



# CARLUKE GOLF CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### CAPTAINS BLOG



Hi All,

It's been a very busy month of golf - The Hayes Mixed Greensome, Seniors Open, Silloth Invitational, Ladies Championship and team matches every week, on top of our usual weekly medals and Russell competitions.

Congratulations to Ladies Champion, Julie Wright, who won this year's championship - a fantastic effort.

Andy and his team have done a great job keeping the course in the condition we have become accustomed to, despite being short-handed and difficult weather.

Jim, Dougie, and the handicap team deserve huge credit for running all these competitions as well as Ian Gray and Tom Frame for their help with running the Seniors events and Eric Barr and Hugh Green for getting everyone parked in a sensible manner. Congratulations to all winners.

The Silloth Invitational is one of our biggest events of the year and I would like to thank all the committee members that assisted on the day and all in the preparation leading up to it. Greens, catering and bar staff and other volunteers. It was an excellent day and we received many compliments regarding the course and the clubhouse. Colin did a first class job organising a fantastic day.

We have now had the white lines redone in the carpark which will hopefully encourage people to park properly (!!!!) and the new signs for the entrance are now in place. Rosebank have also replaced the flowers in the borders at the entrance to the club as well as the other areas and I'm sure everyone will agree that they are making the club look very welcoming to all.

Regards

Captain Ross



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# COURSE UPDATE

Hi Folks

Well, I did say the weather was going to get better...I just didn't say when!!

After moaning in the last newsletter about having 130mm of rain in two weeks, we got into May, and had over 130mm of rain....in one week!!!!

We have been just getting the course in shape and then we get another biblical thump of rain. I think we've spent as much time repairing washed out paths and bunkers as we have cutting grass.

In 40 years as an employee of Carluke Golf club, we have never got through to July, without applying any water to the greens....except this year!!!

We have managed to get most competitions played, albeit with some patience and a little squeegeeing required on wetter days. (Big thanks to the pro shop for helping out on a couple of occasions)

As we approach July, as I write this anyway, surely we will get some sort of summer over the next few weeks. Although, given the previous few Julys and Augusts, we might be in for a disappointment.

A quick word about the 6 hole course/ practice area. A mixture of this area being too wet to cut at times, and us having other tasks to fulfill on the big course, meant that maintenance of this area was very limited for a while. We were only managing to cut it once a week, at the height of the rough (40mm). Apologies to any of our younger members who had to try and play in these conditions and I can confirm that we have started to get it back to normal, as conditions have improved. I am hoping to get some form of greens cut in it and refresh the holes, when time allows, asap.

As promised at the end of the last blog, I have managed to get some pictures of the course, looking like a golf course, instead of a boating pond ...

Happy golfing, hopefully with the sun on our backs!

Until next time,

Andy and the boys.



# LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Massive congratulations to our Ladies Champion, Julie Wright!

This latest win is Julie's third championship and she has now won two in a row. A fantastic effort - well done Julie!



**Championship Cup** : Julie Wright

Runner up: Annyse Ewing

**Sunday Ladies' Cup** (handicap silver division): Linzi Kane

Runner up: Julie Wright

**Mauldslie Cup** (scratch bronze division): Pat Milne

Runner up: Hilary Corbett

**Forrest Kirk Trophy** (handicap bronze division): Hilary Corbett

Runner up: Karen Black

**Copper Kettle** (handicap 36+ players): Anne McCann

Runner up: Colette Haddow

## SILLOTH 2024

As usual, our annual Silloth Invitational was a huge success with a great turnout of members and visitors, with the tee booked solid all day.

Many congratulations to the team of G Bryan and S Greenshields who won the J.T. Brown Silloth Invitational Trophy.

The four ball raffle raised an incredible £ 1,400 for our Captain's charity, the Clydesdale Foodbank. Many thanks to our generous members and visitors on raising this amount.

Thanks to Colin Merriweather for organising a fantastic event and to all committee members, the Pro shop team and members for their help on the day





# EUROS



Well the Euro's were a disappointment for Scotland but our members and staff still enjoyed themselves!



# TURKEY NIGHT

The Turkey Night was a huge success again this year with a field of 64 players. It was great to see some of the non-golfers on the course and understand how us golfers feel playing the most frustrating game in the world!



## PRO SHOP NEWS



I'm sure we would all agree that the weather has put a slight dampener on the golf this June. I'm not sure what's been worse, the weather or Scotland's performances in the euros...

We must give our thanks to Andy and his team for having

the course in such good condition despite this weather. The greens are especially good, and this is all down to the hard work of Andy as his team. We hope July sees an improvement in the weather to hopefully get all the golfers back out on course enjoying some nice weather.

We have had some good news golf wise from within the pro shop. Kyle recently completed in regional open qualifying at Goswick golf club, where he unfortunately didn't perform his best however a hole in one on the par 3, 15th hole would have been a welcomed bonus to the score card. This was Kyles first ever hole in one.

Michael also completed in the TGI partnership trophy qualifier at Musselburgh golf club. A round of 1 under secured him a place in team Scotland where he will complete at the JCB golf and country club.

Due to the inclement weather the coaching availability has been a bit stop start. Despite this many members have taken the opportunity to better their game and had the chance to experience the trackman 4 technology that we have here at the golf club. Members are advised to contact the pro shop for any lessons they may require whether this is long game short game and putting sessions.

From a personal point of view, I have a strong passion for coaching and have been very pleased with the uptake in lessons with myself, I would personally like to thank members for showing support. The technology available is fantastic and is something that allows us to see numerical improvements within the swing as well as the finished product. I really enjoy building a relationship with members through my coaching and am always available and very flexible with lesson dates and times and happy to accommodate anyone.

We are in the process of organising some junior summer camps for throughout the school holiday period, and I would encourage junior members to participate in this to develop their golfing ability.

The bonus ball in the shop has been very popular with members winning prizes each week. We hope members continue making use of the reciprocal deal we have with Pumpherson golf club. This is a great offer for member of both clubs to play a different course for a fraction of the price while having a fun day out with your golfing buddies for a cost of £15. Simply Contact the pro shop and let us arrange the dates and times for you.

See you in the shop soon, Fraser



**One day. 36, 72 or 100 holes.**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Play golf and help raise money for people living with cancer!**

Take on the Longest Day Golf Challenge to complete 36, 72, or 100 holes to help support people living with cancer. Teeing off at your chosen clubhouse at dawn and swinging hard green-by-green for some tough rounds until the final hole. This is no normal golf major, this is the people's major.

### **How to get involved**

#### **Who?**

Assemble your team (of maximum four) to take on the challenge. Registration is free and anyone who can play, at any level, will have a great day out.

#### **When?**

Depending on your distance, you'll need to play from sunrise to sunset.

#### **Where?**

Ask your regular club or try somewhere new. We'll help you with everything you need to get them on board.

#### **Why?**

The more money you raise, the [more people you help](#). We've made it easy with your very own team page, you can set it up [here](#) - it's the best way to tell your story and manage your donations.