



Captains Update

We have had an exceptional summer which helped us to shake off the long winter blues and enable us to enjoy some real summer golf for a change.

Golf on the Hill

The Virginia Trophy was played at King James V1 and we were tanked 11-1, so hopefully next year we can up our game quite a bit, to win back the trophy which we have not had for about 4 years.

There has been good participation again in all the knockout competitions, Summer League and Saturday medals.

I was greatly impressed with all the participants in the Club Champs from Monday to Friday with some very close outcomes. The Finals were on a scorching hot day on 1st July. I even had my shorts on!

Congratulations to the following winners in the Club Championships:

Chris Barr - won **Gents Scratch** which was a close run thing with Malcolm Davidson making a great fightback to take the game to the 36th Hole.

Derryck Graham – Gents Handicap beating Gary Sherrit

Ken Scotland - Seniors Scratch beating Ian Wilson

Alastair Suttie – Seniors Handicap beating Rikki MacDonald

Carol Muir – Ladies Scratch beating Alison Stockley

Alison Stockley – Ladies Handicap beating Carol Muir

Stroke play Championship

Allan Fraser won with three great rounds 67, 63 and 76 (206). Brian Martin was runner up (215).

Graeme Sinclair won the Handicap Section (199) with Chris Warnes runner up.

The CHGC Open Winners

Scratch - Tony Sullivan with a 67, **Handicap** – Gary Miller, **Visitor** - Sandy Honeyman

Leagues

Caledonian League: Won 4 lost 5 and drawn 1; 11 Points after all games played.

Scratch League: Won 1 & lost 2 so did not reach QF's.

Bell Trophy: We beat Muckhart 3-2 then lost away to Blairgowrie 5-0 in the QF's.

Coronation Trophy: We lost 3.5 – 1.5 to Kinross at home.

Stroyan Trophy: Sean Davidson & Ethan Laing were 3rd playing at Bishopshire

Ochil League: We drew vs Kinross, Dollar & Dunning and lost vs Artisans, Crieff, Comrie, Murrayshall and Muckhart. We finished in 8th place.

Thanks to all those who represented the club in these Leagues

New ventures

Your Board has been working hard to offer new opportunities for members. **The Affinity Scheme** with GS Group is open to members who would like financial advice and guidance.

Professional Coaching: We were delighted to have the services of Ally Macdonald during the summer and this helped Gary Miller and I to be on the list of prize winners for the Craigie Hill Open.

Ally is also happy to provide clothing, with or without logos, and his catalogue is in the Bothy. Please take advantage of these new opportunities.

We are also very dependent on the goodwill of people like Alan Cargill and David Bonthron (Boney) who do a vast amount of work at no cost to the Club.

We are also grateful to volunteers who contribute to the club by helping at certain times to support the Green Keeping Staff.

The Course: The very dry summer saw the fairways looking very burnt but Stuart and his greens staff are to be commended for the condition of the greens which were up to the usual high standard for the Club Championship. The 16th tee was finally completed and has been used on a couple of occasions. It is hoped that it will be in full operation next year for Summer League medals as a Par 4 with the White tee remaining a Par 3.

There will also be an easier “blue” course as another option for members of the club to use for medal competitions.

Winter greens will be prepared in case there are inclement weather conditions which will affect the 4th, 6th and 16th greens. It is still the intention to use the normal greens for these holes unless the weather alters that decision. Members are asked to be patient with any frost delays – we must protect our course.

Clubhouse

We have a recently refurbished clubhouse and facilities which are available for hire for various events and parties. The Ladies Locker Room had been upgraded last year but was badly requiring decoration. Carol Muir and Shauna Conochie re-papered the ceiling and painted the locker room which is now looking in great condition. Their willingness to carry out this work is greatly appreciated.

There are bowling competitions on Monday evenings, as well as Yoga on Wednesday evenings.

The Bothy will be closed from Sunday 4th November and the clubhouse will be open on winter leagues days at 8.30am. Breakfast rolls and coffee will be available.

There is the great advantage of free parking near to the clubhouse and course and on the whole only five minutes drive from the city centre and surrounds.

Events

The Craigie Hill Music Festival for the 3rd year in a row was another success and once again the weather was excellent. The Rude Boys were the main act and had everyone up dancing in the car park. They were excellent, as were all the other supporting acts.

Kilmac was the main sponsor of this event to the tune of £20K and we are greatly indebted to Athole and his fellow Directors for supporting this event. Athole also managed to obtain other sponsors to support this event which gave us another welcome source of income. We appreciate the support from these Sponsors.

Fraser McDonald did a great shift behind the bar!

There are a number of events now, mainly on a Friday and a Saturday evenings and Pauline and her staff work hard to ensure they are a success and do their best to ensure people have a safe and enjoyable time.

These events help towards the financial stability of the club and the Board is continually trying to find ways to increase the income for the club so that fees may be kept as low as possible.

Finance: The Board has been trying to keep within a very strict budget this year and we are trying to maintain a stable financial position while having to service outstanding debts.

The **Superball** will replace the Lotto and will be another source of funds for the Club. A member chooses 2 numbers for £10 and is asked to pay this by Standing order through their Bank. A lump sum of £120 could be paid up front. There are three prizes each month £200, £100 and £50. The draw will take place about the middle of each month. The first draw will be **on 17 November** for those with Standing Orders set up in Oct (or paid in full). Please give this your support as it will help the financial position of the club.

The Board is also continuing to explore options which will ensure the continued existence of CHGC.

Fees

The Board did not increase the fees for 2017/18 and has decided that there will be a small increase on the fees for 2019/20 by the rate of inflation (3%). The SGL levy has been increased to £14.50 per member for 2019 and will be held till January 2022. The P&K County levy of £3.00 remains the same.

The Club is very dependent on the support of the members for many of its activities. Everyone always says that at Craigie Hill people will find a warm, friendly welcome and a course that is always in great condition.

It's the people that make any golf club and you are important. Your Board would appreciate your ongoing support for the club.

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Future Events:

Winter League is upon us again Visitors can play in this as well and they can use the facilities of the clubhouse for £100 which, if they choose to join, can be discounted from the fees for 2019.

Fireworks night is on **4 November** and tickets are available at the bar. This is usually a fun night for kids and adults so bring along your friends and their families. Tickets are on sale at the bar and on the night.

The Prize Giving is on **November 17** and the day will start with a Shotgun Texas scramble followed by food, Prize giving and the Scotland v South Africa rugby match.

Christmas and New Year is just round the corner and Pauline is organising Christmas lunches and the **Hogmanay party** so book your table.