



Brian McAuley Captain

How well do you know your Captain?

- 1 When did he join Hilton Park?
- 2 Indian or Chinese takeaway?
- 3 Favourite song?
- 4 Western or horror film?
- 5 Favourite football team?
- 6 Best subject at school?
- 7 Favourite golf course (apart from Hilton Park)?
- 8 Favourite holiday destination?
- 9 Favourite golf professional?
- 10 Putter or driver?
(Answers overleaf)

Stop Press

Changes to diary dates

8 June – Allander course free all day for our members and visitors.

14 June – Hilton tee reserved for Thomson McCrone Home League Match 12.30-1.15 pm

21 June – Hilton tee reserved for Medal Finals 12-2 pm (rescheduled due to course unplayable on original date)

Captain's Comments

The playing season is well underway and we are beginning to reap the benefits of our green staff's hard work over the winter period. Whilst persistent rainfall and cold weather has hampered the recovery of the courses, many members have commented favourably on the improved condition of the courses, particularly the greens, at this time of the year.

Earlier this year, the clubhouse was a hive of activity. Inside, the quality and ambience of the clubhouse has been greatly improved following the refurbishment of the Allander lounge, the restoration of the ladies locker room and the upgrading of the dining room. Outside, the dilapidated timber steps to the spikes bar have been replaced by a new ramp that doubles to provide an emergency exit from the main lounge and at the practice area, a cover has been installed over the teeing ground to provide some welcome protection from the elements. These improvements to the courses and clubhouse could not have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of all the staff involved, which is greatly appreciated.



Gordon Yates continues to bring honour to our club. I recently had the pleasure of attending the DGU annual dinner where, on behalf of Gordon, I collected his DGU Player of the Year Trophy along with a special trophy presented to him in recognition of his services to the DGU. Unfortunately Gordon was unable to attend the event personally as he was in Spain as part of the Scottish Team preparing to play for the European Nations Cup won by Scotland the previous year. As many of you will know, Gordon has been included in the preliminary selection squad for this year's Walker Cup match at Merion Golf Club, Pennsylvania, USA. Although this is an honour in itself, it would be wonderful if he could emulate the achievements of our Honorary Members, Frank Deighton and Gary Hay, by being selected for the final team of ten players to face the USA.



Murray Ritchie (Past Captain) has been piecing together information and photographs for a tribute to our honorary members which we hope to put on display in the near future. Unfortunately, Murray had to enter hospital to undergo major heart surgery and I'm sure I speak for us all in wishing him a speedy recovery and return to his beloved golf courses.

Finally, as the playing season gets underway, let's hope that good weather helps the green staff with their continuing improvements to the golf courses.





Reciprocal Golf

At a significantly reduced green fee Hilton Park members can enjoy a round on the courses below. This must be booked 7 days in advance, and proof of membership is required when you arrive.

Available Clubs:

- Bearsden
- Bishopbriggs
- Clober
- Clydebank & District
- Crow Wood
- Hayston
- Kirkintilloch
- Lenzie
- Milngavie
- Windyhill

Answers to: How well do you know your Captain?

- 1 1991. I was torn between Balmore and Hilton Park. It turned out to be no contest.
- 2 Love curry. Having been born in Assam India, the son of a tee plantation manager, I acquired an early taste.
- 3 Pinball Wizard by The Who. And yes I was a Mod and not a rocker.
- 4 Horror films are scary. Hi ho Silver! I also love old style musicals.
- 5 Always a tricky question. I only pay to watch Scotland. But prefer limes to oranges. Perhaps that is why this year I'm so bitter.
- 6 Physics - I still like to know how things tick.
- 7 Machrie, Isle of Islay. The course was originally laid out by Willie Campbell who believed it was "the best ground for a golf course I have ever had the pleasure of viewing".
- 8 Puerto Pollensa, Majorca, although this year, for the first time, we're trying a cruise in the eastern Med.
- 9 Jack Nicklaus. His record of wins and sportsmanship make him simply the best.
- 10 Driver for show which is why I lose so much dough!

Hilton Park Best for Belhaven

Following several sites visits around the west of Scotland, Belhaven, who are our beer suppliers, decided to use Hilton Park as the location for its latest TV advertisement. The decision was taken because they thought the location was perfect with its great scenery. The day itself went very smoothly as the weather behaved and all was over within two hours. The advertisement is due to go live sometime in early June.

Car Parking Facilities

The Club is currently seeking advice from external companies to provide plans and quotes to complete some much needed improvement and extension to our current car parking facilities. The current committee of management is very aware of the difficult parking conditions during our busiest days, and plans are being drawn up through 2009 with a view to including any extension work in the 2010 budget.

Driving Range Cover

The new cover over the driving range has been a big success, and has been very popular with the junior section during their coaching sessions.

League matches

Although the 2009 season matches are well underway, it is not too late for members to put themselves forward to represent the Club in match play leagues against surrounding clubs. Your support is always appreciated.

Pro-Shop Services – Custom Fitting



To ensure that you get maximum benefit from a new set of clubs, our pro shop offers a full custom fitting service. The pro shop can custom fit you for any club in the bag, from putter to driver or a whole set of irons. The custom fitting experience takes place under the new Dry Range cover. If you are interested in discovering more about this service, ask the next time you are in the shop, and the pros will be happy to talk you through the process. The pro shop also offers demo clubs, conducts a second to none club repair or refurbishment service and can also offer swing analysis with their C Swing software package as part of their comprehensive and varied packages of lessons.

Promoting Hilton Park

Members will shortly see advertising boards in the ladies and gents toilets. This is part of an agreement to allow us to advertise our membership deals, open days etc within large organisations such as David Lloyd and the Scottish Police. This will help the Club to gain additional exposure within the leisure industry as well as target potential new members. Also, when we advertise within Hilton Park there is often a discount attached for our members for whatever products are being advertised.