



McDonald Golf Club

Newsletter – June 2021

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all well and enjoying the better weather following the cold spell in March and April. Welcome to our first newsletter which I hope you will find useful and interesting.

We will continue to issue members updates on matters that require to be sent out quickly.

Our aim of the newsletter is to let everyone know results and other issues of interest.

I would like to thank Nigel for putting together the newsletter and for the items of news provided.

If you have any golfing stories please feel free to let us know.

Stewart MacLeod

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

Mens

Abercrombie vs Meldrum House (Home leg). A great team performance sees the men's take a 5.5 - 2.5 lead into the away leg (due to be played on the 24th of June).

Club Championship qualification has been completed and the first knockout stage will take place on the 16th of June, good luck to all those taking part. To keep up to date with fixtures and results please refer to the club website and Facebook page.

Ladies

Ruby Milne Spring Tournament - won by Fiona Campbell.

Doornkop Trophy - won by Lorna Cockburn.

Pro's Day Stableford - won by Anne Bowman.

Coronation 4s - won by Helen Singer and Yvonne Carr

Unfortunately, the team lost to Newburgh in the Robertson Cup.

The Bennachie League got off to a great start with a home win against Inverurie and Newmachar, but we unfortunately lost away at Inch.

Fiona Campbell also recently won the Scratch trophy at the Nairn Open.

Seniors

Winners of 2020 Competitions

Winter Eclectic Scratch: I Campbell

Winter Eclectic Handicap: T Searle

Ironside Scratch: J Smart

Chadwick Handicap: G Norrie

Brown Cup: R Murray

Burnett Trophy: R Clark

Miller Trophy: L Mclean

Ali Michie Trophy: A D Smith

The Cads and Buchan Seniors competitions are going ahead in 2021. The first leg of Round one of the House of Commons Cup versus Longside was held at Ellon golf club with Ellon leading 4.5 to 1.5. Second leg to come.

Juniors

Pennant league started in May. Team members are. Alistair Hunter; Callum High; Finlay Simpson; Connor Grant; Cole Struthers; Daniel Aitken.

16th May, first match in the Pennant League at home to Newmachar, the team won all 4 matches.

23rd May, second match away to Deeside the team lost 2 matches and halved 2. First match Alistair Hunter lost by 1 hole Second match Callum High lost 4 and 3 Conner Grant & Finlay Simpson match was squared as was Daniel Aitken & Cole Struthers match.

29th May third match home against Westhill the team won 3 matches and lost the 4th match by 1 hole.

The boys have played extremely well recording some impressive results.

OTHER NEWS

A new greens mower and hedge strimmer have been purchased for course maintenance.

The repairs have now been completed following the substantial damage and theft of lead from the clubhouse roof. While some costs have been recovered from insurance. The club has unfortunately not been able to reduce the £2,500 excess imposed by the insurer.

External CCTV has been installed and integrated with the internal CCTV and is in operation. An additional camera on a stand-alone system has also been installed in the Pro shop and will cover the main entrance to the car park. Thanks to member Eric Brockie and Martin Brockie for the installation and set up in the Pro shop.

The Seniors AGM lunch meeting which was due to be held in January went ahead on Monday 7th of June. This took place as a carvery lunch with forty people in attendance.

Jim Lawson has been elected as Senior Captain with Ken McDade as Secretary and Lawrence Coughlan as Treasurer.

Neighbours

There seems to be an increase in the number of instances of balls landing/hitting the houses neighbouring our course.

We would like to remind members to shout the warning 'Fore' and report any instances to the Club Secretary.

JUNE / JULY LOOKAHEAD

Social

Due to restrictions it's been quiet on the social side but at least we can have the Bingo on the last Sunday in June which is the 27th. To book your table contact the office.

Hopefully things can return to normal soon and we can also look forward to 'Dolly Parton' in August.

Ladies

Our Ladies Open is this Saturday (12th June). Tee times can now be booked. Fingers crossed the fine weather stays for the weekend.

Juniors

We have another 2 matches to play 20th June & 27th June against Portlethen & Murcar.

Seniors

Mixed seniors Greensomes for the Paterson trophy has now been drawn and to be completed mid-September.

Two friendlies arranged with Turriff away and Rosehearty at home during summer months.

Catering

Just a reminder that our numbers remain limited due to the Covid restrictions so anyone looking to eat in the clubhouse is strongly advised to book ahead to avoid disappointment especially at busy times.

Fathers Day Carvery on Sunday 20th June, Free dessert for all Dads. To book contact Tracy on 07572 145507

Scottish Golf App

We continue to get feedback on the SGU app. Most members are finding that it works fine with a little practice. Special thanks to Sandra, Sandy and Craig for helping many up the learning curve and sorting out the problems behind the scenes.

There have been some issues with the SGU servers but these are beyond our control to resolve.

Best advice is to Enter & book Your Tee Time for the competition in advance and then that just leaves Check & Scoring to do on the day.

There are instructions on our website www.ellongolfclub.co.uk under Members, World Handicap System.

UEFA EURO 2020

During the European Football Championships we are expecting the Clubhouse to be busier than usual and therefore request if you are intending coming to watch any of the matches at the Clubhouse you book a table in advance to avoid disappointment. Tables can be booked by contacting Tracy on 07572 145507.

Next Council Meeting

The next Club Council meeting will be held on 5th July. Any matters for the attention of the Club Council should be advised to secretary@ellongolfclub.co.uk by June 28th.

