



Club News - June 2017

A Warm welcome to and Hello from ...

Club Captain, Alex Glaister

Since becoming Captain, the last 6 weeks have been a settling in period for me and getting to grips with the different areas of the club. The successful changes that I spoke about in my speech continue to help Muckhart grow from strength to strength:

- Brian and his team in the Pro Shop are an asset to the club, they have brought an enthusiasm for the game to the club that has helped move us forward.
- Val & Iain in the catering area are also actively looking at ways to bring revenue into the club (more of this later in the newsletter).
- The Greens Committee continue to work closely with Colin and his team to ensure the courses are at their best.



We've had problems recruiting a replacement greenkeeper and our seasonal worker has suffered injury. This coupled with the unusual weather we experienced in April & May has meant that our greens staff have had trouble keeping on top of the work. Volunteers are still **very much** required to help them, however at the time of writing we are hopeful that a new green keeper will be starting with us shortly.

- Joyce our new Club Secretary has been with us for 3 weeks now and is settling in well. If you haven't already made yourself know to her then please pop into the office and say hello. Joyce brings with her a wealth of golfing knowledge in club management and substantial networking contacts. She has already put together some proposals that will drive MGC forward and we will be looking to put a lot of them into place soon.

However, all of this can only be successful if we as members continue to support Muckhart GC; recommend us to friends, family, work colleagues & acquaintances, like us on Facebook, share FB posts, follow us on Twitter, bring visitors to the club, try out Footgolf (the kids love it), support our events and Open competitions.

I hope the rest of the golfing season brings success and achievements for all. I look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.



Club Secretary, Joyce Burnett CMDip:

Joyce has over 20 years cross sector experience with roles ranging from a Procurement Officer within Scottish Airports to developing a new brand of Scottish Confectionery! Her experiences and transferable skills over the years are now being directed towards her passion for golf. In fact as we go to print, Joyce has just found out that she has passed recent exams and has achieved a Diploma in Golf Management. The programmes are supported by Club Managers

Association of Europe and Scottish Golf Limited. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

"Its all about work/life balance, I love my golf, I am a member at Crieff Golf Club, this is my 6th season playing the game and I play off 12 but determined to get down to single figures ... even just for a week!. I am keen to ensure that I can continue to play competitively whilst achieving success within my employed role."

Joyce recently worked as the Finance Officer at Kirkintilloch Golf Club, was Ladies Captain at St Fillans Golf Club, where she led the Promotions Committee and has been running her own company, assisting business start-ups and assisting small businesses & charities for five years.

"Muckhart Golf Club is in a transition period which is an exciting time to get involved, I intend to focus much of my time on income generation, marketing and process management, and to do this successfully, I will be engaging with members to ensure we are all striving towards common goals in keeping Muckhart Golf Club a club of excellence. I invite members to introduce themselves to me when in the Clubhouse but be patient as I try to remember all your names."

Course Rotation with effect from Monday 12 June:

From Naemoor / Cowden To Arndean / Cowden

Regular course updates from the Head Greenkeeper can be found on MGC website :-
Copy and paste the following link into your browser:

http://howdidido.blob.core.windows.net/clubsitespublic/file_1e955a03-ba7f-4e18-8408-4210ee429093.pdf

Date of Next Board Meeting

Monday 3 July : 18.00 hours : The Clubhouse



Hottest day of the year so far and some of our male golfers turn on the style!

Friday 26 May - A new trial format to challenge the gents on a beautiful evening

The format for this inaugural golf event was 16 gents play 4 x3 hole games on Cowden (holes 10, 11 & 18). It was very successful, fun yet competitive.....



And the winner was

John Linden!

Marc Foster was runner up.

Hopefully we can organise another event soon but we can't promise the next photo will be revealing as many 'legs'!

Some Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Sunday 18 June	Sunday Lunch	Members and Social Members
Saturday 1 July	Open Day	to attract new members
Sunday 23 July	Ladies Fun Day	Members and Member's Guests
Sunday 24 Sept	Captains Day	Members
October date t.b.c.	Race Night	Members, Social Member and Guests
November date t.b.c.	Murder Mystery	Members, Social Member and Guests



Pro Shop

With some great weather over the last few weeks hopefully many of you have been playing and enjoying your golf.



Now that we are well into the golf season, is your golf equipment in best possible shape Do some grips need renewed? Are struggling with your game and would benefit from a lesson? Have a chat with Brian and the team in the shop as they will be pleased to help.

Pro Shop Raffle

You can't help but notice the basket of golfing goodies on display as soon as you enter the shop. Someone will win this wonderful prize and it could be YOU. Tickets cost £5 for a strip of 5 numbers go on, go on, go on



Junior News

The Junior Coaching, which is held every Thursday afternoon, is going really well. We have been so lucky to have had glorious sunshine for the first 7 Thursdays!! This lovely weather really makes a huge difference as the children can maximise their time on the range and the course with our wonderful volunteer coaches and hopefully learn lots of new skills. The advanced players have recorded some

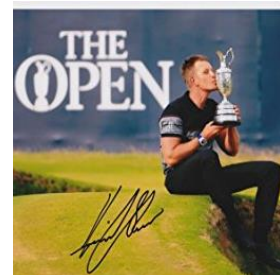
incredible scores and many of them have had handicap cuts already! Hopefully, this hard work by our juniors will continue to pay off.

It is fantastic to see so much improvement already in the skills of all our junior players.

Prize Draw to win Henrik Stenson signed Flag

Buy your raffle ticket at the Bar or Pro Shop.
£10 per ticket – all proceeds to the **Junior Section**.

Draw will take place on **Thursday 20 July**.





Lady Captain's Report

The 2017 Season for the Ladies Section started on Tuesday 4th April with a '9' hole Texas Scramble. Twenty eight ladies played golf, and this was followed by a Buffet Lunch, provided by our new Caterers, Val & Iain. After lunch, the ladies enjoyed an interesting talk from Gourlay Jenkins, from Tulliallan Golf Club, who makes her craft items using Scottish materials. Adele Hamilton, from Integro Image Consultants, brought along a rail of French Chic Garments and ladies spent time browsing, trying on, and purchasing a selection of clothing.

Locker Room. Over the last few Seasons, the Ladies Section has held various Fund Raising Events from Raffles, to Coffee Mornings with Bring & Buys & Fun Days. These events have allowed the Ladies Locker Room to have a well needed makeover, which included the lockers being painted inside & out, the wash hand basins replaced with a modern unit and the toilets repaired & replaced.

Competition Procedure. As the 2017 competition season got underway the Ladies were asked to change the 'signing in' procedure for competitions. This caused a bit of confusion to start with but has now settled down with the main difference remembering to sign in at the computer before you play.

Coaching. Once again we were successful in securing a £250 grant from Clackmannanshire Sports Council. This grant was used to provide a series of lessons with our new Pro, Brian Leishman. In total over a 4 week period we were able to provide 4 coaching sessions on the practice ground and 4 sessions on the course. Each session included 4 ladies and spaces on each date were taken up very quickly. All the ladies who took part found the session very useful and many have now followed up with booking regular coaching sessions with Brian.

2017 OPEN WINNERS at Muckhart GC

Senior Open Ladies Greensomes (affectionately known as SLOG), age 50+, held on Thursday 18 May (Muckhart GC unless stated) :

Scratch : Val Purdie and Susan Ogg (Dunkeld & Birnam) Gross 80
Handicap : Linda Donegan & Janet Kotchie (Glenbervie) Nett 68.4



Left to right :
Linda, Val and Janet

Mixed Open Greensomes, held on Sunday 4 June :

Handicap :

1. L Baillie & W Robertson (Glenearn) Nett 68
2. L & A Sarariya (Edzell) Nett 68.6
3. S & R Bruce (Fairmont St Andrews) Nett 70.2

Scratch :

1. G Ping (Falkirk) & J Ping - 82



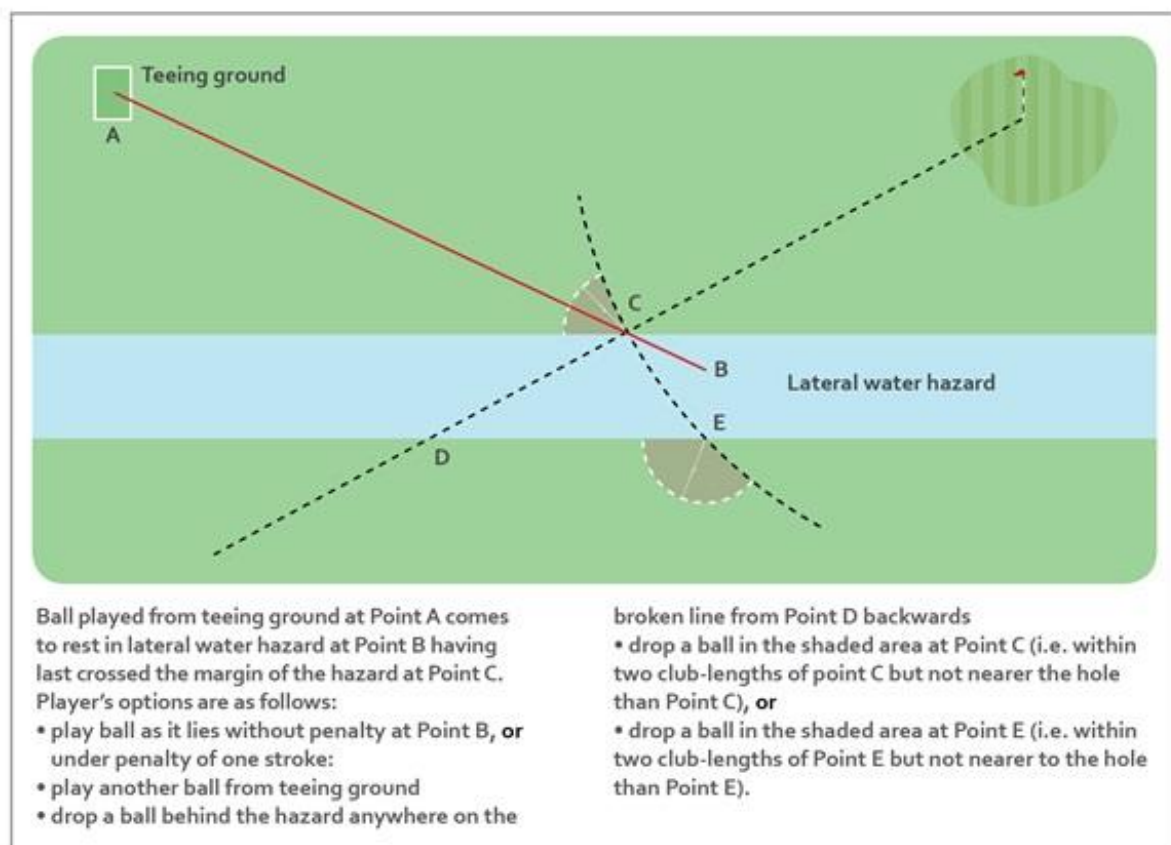
Reminder of Rule of Golf – Water Hazards

If your ball is in a water hazard (yellow stakes and/or lines) you may play the ball as it lies or, under penalty of one stroke:

- play a ball from where your last shot was played, or
- drop a ball any distance behind the water hazard keeping a straight line between the hole, the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard and the spot on which the ball is dropped.

If your ball is in a lateral water hazard (red stakes and/or lines), in addition to the options for a ball in a water hazard (see above), under penalty of one stroke, you may drop within two club-lengths of, and not nearer the hole than:

- the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, or
- a point on the opposite side of the hazard equidistant to the hole from the point where the ball last crossed the margin.





Muckhart GC – June & July Open Events



Sun 11th June	Gents Pairs - 4BBB (£20 pt)
Thurs 15th June	Veteran Gents 65+ (£12 pp)
Thurs 22nd June	Senior Gents 55+ (£12 pp)
Sun 2nd July	Ladies Triam (£24 pt)
Sun 9th July	Mixed Pairs Texas Scramble (Gents, Ladies, Mixed) (£20 pt)
Thurs 13th July	Junior (£5 pp)
Sun 16 th July	27 Hole Pairs Open (Gents, Ladies, Mixed) (£50 pt incl refreshments after each 9 holes)
Thurs 20th July	Senior Mixed Greensome (£14 pt)
Sat 29th July	Hooper Gents, 13-24 h'cap (£12pp)

Eilidh is 2017 P&KC County Champion



Two Muckhart players played each other in the P&KC Championships held recently at Auchterarder GC.

Eilidh Watson, the number 5 qualifier and winner of the Highland Open 2016, beat **Laura Walker** 3&2 in a very closely contested final.

Eilidh birdied the 3rd & 6th, had pars at 8 & 9 to go 4 up at the turn. Laura won the 10th with a par and then got a par on 12 to pull back to 2 down. Eilidh then birdied 15th and with a half on 16, Eilidh closed out the match.





Footgolf - an alternative offering at Muckhart GC :



COURSES

GROUP BOOKINGS

TOURNAMENTS

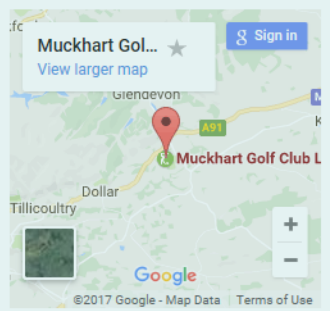
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**All players old and new welcome
Please read 'Making a Booking'
below and use the calendars to
do so
No football tops
Football boots are not
permitted
Customers must keep their
shirts on at all times**

18 Hole Course



**Adults
18 hole - £15
U16's
18 hole £8**



Free car parking



**Fridays - 12pm - 5pm
Sat & Sun - 9am - 4:30pm**



**Licensed Bar &
Restaurant**



Changing Rooms



**Size 5 footballs provided
Ball hire £2**



Free wifi

