



Milnathort Golf Club

Members' Newsletter

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Hello and a big welcome to your first Milnathort Members' Newsletter.

Until now, much of the information about what was happening in the club was to be found in various locations – gents' locker room, ladies' locker room, the notice board by the clubhouse door etc. The Newsletter is an opportunity to bring all of this information together, hopefully to make it easier for everyone to be in the know about what's happening in and around your golf club.

We hope to bring you updates on Gents', Ladies', Seniors' and Juniors' sections. Jason and his team will also be keeping us up-to-date on what's happening out on the course. We will also be including news about social events and activities.

However, this is **YOUR** newsletter and we want to hear from you about the sort of content you would like to see. Initially, it is planned that the publication will go out at the end of each month, with a deadline date for contributions on the 10th of each month. The frequency may have to be reviewed depending on the sufficiency of content. Any input you may have can be submitted by e-mail to nancysb@sky.com or hand your contribution into Ken in the office.

To keep costs down, distribution will be by e-mail or via Facebook links. However, there will also be a few hard copies in the clubhouse for those who don't have easy internet access.

Some suggestions for future issues are:-

ITEMS FOR SALE



How about selling that putter that you hoped would give you a one-putt on every hole? Or maybe the driver that the guy in the pro shop promised would give you an extra 50yds off the tee? (You know who you are!!!)



BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS



Who or what would you like to compliment? Was that the best bowl of soup ever, when you came in from a freezing cold round?

Were you impressed with the condition of the course, despite poor weather?

Hopefully there will be many more bouquets than brickbats, but please let us know if there's anything which you feel would improve your Milnathort experience.





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Fellow Members,

Since the AGM back in November the elected Council have been working extremely hard trying to ensure everything is in place for the new season.

We have almost completed the Business Plan which we hope to share with you by the end of February. Watch out for the announcement of the Members Forum.

With your support in paying some subscriptions early we have also been able to develop some plans for the maintenance and selected replacement program for our greens equipment.

We are very pleased with the way the course has held up with all the rain we have had over the last few months. It is indeed great justification for the remedial work we had done last year.

I hope you are all getting ready for the new season and I look forward to seeing you on the course in the near future.

Charlie Payne

Hi Folks

We are very lucky here at Milnathort to have such a fantastic Ladies Section, making my first few months as Lady Captain a really enjoyable time.

Our pre-Christmas Ladies' Night had a huge turnout of over 50 ladies. A great meal was followed by golf related quizzes and games, with much hilarity all round. Who'd have thought that so many of the gentle souls among us would be so competitive?

The Children's Christmas party was also a big hit with the children and parents alike. Just under 30 children attended, with an age range of 2 years to 10 years old. The children were all very well-behaved and needed no encouragement to participate in all of the games and songs. The food and drink supplied by the Club was very well received before Santa's arrival was heralded by a very loud rendition of Jingle Bells, to the accompaniment of Betty Brannan on her guitar. A very happy and successful afternoon, indeed.

That all seems like a very long time ago now. However, as I write this, it's nice to know that our new season will soon be upon us. I hope you're as excited about it as I am!!!

Jackie Sneddon

Ladies' Winter Sweep

The ladies Wednesday and Saturday Winter Sweeps held a very successful Christmas Lunch in the Clubhouse. 30 members were entertained afterwards by Betty and Kate, our resident duo.

The Sweeps are averaging 20 midweek and 6 at the weekend. Any lady member wishing to participate, please join us for nine holes and, if the weather is bad, a natter and a cup of coffee.

Sweeps will continue until the end of March.

Hope to see you

Maureen Given

John Mills (Seniors)

A wise man once told me that "more than 95% of putts that are short don't go in". I've heeded those words of wisdom ever since!

We have a great bunch of guys (and a couple of golfers too) in our seniors section that meets up on Thursdays and in the winter months, with the 3 starting holes of 1st, 3rd and 8th approximately 24 regularly turn up, have a round of golf starting at 8.45 and still manage to put the world to rights in the clubhouse afterwards in under 4 hours.

For this new summer season we are hoping to introduce a 9 hole Medal and are currently looking for interested names with a list up in the bar at the clubhouse.

Our own Notice Board in the locker room is the place to start if you fancy joining us or speak to one of the other senior members. There is a weekly Thursday meet with a request for names on display and a draw is made to determine playing partners and actual start time.

We organise the occasional Outing and have regular inter-club competitions so.....if you're male, 55 years or over we will be delighted to help you get more out of your golf at Milnathort Golf Club.

John

What's been happening in your Clubhouse?

The Club has been holding High Teas over the winter months which have proved to be very popular, in fact you need to be quick off the mark to secure a table. These, amongst other initiatives, will continue over the closed season.

We also had some very successful Christmas lunches for the winter leagues and a most enjoyable Ladies party night at the end of November. The Prizegiving Dinner was also a lovely evening with good food, dancing to Riverside and lots of prizes of course. Well done to all of the prize winners.

The Burns supper was held on the 18th January. It is always very entertaining and very well



supported and this was no exception. We were blessed to have four excellent speakers, two of whom were Burns novices. Unfortunately

one of the key speakers had to pull out at the last minute due to a family emergency. However, after a little gentle persuasion - coerced, I think was one of the words he used, Kenny Duncan stepped into the breach with just under three days' notice and did a wonderful job.



Kenny delivered an excellent Toast to the Lassies and Rosemary Tolson gave us a very touching Reply.



Gordon Menzies as always was an excellent Master of Ceremonies and Tich Frier delivered a superb Immortal



Memory and Holy Willie's Prayer and regaled us with poems in 'Robert Burns's style' about Scotland's own super food, oatmeal! Gordon and Tich also provided us with some songs, stories and jokes. Betty Brannan gave us a song and played guitar in her own inimitable style.

Jackie Sneddon, the Ladies Captain looked stunning in her Poosie Nancy outfit and we had the privilege of having Lucy Masterton, at the ripe old age of 13, play the bagpipes for us again this year. The Club Captain gave the vote of thanks.

A great night, can't wait till next year. Better start preparing Kenny!

A list of future events will be displayed on the Clubhouse Noticeboard in the foyer. Please check the board for full details as we draw nearer to each event.

Places can be booked at the bar.

Thank you to all for your support.

Jan Gibson, Bar Convenor

Milnathort Golf Club Social Programme

Date	Event Detail	Cost if Available
28 Feb	Beetle Drive with a "Twist" with Cheese & Biscuits 19.00	£5/head
16 Mar	High Tea 16.30 - 1900 Children's Menu available	£9.95
21 Mar	Race Night with light supper.	Supper will be provided as part of the evening
30 Mar	Mother's Day. Two course meal. Children's menu available.	TBA
29 Mar	Captain v Vice Captain Competition. Main Meal followed by Coffee & Shortbread	£6.50
20 Sep	Meal and Twilight Golf	TBA
25 Oct	Supper Dance	TBA
22 Nov	Prize giving dinner	TBA

Details for each event will be placed on the notice boards, Newsletter and website, please look out for details of these and any additional events.

Places can be reserved at the bar.



Jason says:

We have cored the greens in preparation for the upcoming season, with topdressing etc still to be done. If this weather continues, we will hopefully have most, if not all, shaping and set up for the new season's opening day done in plenty of time.



However, this is Scotland and weather changes very quickly!

We are currently having problems with the worm casts on fairways and are working on

the best cost effective measures to improve this. Also, we are at war with moles again! Any practical solutions please pass them on and help rid the course of these pests!



And finally, we are thinking about.....



As some of you may know, Harry Brown (Big Harry to his friends), had a stroke about a year ago and has not been able to play since and is now about to hang up his clubs on Doctor's orders. However, he is still optimistic about playing again but only time will tell. I'm sure the club would like to wish him well for the future and hopefully he will be able to pop in to see us from time to time.

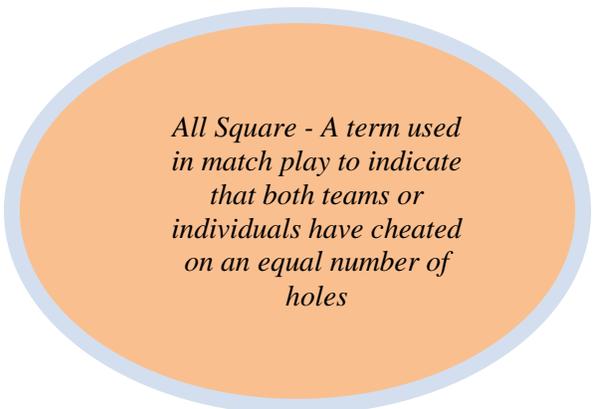


Moira Brady is currently in hospital having a hip replacement. All of us wish her a speedy and successful recovery and look forward to seeing her back in action soon.



If you would like us to mention someone special in any future newsletter, please let us know. A special anniversary, a BIG birthday (you don't have to say HOW BIG!) or maybe just a wee word for someone who needs a bit of cheering up.

One more feature I'd like to include in each newsletter is an A to Z of golfing definitions, starting, naturally, with A.



So folks, that's it for your first Milnathort Members' Newsletter.

We'd love to get your feedback – you can e-mail your comments direct to the usual club e-mail address or to me at nancysb@sky.com.

Meanwhile, until the next time.....



