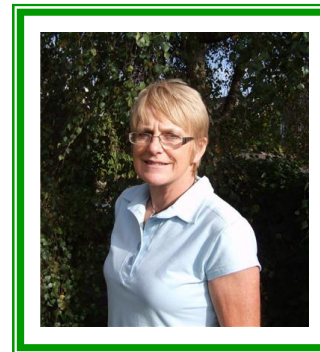
Stuart Baker
 Aileen Baker
 Alex Gribbin
 Kate Waddell

Diane Baldwin
 Sandy McIntyre

Bridie McNaughton/
 Rhonda Morris
 Margaret Carvill/
 Don Carvill
 Frank Gloag/
 John MacNaughton
 Alan Russell/
 Neil McConnell
 Robert Birbeck/
 John Ross



The Gents Club Champion



The Ladies Club Champion

Gents Team News

Thankfully, the Donald Cameron Team improved its performance and narrowly avoided receiving the wooden spoon for the 3rd year in succession. After winning its league and reaching the semis of the play-offs, sadly the Thomson McCrone team lost to Milngavie who now play Vale of Leven in the final at Cawder on 13 September.

The Bill Jessieman team has reached the final to be played at

Hayston on 13 September. The other semi is between Hayston and Sandyhills.

The 3rd Spirit Aid Charity Day was held on Friday, 21 August. Thirty one teams from Eire, England and Scotland competed over the Allander course.



David Hayman and Gordon presenting the cheque.

Spirit Aid's founder, David Hayman (Trial and Retribution, etc), was delighted with the day which raised over £5,500 for projects in Scotland, South Africa, Afghanistan and Malaysia.

The winners were Broom's Bandits from Glasgow City Council.

News from the Ladies Section

There is a list on the notice board of those who haven't put in 3 cards. But, don't worry, you still have time to put in the extra cards you may require.

A date for your diary

The Ladies Night is on Wednesday 7 October at 7 pm for 7.15 pm. The cost of a ticket is £8. Please come along with your ideas on topics such as: are there too many competitions

and if so which ones should we consider dropping; are fun competitions worthwhile; what about the format and timing of the Open / Invitation Day; and any other issues on your mind.

New committee members are urgently required for the new season. Four ladies are coming off this year leaving only eight.

Ladies Night is on Wednesday 7 October at 7 for 7.15 pm. Tickets cost £8 each.

Team Results

The Allander League was won by Milngavie with Hilton Park 4th. The Patrick League was won by Lenzie with Hilton Park 3rd. We hope to stay in the Greenlees 1st Division with a couple of matches still to be played. And we competed well in the Chrissie Anderson and Harper Kennedy Leagues.

Many thanks to all who took part.