



Milnathort Golf Club

Members' Newsletter

Issue 2 - March 2014

Well, folks, here we are on our second issue of the Milnathort Members' Newsletter and I'd like to say a big "thank-you" for all your kind comments about Issue 1.

You may be wondering why Issue 2 is coming to you so early in the month. The reason for this is that there is so much happening in and around the club at the end of March, I wanted to make sure you all knew of the forthcoming events well in advance so you could plan ahead and not miss out!

Jumping ahead to the end of April, we are going to be holding an Open Day to encourage new members to the club. This is to be held on Sunday 27th April from 2pm onwards. Details are still in the planning stage but it is hoped this will be a fun event, including coaching for adults and juniors, putting competitions and a mini Texas Scramble. If you think any of your friends or family might be interested in coming along, please let them know. There will also be special offers available for new members on the day. If you have any suggestions for other activities that might "pull in the crowds", we'd love to hear them. If, however, you don't happen to have any suggestions, help us out by crossing everything for fine weather on the day!



Jason Says:



Due to the adverse weather of late, the ground conditions have become very wet and, combined with the worm activity, the course has become very muddy and unstable in areas. We have set some holes up, which has shortened them, to allow play. However, sometimes course closure is the only option to prevent damage to the course and to yourselves.

The bunker on the 4th has had a facelift and now looks the way it should. The greens are taking shape and, with growth, will be in reasonable condition for the early part of the season.

We currently have Lee from Castle Huntly helping us 4 days a week and this will help us with the workload ahead.

We, the green staff, are working hard to keep the course open and we appreciate your continued support and understanding.

Once again thank you for your co-operation.

Jason



LADIES' WINTER SWEEP

The final morning of the Winter Sweep will be on Wednesday 26th March. Congratulations to all who were "in the money" over the past few months. We can expect some fantastic scores in our competitions this coming season given the great golf many of the ladies have played throughout the winter.



LADIES' OPENS

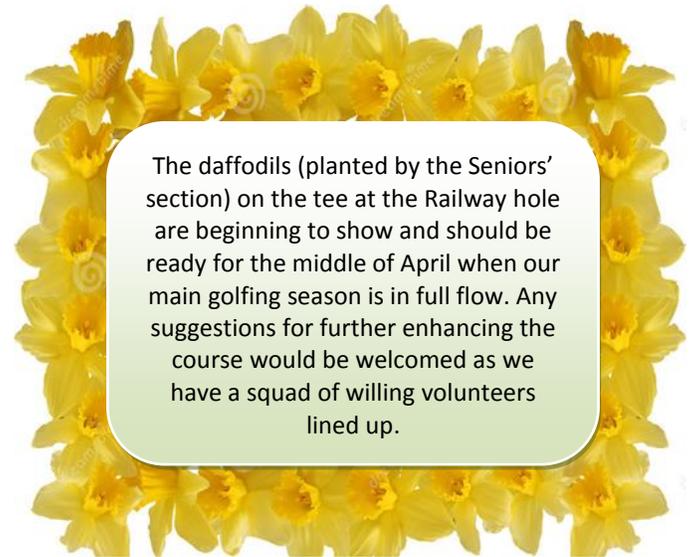
The entry sheets for the Ladies' Opens are now up in the Ladies' locker room. Our first is the Open Greensomes for the Greig Targe to be held on Sunday 4th May. In the past, this has always been a two ball but we are having a change this year to the popular Greensomes format. So, grab a partner and get your names down. Let's make it a bumper Sunday. Contact your friends from other clubs and persuade them to enter.

Maureen Given

MILNATHORT GOLF CLUB - SENIORS SECTION

A wise man once told me that "you meet a better class of person in the middle of the fairways." Memo to self... Tell Jason to widen the fairways so I can expand my circle of friends at Milnathort!

The Seniors have two away matches to start the season, an inaugural match at Balbirnie on Thursday 27th March and at Dundas Parks (South Queensferry) on Thursday 3rd April. Our home involvement starts on Thursday 10th April with a friendly competition headed "Captain v. Vice-Captain". It really doesn't matter which team wins (so I've been told to say) but there can be no bias as the draw is made on the day so if you are male and 55 or over come along and join in.



The daffodils (planted by the Seniors' section) on the tee at the Railway hole are beginning to show and should be ready for the middle of April when our main golfing season is in full flow. Any suggestions for further enhancing the course would be welcomed as we have a squad of willing volunteers lined up.

We have received over 15 names from men interested in a 9 hole Medal which again is a fantastic response and shows how Milnathort Golf Club is tops for giving you the opportunity to get in the swing of things. And on that terrible pun I'll leave you in peace.

John Mills



Half set of Ladies' Clubs with bag & trolley and pair of Ladies Shoes – all hardly used. £50

Set of Dunlop 65 Technology Men's irons with graphite shafts. Dunlop Max Titanium 10.5 driver and Golf bag, all in good condition. £75

Golf Bag Cover + Shoe Bag both new £20

CONTACT: Donnie Wilson on 01577 864444

Ladies' Cobra Driver, 3 wood, 5 wood and 7 wood £80

Ladies' Callaway irons 5-9 plus SW, PW & LW £100

CONTACT: Catriona Marshall on 01577 864482



Hi Everyone,

At long last we are nearing the start of the season and our opening competition "Captain Vs Vice-Captain" four ball scramble on Saturday the 29th March. The entry sheets will be up soon so get your names down early and remember it is open to all.

I am really looking forward to it (with the exception of having to hit the first drive in front of everyone). As normal we will have a small toast before we start (Whiskey/Sherry or whatever) to calm the nerves. I know what I will be having!!

The weather has been incredible over the last few weeks and we have had record rainfalls. The course, however, has stood up well and we only lost a few days golf thanks to the great work by our greens team. I have just returned from a week down in England and I have never seen such flooding so we should be thankful for the fact we have lost only a few days.

We will soon have the numbers for membership renewals and be in a position to plan our spending for next year. I will update you in the next newsletter.

We held our Members' Forum update last Sunday and had a great turnout. We, the council, felt it was a very positive meeting and were greatly heartened by the support we received. During the meeting I stated that we needed your help and I now need to ask for that help. As we presented, we are working on many issues and we now have a vacancy on the council for a Match and Handicap Secretary as well as the Buildings Convener role which was never filled. Can you help? There is so much to be done and if the few of us on the council have to cover these positions as well we will find it extremely hard to achieve our goals. Therefore please let me know if you can help in any way.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to a great season's golf.

Cheers, Charlie

LOVE IS IN THE AIR



What a great evening we had in the clubhouse on 14th February. We received a very warm welcome by two impeccably dressed "French waiters" named Murdo and John (Mills) who showed us to a beautifully-set table and made sure we had a sparkly drink while we perused the menu.



Our meal, which was prepared by Peter and John (Gough), was delicious, well presented and served by "our" waiters with their fantastic 'Allo 'Allo accents.

The bar was kept busy and Carol made sure everyone got their drinks.

It was one of those nights we will all remember. Lots of fun due to the efforts of everyone involved made it a great success.

Sandra Ritchie

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Since the last Newsletter, some of you will have attended the Valentine's Evening supper in the Clubhouse. This was a lovely evening which I will not elaborate on here as Sandra Ritchie has very kindly written an account of the evening for the Newsletter.

The Ladies held a Beetle Drive with a twist! Nancy Sutherland-Brown was our 'referee' for the evening and put a lot of time and effort into the preparation as well as dressing up and looking a dead ringer for the late Payne Stewart in her golf outfit complete with peaked cap! Twenty five ladies attended and the prizes were won by Caroline Marshall and Jan Gibson in first place, Jean Clark and Sadie Ganley in second place and Margaret Forrester and Beth Stirling got the booby. £145 was raised for the club. Many thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Nancy.



"Payne Stewart" with the winning pair,
Jan Gibson and Caroline Marshall

It is hoped that we will have draught beer back on again for the start of the season with the introduction of Tennent's lager and Caledonian Best for you to enjoy after your game or if you just fancy coming into the clubhouse for a pint. Hopefully this will be popular with members and visitors alike and look out for 'new look' menus for the new season.



You'll have to be quick if you want to come along to our Race Night on Friday 21st March – there are very few places left and you **can't** just turn up on the night. Ask at the bar if you want to put your name down.....**QUICK!!!**



Friday 28th March is the Ladies and new members' welcome night. Come along and enjoy some food, a drink and some great chat with the Lady Captain and her Committee.

The Captain versus the Vice Captain opening day scramble is being held on Saturday 29th March to welcome the new season. This is open to all and is a great fun day with food available afterwards. Please see the poster in the clubhouse for more information



There will be a lovely two course meal available on Mother's Day Sunday 30th March at £12.00 per person and a children's menu will be available. Please contact the Clubhouse to book a table.

I hope, like me, you are all looking forward to the new season, some great golf, some great weather and some good banter..... mmmm! At least the banter might be good! Have a great season.

Jan Gibson

Bar Convenor

NEWS FROM THE LADIES' SECTION

I'm sure everyone will be pleased to hear that Moira Brady is now out of hospital and is making a good recovery. She has even managed a few visits to the clubhouse to join us for coffee. Go Moira!!!

She has asked me to say a huge "THANK YOU" to Jackie, the Ladies' Captain, and her committee for the gorgeous bouquet of flowers she received on her return from hospital. They gave her a huge boost.

Moira would also like to say how much she appreciates all the kind wishes, cards, telephone calls and visits she has received from many of the lady members. Your kindness means a lot.

There is a new "Newshound" sniffing around the Milnathort Newsletter this month. Bertie is Deirdre and Bruce Calderwood's new puppy and I was sure you'd love to see him.



Don't forget our Ladies Night on 28th March – good food, good company and maybe a wee glass of something nice. Jackie will be passing round a questionnaire on the night to find out your preferences for our Away Day in the summer.

For our new lady members, and for those of you who might like to gain your handicap this year, we have several ladies who will be happy to mark a card for you. There is a list in the Ladies' locker room – what are you waiting for? Just pick up the 'phone and get in touch.

As I drove up to the club today, passing by crocuses, daffodils, sunshine, blue sky and yes, really, lambs in the fields, I decided that there couldn't be a better time to put the new season's competition folder in the Ladies Locker Room. So, it's there waiting for you to put your name down for what's going to be a great season of golf, starting with our opening 9 hole Greensome on Monday 31st March.



Cheers,

Nancy (Match Secretary)

COMPETITIONS, COMPETITIONS, COMPETITIONS

There is currently a raffle running in the clubhouse for a super golf bag valued at £100. Should you be the lucky winner but don't happen to need a new golf bag, you can go along to Cluny Clays Pro Shop and exchange it for goods to the value of £100 – sounds like a worthwhile £1 spent to me!!

This month there is a competition on the last page of the newsletter. Why don't you have a go and submit it to the clubhouse to be in with a chance of a wee prize?

Print off this page, then find and circle all of the golf words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell out a well-known golfing quotation. Complete your name where indicated and hand into the Club. The winner will be drawn for a prize.

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DRIVER	DRIVING RANGE	EAGLE	FAIRWAY
FLAGSTICK	FORE	GREEN	GRIP
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SLICE	STROKE	SWING	TEE OFF
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QUOTATION.....

NAME.....

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