



## Captain's Notes

We signal the end of a glorious summer and usher in the autumnal weather, once again. Hopefully, this will not detract from playing and enjoying our lovely course. The closing competition, played in glorious, but cold conditions, followed by a bite to eat, proved to be a popular and enjoyable experience as well a fitting finale to the golfing season.

As you may have noticed, work has started on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, as part of our continuing course development programme, and this week sees the return to Aberdour of, renowned Course Architect, Howard Swan to oversee the work being carried out to keep our 'wee' course on the right path for the future. Murray Anthony will continue to supply information on the works progress to members with regular updates. Let's all hope for decent weather, not like last year's abysmal conditions!

The combination locks have now been fitted to both Ladies and Gents internal locker room doors, with the entry code to be circulated to all members in due course. Due to legislation and health and safety issues, work will soon commence to the emergency lighting system which, together with the recent additional increase in our Affiliation fee to Scottish Golf, will see more cash outgoings for the Club, an inevitable fact of life unfortunately.

I am proud of the condition of our Greens, especially for the time of year, and have received many positive and glowing comments, both from members and visitors alike. This year, the decision to core when we did, earlier in the season was, without doubt, the right choice. The proof is there for all to see. Well done to Mark and his Moles!

This time of year, also signals the change of route on the course and nobody will have failed to spot the new path that has been added, branching off from the existing 'cardiac brae' from the 4<sup>th</sup> green now leading up to the 11<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> winter route tee. What a difference!

Look out the thermals, mitts and hats and enjoy what Aberdour has to offer for the coming seasons. Enjoy!

Steve David  
Captain

# Annual Fees Reminder

For those members whose fees were due in October and who do not pay by direct debit, payment should now have been made.

Please ensure that you make payment as soon as possible.

Payment can be made in any number of ways:  
Cash or Debit/Credit Card  
Cheque made payable to Aberdour Golf Club  
BACS transfer to The Clydesdale Bank (82-66-01/90115529)

2019 Fixture cards and bag tag stickers will be available for collection from The Pro Shop, The Office or The Bar from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



## Lest We Forget

A lovely touch on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green this week in remembrance of the all the service men who lost their lives fighting for our country.

Well Done Mark

## Internal Doors to Locker Rooms

We have installed additional security to the locker rooms.



This is to protect the locker rooms if the front door is open which happens from time to time. For example, when we have functions with lots of non-members attending such as funerals, christenings or birthday parties. When we have a large visiting party or when it is very hot and we need cool air or when deliveries come through this door and it is left ajar.

## Ladies Christmas Lunch

All Ladies are welcome

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2 pm

2 courses for £15.95 or 3 courses for £18.95

Book at the Bar or  
contact Ann Matheson



## Governing Body Invites Golfers to Attend Second National Conference

Scottish Golf will set out its plans to rise to the challenges faced by golf clubs when it stages its second national conference at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) on Saturday 1 December.

Building on the key themes arising from the inaugural event last year, which identified technology, nomadic golfers, changing club culture and the recruitment of more women and young people as the most important areas for the governing body to focus its work on, Scottish Golf is once again inviting those with a passion for the game to come along. .

The free-to-attend Conference will be open to those involved in club, Area and County administration, PGA professionals, golf club members and non-members as well as other interested parties from within the game of golf in Scotland.

The event will feature presentations from the governing body's leadership team, outlining some of the key projects and plans developed over the past 12 months, with contributions from other industry experts. Delegates will have the opportunity to contribute, while representatives from across the country will take part in a Club Panel session to highlight good practice and innovative work.

### [Book Your Place – Register Today](#)

Andrew McKinlay, Chief Executive of Scottish Golf, said: “Having attended as an ordinary club member first time around, I am very much looking forward to leading this year's Conference, as we outline some of the solutions and plans we have been working on in response to the challenges identified last December.

“We've had a period of change since I came on board through the reshaping of our team, gaining insights from our clubs and identifying priority areas of work. The output from the conference gave us a clear mandate for our future plans and that has been our area of focus in recent months. Clubs continue to operate in a very challenging environment but there's been some good momentum building and some great work being done by clubs we are supporting.

“The Conference gives us a fantastic platform to showcase some of that work, discuss solutions and continue the debate among those with a passion for golf and a desire to make a difference at national and local level. I'm sure we'll have another great turnout and look forward to welcoming delegates to the Capital in December.

### [Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Venue & Travel Information](#)

Entry to the event is free-of-charge with complimentary refreshments and lunch provided to all delegates. The Conference will start at 10.30am and conclude at 2.00pm on Saturday 1 December. The Edinburgh International Conference Centre is located on Morrison Street in the west end of the city, just a short walk from Haymarket train and tram station.

***The closing date for registration is Monday 26 November at 5pm.***

***Tickets can be booked online via the Scottish Golf website and will be restricted to two per person***

## Scottish Golf Card goes Digital



Exclusive to members of Scottish Golf affiliated golf clubs, the Scottish Golf Membership Card adds value to your membership and enhances your enjoyment of playing golf in Scotland.

The digital Scottish Golf Membership Card is personalised with your name, club and Scottish Golf ID (CDH) number. This will help identify you as a member when you are at other clubs, whether playing a Club Open or playing as a visitor, and can be used to access a number of member benefits including:

- Preferential green fee rates at participating clubs and leading Championship golf courses.
- Exclusive competitions and special offers with our partners including GolfKings Travel.

### How to download your digital Scottish Golf Membership Card?

- Firstly, you need your 10 digit Scottish Golf ID (CDH) number. If you do not have this, please contact your Home Club.
- Register your Scottish Golf ID via the following link, all you need is your Scottish Golf ID – <https://www.scottishgolf.org/player-registration/>
- Login to the Members Clubhouse by clicking 'Login' button on the top right of our homepage – [scottishgolf.org](https://www.scottishgolf.org)
- Click 'Download Membership Card' and an email will be sent to your registered email address.
- Simply save the digital membership card to your smartphone (or computer) as an image

## Website work

The website is continually being improved and updated and it is largely down to the work of Jim Richardson. More recently he has been putting the Club's history on under the Home Banner. This has been a fairly big job and will provide members and visitors with the following pages - The Beginning, A Time Line, The War Years, Course Layouts, The Clubhouse, Club Trophies and Prominent Members. It's well worth a read.



## Christmas Hampers

We are looking for donations for the Christmas Hampers  
All proceeds will go to Alzheimer Scotland



## Update from Hamish Gorn - Stateside

I apologise for the lack of updates the last couple months! I thought I better give a recap of how the semester went.

We started our season off, down in Oklahoma. It was a very tough field but was what we needed to get ourselves in a competitive mind-set. I started with rounds of 71 (E) and 69 (-2) which put me in good position to make a move the following day. Unfortunately I finished with a 74 (+3) and ended up placing 12th for the tournament. As a team we finished 3rd at +2 and the winning team shot -28, so they were pretty tough to keep up with!

Our next stop was the one day shootout at Graceland University, Iowa (home to Caitlyn Jenner). Our team has won this tournament for the last 15 years so there was no pressure to keep the winning streak going. We took care of it again and added another win for the team. A disappointing round of 73 (+1) was only enough for a 3rd place finish, 4 shots behind my Czech teammate.

For our 3rd tournament we headed to Rivercut in Springfield, Missouri, one of my favourite courses to play in the "Show Me State". Round 1 got off to a good start, with me shooting 70 (-2) to sit in 1st place going into round 2. I'd like you to spare a thought for my Canadian teammate who was 4 under with 3 to play and ended up shooting a 4 over.... brutal stuff. The final round felt similar to Oklahoma as I went on to shoot a birdie free 75 (+3) to finish 1 shot behind the winner. That had to be the most boring/frustrating round of golf I have ever played.

My girlfriend came out to visit me for the MVC Invitational, our home tournament. This was a nice surprise and she proved to be my lucky charm. The day after she arrived I broke the course record. After starting the round with a bogey, I went on to play the last 17 holes 9 under par to shoot a 64 (-8). I only took a 2 shot lead into the final round but was still confident I could close it out. It was smooth sailing in round two as I was -2 thru 11, what could possibly go wrong? I made my first double bogey of the semester on the 12th and followed it up with another one the 13th. A birdie on 17 helped me scrape a 73 (+1) and I went on to successfully defend my title by 1 shot.

After a week of eating out, drinking and showing Rachel the American college lifestyle it was time to say goodbye and travel down to play our Conference Preview tournament at the Lake of the Ozark. If anyone ever comes out to the Midwest for a visit I recommend playing The Club at Porto Cima, it is a beautiful lake course that's in excellent condition. Only downside is that it's brutally hard, especially with a bit of breeze. I shot two rounds of 77 (+5) and that was enough for me to finish 5th place. We managed to hold off the rest of the conference teams to win our 4th title of the semester.

Our final tournament took place at Stonewolf, Illinois. This was the venue of my first ever college event, so it brought back some good memories! The weather back in 2015 was 30°C and this year it was a nice crisp 30°F, felt like being back home! I've obviously softened up since coming over here as I opened with a 79 (+7), I wish I could've blamed the weather but I was just playing rubbish. In the afternoon I managed to grind out a 73 (+1) which at least allowed me to bring a bit of confidence into the final round. Round 3 was a struggle as I couldn't get anything going, I finished with a 77 (+5). Having 2 triple bogeys and 3 doubles in a tournament is not good enough. On the upside, these scores were enough to help the team win our fifth tournament of the semester and made us the most successful team on campus.

A week or so after the season ended I got an email from Nick Faldo's brother inviting me to play in the Faldo Series Grand Final, as the person who qualified above me was unable to play. This was a nice bonus and has kept me motivated to practice and improve my game. I'll be heading off to UAE at the end of the month with high hopes to compete for the title.

# Match News

## WEST FIFE WINTER LEAGUE

Aberdour got off to a winning start in both the Scratch and Handicap tournaments with two decisive home victories.

Gary Cruickshank's Handicap side scored a 4-0 success against Lochore Meadows to begin their winter campaign, while the Scratch team recorded a 3.5-0.5 victory at the expense of their visitors from Thornton.

Next up for the Scratch team is another home tie, against Glenrothes, on 11<sup>th</sup> November, while the Handicap squad travel to Dunfermline the following week.

## GENTS OLIPHANT TROPHY

Robert Latimer won the Oliphant Trophy in a play-off against Mike Annandale after both men shot nett 64 in the original competition.

Robert managed to sign for the same score in the play-off for the all-winners silverware, while Mike signed for a nett 70.

## SENIOR MEDAL & MCGLYNN TROPHY

Alan Searle fired a tremendous nett 59 to win the final Senior Medal of the season in an event which also brought the season-long McGlynn Trophy eclectic competition to an end.

William Brown (nett 47) picked up the McGlynn Trophy, two shots clear of a four-man chasing pack which included Mike Izzi who was runner-up on countback.

## CLOSING COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the traditional end of season event on a bitterly cold Saturday morning at the end of October.

The team of Colin Gray, Steven Morton, Charlie Tierney and Ishbel Garbutt won with a score of 54.5, narrowly edging the 54.9 returned by Allan Maclean, Doug Trotter, Robert Latimer and Peter Brown.

## GENTS WINTER 4-BALL

The deadline for the MacRobert Thistle Cup group stage is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and many ties have already been played as competitors take advantage of the mild, autumnal weather and a golf course in superb condition.

The Paul Ramshaw Trophy (Senior Gents Winter 4-Ball) features larger groups and the deadline for those ties is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## The Annual Prize Giving

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 7 pm  
Cammy's Magic & Big Al's Big Quiz  
Snack Menu available

Come Along and Enjoy the Evening & Help the Winners  
Celebrate