

**Memories are made of this !**

Of what you may well ask ? Old clubs – balls score cards – photos – articles – in fact anything at all which might evoke memories of the club`s history.

We would like to be able to mount a display of club memorabilia – and are looking for your help in doing so. If you have anything at all which you would be prepared to donate (or loan) to the club – or you know of anybody who might – please contact any Committee member.

**Successful ShopPING !**

Senior member, Ian Campbell recently treated himself to a new set of Ping irons and went out to practise. He used the 7 iron for the first time at the 7<sup>th</sup> hole on the Allander – and promptly had a hole-in-one. Ian says he doesn`t have to buy drinks all round because there were no witnesses thus it wasn`t `official` - Aye – right !

**Lockers Update**

Just a note to say that deliberations continue re. the replacement of both the Ladies` and Gents` Lockers. Details will be available soon.

**Forbearance**

We have welcomed a number of new members over the summer. Please show patience while they learn our customs and practices !



We all enjoy playing with people we know - so why not extend your circle of acquaintances in the club by introducing a friend as a member ? 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. Now - before the weather turns for the worse - would be a good time to bring a friend along for a game and a look around the clubhouse with a view to joining next year. Ask in the office for more detail.

If your friends - or anyone else ! - can`t wait until next year - they can **join NOW for £730**. This represents the joining fee only - with no subscription for the remainder of this year. (please note - this offer does not attract the above Introduce a friend bonus)

You may also be interested to know that the club is now offering **Corporate Membership Packages**. These come in a number of different styles with varying levels of access to the courses – but all offer businesses the opportunity of using the game of golf - and the club, to the benefit of their customers, suppliers and staff alike. To promote these packages, we are offering a free fourball to any prospective company. If you are interested for your own or an acquaintance`s company or know of anyone who might be in a position to promote this to businesses in general – please speak to Gordon - he will be pleased to talk you through the details.

**Captain`s Comments**

As many of you will be aware, our professional – **Billy McCondichie** is retiring at the end of October. Billy took over from his father, Jimmy, forty years ago. The name - McCondichie - has, therefore, been associated with Hilton Park for many years and to celebrate his retirement a Pro-Am is being organized on his behalf, to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Anyone who wishes to enter a team should contact the Pro Shop. We would like to take this opportunity – on behalf of members past and present - to wish Billy a happy retirement.

On a separate note, whilst in St. Andrews last week, I managed to follow **Gordon Yates** who was playing for Stirling University – both individually and for the team, in the International Collegiates match over the Torrance course at St. Andrews Bay. Despite tough opposition from players from all over the USA, he played superbly over three rounds and won by 5 shots – with scores of 67, 68 and 68 – a total of 13 under ! Well done, Gordon.

Congratulations also to Joe McAlweenie, Gordon Yates (again !), Blake St John and Keith Shanks for their victory in the **Donald Cameron League Foursomes** on 7<sup>th</sup> July at Sandyhills where they defeated Bishopbriggs.

Louise Cooper – Captain

**Greens Report**

Members have been full of praise for the improved condition of the courses over the summer. Thanks are due to the greens staff for their hard work under Stuart Neil, our Senior Greenkeeper and his deputy, Gordon Harvey. We are now drawing up a list of priority projects for winter work – mainly major drainage in the worst-affected areas on both courses. Budgets permitting, we will verti-drain one course each year from now on, starting with the Allander. We want to re-lay the Allander 11<sup>th</sup> green as an experiment to find if we could upgrade all our greens without ruinous expense. We are also looking at improving our winter greens. So the recovery of our courses continues. In the meantime, members are asked to be patient with the greens staff as they press on with their work.

Murray Ritchie  
Greens Convener

## Would you credit it ?

Are you aware that you can now spread the payment of your subs over a ten month period ?

Using the **Fairway Credit** scheme you can. For a charge of 6.25% you can contract to pay your annual subscription in ten equal monthly instalments. Forms will be available along with the call for next year's subs. – for more information just ask in the office.

## Social News

Don't forget the combined **Prizegiving** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. which will also be a **social evening** featuring a Jazz band – please watch the notice-boards for further details.

The **Bridge Club** re-starts on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7:15pm – newcomers welcome.

**Volunteers** are required to help with the Children's **Xmas Party** on 17th Dec. – if you can spare a few hours – please contact Corla van Griethuysen.

Donations of flowering **shrubs** to be planted on the courses would be very welcome – contact Corla.

**STOP PRESS – the senior gents have just won the McIntyre League – a significant achievement. Well done to all involved.**

Please let us know how we can improve the Newsletter. Comments to

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## Finals Day Results

A successful Finals Day took place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations are extended to the winners and all competitors. Thanks also to supporters and helpers on the day. Results as follows :-

Competition	Winner	Runner up
Gents Club Champion	Joe McAlweenie	John Hughes
Ladies Club Champion	Fiona McLean	Louise Cooper
Gents Handicap Champion	Robert Birbeck	Jack McLaughlin
Ladies Handicap Champion	Jan Grant	Mary McCall
Boys Champion	Tony Kinsey	
Girls Champion	Claire Mulholland	Sarah Kinsey
Girls Handicap Champion	Katy Snodgrass	Robyn Michie
Lady Anne Speirs	Sheila Cranstoun	Isobel Anderson
Paton Gardner	Robert Liddell	Frank Gloag
James Lothian Shield	Andy McGregor	Stuart Niven
Yorke Trophy (Ladies)	Pamela Cumming	Liz Glass
	Sheena Butler	Maggie Weston
Pairman Cup	David Snodgrass	Graham Weston
	Jean Snodgrass	Maggie Weston
Alex Young Memorial Trophy	Bill Stewart	Sid Cochrane
	Ian Lavery	Alastair MacLennan
White Fisher Foursomes	Graham Sanders	David Black
	Jamie Stewart	Charles Kinsey
Ian R Lavery Quaich	David Quinn	Stuart Niven
	Bobby Millen	Ian Campbell

## Prizewinners with the Captain



Gents` Champion – **Joe McAlweenie**



Ladies` Champion – **Fiona McLean**

## Ladies Golf News

The kind weather has meant July and August have been a wonderful golfing period for the ladies. Medals and competitions were played on schedule with good numbers participating in them. Some excellent scores were returned in the dry, long running conditions. The teams have also had a wonderful season. The Patrick Trophy has been won, yet again, by the club. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> time in 12 years we have won this prestigious trophy. We originally thought it was the 10<sup>th</sup> but a check of the records shows it was 11 !

In the Harper Kennedy league, the team finished with 26 points. This will mean a place near the top of the league. As some games have still to be played our final position won't be known for a few weeks. The Greenlees team, who gained promotion to the second league at the end of last season, have proved themselves to be worthy of this. Although there are still some games to be played we are assured of keeping our place in the second division. The **Girls section** now has 10 girls with handicap, enabling two very successful Junior Mixed Foursomes to be held over the summer.