



E-NEWS JANUARY 2019

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019, and may I, on behalf of Aberdour Golf Club and the Council, wish you all, a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The last event of the year, the Hogmanay Dinner, went very well, with superb Food on offer and great entertainment. Even I got up to dance and that is not easy!

One item that will not have escaped the notice of every golfer is the revamping of the R&A Rules, coming into effect on January 1st. The changes have been brought in primarily, to speed up play and simplify the existing set of Rules. To make life a bit easier, our Match Secretary has arranged a Rules night on Wednesday 23rd January at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Curry will be available at a modest cost following the Rules Presentation. Booking is optional for the food. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

I have noticed that despite the introduction of Winter Fairway Mats for all play, be it bounce games or matches, some players are still not using them. This is causing prominent damage to our Fairways. Please respect our lovely course. It is well worth the minor hardship involved. Thank You.

Once again have a great 2019

Steve David
Captain



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Rules Night | Wednesday 23 rd January – Optional Curry Available for £6.95 |
| Gents Dinner | Friday 15 th February - £30 (3 course meal with a renowned speaker) |
| Ladies Dinner | Friday 22 nd March – details to be confirmed |

Hanging Baskets 2019

The Hanging Baskets always look lovely at the Clubhouse in the summer but the watering on a daily basis of all 6/7 baskets is too much for the Office to do alone. Unless we have some volunteers to help we will have to do without them this coming year. If members could spare some time once a week to coincide with their golf day it would greatly help. Please let Jane Cuthill know if you can help on any day. We only need 7 members to give some time once a week and the more we have the less time it would take. The baskets are up between May and September.



Match News

RULES NIGHT

The club will host a Rules Night to explain the 2019 changes which have been introduced by the R&A. The event will take place on Wednesday 23rd January with a 7 pm start.

After an hour-long presentation on the rules, there will be a short rules quiz which will be accompanied by food for those who want to eat. Alan Matthew will be offering chicken curry for £6.95 per person with booking advised but not essential.

For those members who are coming along, please have a look at the latest Players Edition of the rulebook, copies of which are available from the clubhouse.

WEST FIFE WINTER LEAGUE

There was a double blow for the club's Scratch team in the past week with a league resignation costing the team points and then a heavy away defeat further denting chances of a semi-final place which seven days ago looked almost certain.

Thornton dropped out of the league last midweek and their results were expunged from the records, nullifying a convincing 3.5-0.5 Aberdour win on the opening day of the season.

To compound matters, the team then suffered a 3.5-0.5 defeat away to unbeaten Pitreavie which leaves the squad outside the top four qualification places for the first time this season.

The team now face a pivotal home tie against Dunnikier Park (27 Jan) before finishing the season at Kirkcaldy (10 Feb).

Gary Cruickshank and his Handicap team return to action next weekend (20 Jan) with a home fixture against Kinghorn, and then host Auchterderran two weeks later. Two wins would seal a third successive semi-final spot.



JUNIOR SPORTS/GAMES DAY

An indoor Junior Sports & Games afternoon took place at the end of December with all sorts of indoor fun including computer games, plays your cards right, rolling pennies, a putting competition, arts and crafts and finishing up with horse racing. The boys and girls had a great afternoon thanks to all the helpers who set up and oversaw the games. It was just what was needed before Christmas and to finish off the years coaching activities.

The junior section is growing from strength to strength and we really hope to have some more of the juniors securing handicaps this year and able to play in competitions, although the main emphasis, as always, is to have FUN.

New juniors often bring with them new members !

GENTS ANNUAL DINNER - FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

£30 pp (A menu is available from the Bar)

Speaker: Willie Hunter



Willie Hunter is currently one of the senior partners of the Edinburgh legal firm Gillespie Macandrew and is the partner in charge of their estate agency department which trades under his name Hunters.

Willie is married to the long suffering Avril and has three children 25, 23 and 18 stupid names - but it was his wife's idea.

Willie Hunter started speaking at dinners back in the days when the Dead Sea was only seriously ill and has had the pleasure of sharing top tables with the likes of Rory Bremner, Ronnie Corbett, Andy Cameron and Elaine C Smith from the world of show business and from the world of sport Bill McLaren, Ian

Robertson, Jack Charlton and Tommy Docherty amongst others. He has spoken at Burns Suppers and St Andrews Night functions as far afield as Amsterdam, Cairo and Abu Dhabi.

He has travelled all over the country in search of an audience that hasn't heard him speak before and will travel long distances for a free meal.

In his youth Willie played nearly 250 games for Watsonians alongside the Hastings sisters Gavin and Scott. No lesser an authority than Bill McLaren stated that Willie would have played for Scotland if he had been a much, much better player than he was!!

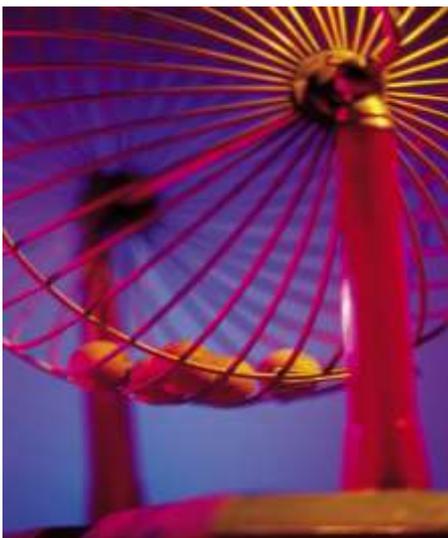
He has been a lifelong supporter of Hearts but has retained a sense of humour despite that. On Saturdays he can be found at Tynecastle Park where he is the resident MC in the main hospitality suite and takes great pride in the fact that he is one of the few people who actually gets paid for watching Hearts.



We need to bring new sponsors on board this year. This is an income stream which we definitely need to work harder on. If you think you can help us with this please let us know. We need a dedicated committee looking at this. If you know someone with a business who might like to advertise here at the Club then please mention it to them and let us know.

If you are a member with a business and would like to advertise come and speak to us. We can work with you to give you the coverage and the package you need at a price you are able to pay.

Currently we offer tee sponsorships, flag sponsorship, scorecard sponsorship, buggies sponsorship, member card sponsorship, entrance sign, and putting green and practice area sponsorships. New packages will be advertised in coming months and we hope to be able to offer various options from as little as £150 to £3000.



ABERDOUR GOLF CLUB 50/50 CLUB

Become a member

- £5 per month or £60 per year
- Drawn at the end of each month
- 1st 2nd and 3rd money prizes every month
- A 6 monthly bonus prize

50% of the monies go out on prizes and 50% of the monies are used by the Club to upgrade facilities for members.

LADIES SATURDAY ECLECTIC

The Ladies Eclectic is proving to be very popular with all the tee times used each week and often a waiting list! Undoubtedly the dry weather has helped and we also have a couple of newer ladies playing which has swollen the numbers. It's great to see them enjoying their golf. The Eclectic runs for another few weeks until the end of February so the competition is hotting up even if the weather isn't!