

GENTS NEWSLETTER (Captain's Blog) (June 2019)

This is my third newsletter this season and already we have passed the longest day! I don't want to sound gloomy but the nights will soon be drawing in, so this is a reminder to get your individual and pairs matches played by the deadline set by Roy.

The Family Fun afternoon on Monday 3rd June was very successful and despite the occasional shower there must have been 40 young golfers trying out the Golphin gear. Other budding golfers tried out their skills in hitting down to the 2nd. The green was reasonably safe but the slope gobbled up a lot of old balls which have subsequently reappeared thanks to the efforts of John and Colin in clearing some of the rough.



Family Fun Day

The Ladies and Gents 9-hole stableford competitions are starting to get more popular and the weather has been reasonably kind on Wednesday evenings. If you haven't tried it yet just turn up on a Wednesday between 4:30 and 6:00 pm and pair up with other members. No draw, but a great way to meet other members especially if you are new to the club.

There are still two more opportunities to qualify for the Gents Championship (and I need them both!) so don't forget they are on Saturday 29th June and Saturday 20th July. I seem to recall a previous Captain at this Club saying that your personal golfing standard falls during Captain's year and that seems to have come true for me. (Just another excuse – Ed.)

Gordon Melrose is doing a great job for me holding the fort at the seniors and the last two games have resulted in draws Lauder away on (20th May) and Duns away (20 June). Just put your name up on the match sheets on the notice board if you are eligible for senior golf.

The Captain's Prize Day was held on Saturday 22 June and there were 66 separate rounds played. I tried out a shotgun start with stableford format over 36 holes and I think the members enjoyed it – we were certainly blessed by good weather. Thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success.

The Captain's Prize Day Trophy was won by Neil MacVicar who had a marvellous 83 points over 36 holes. Neil also won the 1st handicap in the morning round (42 points). The Eddie

Jones Trophy for the over 55's was won by Colin Ovens (39 points). Colin Ovens also won the scratch prize for the 36-hole event with a cumulative score of 139.



Trophies to Colin Ovens and Neil MacVicar.....and those trousers!

Other winners included Michael Ovens - 1st scratch in the morning with a score of 70. Craig Gillan won 2nd handicap over the morning round with 41 points. Craig also took 2nd handicap over 36 holes with 78 points. Alan Smith won 1st scratch in the afternoon with a score of 72. The longest drive at the 8th was won by Clinton Rae. Closest to the line were Paul Crookshanks at 3rd and Simon Taylor at 7th. Nearest the Pin at the 1st was Les Bell, at the 2nd was Bryan Templeton and at the 4th was Russell Hunter. Closest in two shots at both the 5th and 6th was Nick Hares and at the 9th was Stephen Makepeace. The prize for the best dressed golfer went to Craig Gillan (see above) and the special prize was won by Bobby Reilly. If you would like to see more photos check out YouTube at the following link <https://youtu.be/Zo5qcDkVJ60>

Looking forward to July we have the Senior Open on Wednesday 3rd July and if you can help out in any way on the day please contact Anne our Secretary. Other highlights are the Dryburgh Cup, J&J Holmes Cup, Eildon Trophy, and the KOSB Mixed Foursomes so there is no excuse not to get out there before the nights really do start drawing in!

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