

SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



Course to be Proud of

The Seascale Links is again demonstrating its resilience and ability to give our golfers pleasure throughout the year. Without a doubt our greens staff have given us greens which even in winter are true and pacey. We have a lot to look forward to as new manager Adam works closely with his staff to deliver a course to be really proud of. The guys have worked hard throughout the winter on their projects and the results are there for all to see in the remodelled 3rd Tee and Buggy path at the 16th, but they have also got on and done lots of the bunkers and essential maintenance needed to get the course in tip top condition ready for the start of the season. Well done guys we are proud of you.



Split level 3rd Tee – a really attractive feature.



New Buggy Path at 16th – reducing wear on the approach.



Willing hands sorting out the 9th.

Captain v Vice-captain Match 25th Mar.

Get your names down asap – looking for a good day. Harry & Tom

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Captain – Harry Paterson



Lady Captain – Joan Atkinson

We are both looking forward to a successful year on the golf course and in the Clubhouse and we are delighted to see so many new members and visitors enjoying what is in our minds the No 1

Club in Cumbria. Feedback from visitors has been great – and proof of the pudding is in our improved ranking in the Golf World this year. With Adam in post as Manager/Secretary there is a feeling of excitement about the direction our Club is taking. We have had some really good entertainment events and more to come throughout the year. This year both captains are working together to raise as much as they can for the Captains' chosen charity - Breast Cancer Care, while at the same time leaving lasting benefit to the Club. We hope that you will all help and support us in our endeavours – but most of all enjoy your golf and have a successful year.

Harry & Joan



At last week's Texas Scramble Shirley Temple did her bit raising over £225 for the Captains' Charity by selling the balls and tees that she collects on her walks around the golf course along with her Springer Spaniel 'Bella'.

Starter's Hut

The Starter's Hut will be fully up and running in time for the new season. A dedication plaque has been produced and a clock will be in place. We will find a suitable time to formally unveil the dedication in memory of Lady President

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Catherine Hobson. And well done Terry for organising all of this.



Kestrels ready for the Off

Seascale's Kestrels are preparing for another successful season. Our senior section do a sterling job as ambassadors for the Club welcoming the seniors from other Cumbrian clubs in their matches at Seascale and travelling away to represent our Club. It really isn't the winning – it's the taking part that most of the Kestrels really enjoy – and they are proud too of the welcome that they and the Club extend to our visitors, which helps cement Seascale's reputation. Their Tuesday matches are busy events providing a good income stream. The visiting players pay for their meal and are treated to drinks by their Seascale playing partners - and this is reciprocated by the other Clubs. Steve Palmer is the current organiser for the Kestrels and Alan Cliffe acts as Treasurer and administrator. Both are keen to see more members getting involved. So if you are 55 or over and fancy some regular social golf with a bit of an edge, please get in touch with them –they will be delighted to hear from you.

Competition Savvy

Competition season proper will soon be upon us, and it is worth pointing out some

do's and don'ts which help keep things running smoothly. You will have seen on TV how what might seem like trifling little infringements end up in penalties and disqualification for the world's best players. We all play to the same rules – and even local rules – so best not to get caught out. You will find the Seascale Rules for Competitions on the notice board and on the website (members area Club/Rules and Constitution/Rules for Competitions) – competitors should familiarise themselves with these. It is worth emphasising too that a lot of the rules and guidance involve the etiquette of the game which we all have to learn – it doesn't just come naturally.

Please Do...

Ensure your card is signed by player and marker. Penalty disqualification.

Record on the card the correct gross score at each hole. Penalty disqualification.

Ensure your correct handicap is recorded on the card. Penalty disqualification.

Put the card in the competition box. Penalty disqualification.

Enter your individual score via the PSI Touchscreen. Potential suspension from comps.

Please Don't...

Forget to tell your playing partner(s) and the Club if you withdraw from a booked tee time.

Change your booked tee time – stick to it unless you are clearly helping others get their game.

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Spring Spruce-up

In August we will be hosting the Northern Counties ‘Big Six’ Tournament between ironically six counties and an island. We want the course to be in tip top condition for this, but also for our members and visitors throughout the year. We are also seeking to put a bit of polish onto the Clubhouse and surrounds in a Spring Spruce-up. Some of this work may involve contracted effort, but there is a lot that we can do through voluntary effort. Adam and Vice-captain Tom are drawing up a list of essential works and are keen to hear from members who can give a bit of their time to help move things along. Please get in touch with Adam if you are willing and can help in any way.

Annette Trainor

We were all saddened to hear that Lady Past Captain Annette Trainor lost her fight against her long illness. She had kept going as long as she could at her beloved golf and never lost contact and the chance for a good crack with the Ladies when she wasn’t able to play. She and her family were selfless in thinking about how they could benefit others from

her transplant, raising over £1000 for the Freeman Hospital at the end of November. You will be missed Annette.

Are You Properly Covered?

With the increasing frequency of claims for injury and damage caused to members of the public and to other players, it is essential that golfers make sure that they are properly insured against such claims. At Seaside we took the decision two years ago to get some basic insurance in place for members and visitors who were cavalier enough to think that it won’t happen to them – and tough if it does. That insurance was meant to protect against injury claims, and damage to neighbouring property – but clearly will not cope with repeated claims for damage to cars in car parks where we already have signs disclaiming responsibility. So we will not register any claims through that policy for damage in our car parks or on the road adjoining the course. Please make sure that you are adequately insured.

Juniors Support

Life blood of the Club – that’s what we call our Juniors. It’s true that if we don’t encourage youngsters into the game then the downward spiral that golf in general has suffered these last few years can only continue. But it’s not just about the Juniors – it’s about the people who teach and mentor our kids to get into the game. John Roper has done a lot over many years as our Junior Organiser to foster our Juniors. He is now going to be very stretched supporting granddaughter Abby as she transitions into the highly competitive County Junior arena – so the Club now needs members to step up to

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the plate and help to keep our Junior section as a vital part of the Club. We need your support – please contact Adam if you feel willing and able to give this vital support.

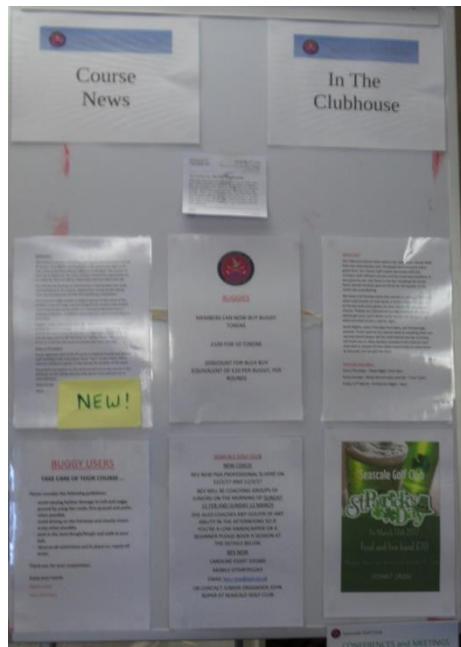
Well Done Kirsty & Co

Many will know that we have been particularly stretched as far as catering resources are concerned – equally, many will be delighted at the service that Kirsty and her staff are able to provide. We have had a particularly busy and successful series of events, sold out Steak Nights and increasingly popular Sunday Lunches. Kirsty has really worked her socks off and we are trying hard to get her the support that she – and we - need to maintain such a good track record.

Buggy Storage

Just about there... Our much heralded roofing of the Buggy Enclosure is about to be completed. This should allow all the present demand for buggy space to be catered for. It will also allow buggies presently housed in storage areas within and around the Clubhouse to be relocated – leaving precious storage space, allowing us to clear and utilise key areas within the Clubhouse. For this year only the discounted rate for buggies will apply. From next year the full rate will be £100 for two-seaters and £70 for single-seaters. Only buggies able to be stored in the buggy storage area will be allowed to be located at the Club.

Communications



New Manager Adam got off to a great start in communicating with members and the wider public. We are now switched on to social media with the Seascale Facebook (Seascale Golf Club) page attracting lots and lots of likes – and spreading the word about our excellent course and value for money facilities.

He has set up a ‘What’s New’ board in the foyer and regularly updates us on what is happening On the Course and In the Clubhouse. Current info on the Course includes - Work going on at the 9th and the risks and safety aspects of that – A reminder to buggy users to carry out their commitment to reduce damage by avoiding wet and soggy areas around greens and tees (2nd, 17th and 18th especially). In the Clubhouse he highlights the successful Elvis Night – the upcoming St Patrick’s Night – and the continuing popularity of Thursday Steak Nights and Sunday Lunches.

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Newsletters and the website are other important elements in communicating with our members. Another aspect is the availability of Council Minutes. For the last couple of years these have been made available on the website in draft form within days of the Council meeting (members area Club/Council Matters/Council Minutes), with the formally approved minutes posted in the display notice board in the foyer after the next meeting – and the older copies held in a folder under the Trophy Cabinet. The Council Minutes summarise also the work of the Management, Greens and House Committees.

Professional Coaching

Bev New the lady professional from Silloth has been making regular monthly visits to Seascale on Sundays, coaching groups of Juniors on the practice ground in the morning, and then in the afternoon any golfers wishing to improve their game or make a good beginning with proper tuition. Adam is working closely with Bev to ensure that indoor practice facilities are available in case of inclement weather. You can book sessions with Bev by calling 01697 331660 or mob 07549701243 or e:mail bev.new@aol.co.uk. Contact John Roper, Junior Organiser or Adam for any further information.

Country Membership

Definition on becoming a Country Member has been a bit elusive and prompted by the Competitions Committee Council has discussed and agreed the currently accepted conditions, which are:

- Open to Golfers who are members of another Golf Club, 20 miles or more away from Seascale G C. (previously outside of county boundary)
- Must be a full member of another affiliated golf club, which will be their home club for handicapping purposes.
- Applicants will need to demonstrate membership by providing a handicap certificate and CDH Number or a letter from the home club confirming their membership status each year.
- No restriction on playing days.
- Membership of this category does not entitle the member to vote at AGMs or stand for Council.
- Country Members are eligible to play in all competitions except Trophy events and Monthly Medals, provided they have a valid handicap certificate.

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New Members

It's great to see about 50 new and returning players taking up membership this year so far. Adam is working hard to make sure that he sorts any issues out, and we will be looking to hold a special night for new members in the early part of the season – and an interesting informal competition or competitions mixing new and established members. We are delighted to have the following new members:

Adam	Birchall
David	Birchall
Luke	Birchall
John	Birkett
Stephen	Brown
Robert	Carr
Ben	Cavaghan
Gary	Chandler
Amen	Chirongoma
Richard	Clarke
Garry	Close
Laurence	Connor
Michael	Gray
Steve	Haslem
Stephen	Hodgson
Richard	Huby
Andy	Irwin
John	Isherwood
Paul	Jenkinson
Eric	Jewitt
Ryan	Lightfoot
George	McCann
James	McClellan
James	McDonald
Brian	McKeown
Ian	McKnight
Mark (Lorton)	Moore
Sean	Moran
Adrian	Pilcher
Sally	Pilcher

Steve	Pritt
Barry	Quayle
Jamie	Riley
Craig	Roberts
Kevin	Robertson
Shaun	Rooney
Declan	Stamper
Andrew	Tacey
Michael	Taylor
Graham	Telford
George	Tennick
William	Vernon
Paul	Warwick
Tony	Whalley
Victor	Williamson
Robert	Wood
Andrew	Woodburn
Daniel	Yetts
Stephen	Young



Tee Signs and Sponsorship

Good progress is being made on production of sponsored tee signs. They should be installed by the end of April. Visits are being made to local suppliers and companies and take-up has been good. If you know of any local companies that could be about to miss out on this popular initiative – tell them to get their skates on and contact Coastal Media 01235 206207.

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Entertainment

Members and a wider audience have been enjoying a full entertainments programme, with the James Bond Night, Burns Night and Elvis Night all being well patronised. St Patricks Night looks to be a sell-out also. In April we have Race Night and we are in the planning stages for some other interesting events. The programme so far includes:

09-Dec	Dinner Dance - James Bond Night
19-Dec	Children's Christmas Party
24-Dec	Carols @ The Clubhouse
26-Dec	Captain's Drive in
21-Jan	Seascale's Got Talent 1
28-Jan	Burns Night
17-Feb	Valentines Elvis Night
17-Mar	St Patrick's Night
22-Apr	Race Night
05-May	Friday Music and Supper - Avalon
May	Dicky Dippinson returns?
26-May	Coffee Morning/Golf Taster
23-Jun	Friday Music and Supper
15-Jul	Midsummer Madness
Jul	Friday Music and Supper
Aug	Friday Music and Supper
Sep	Friday Music and Supper
Oct	Casino Night
Nov	Friday Music and Supper
Dec	Friday Music and Supper
Dec	Dinner Dance - Themed Night



Place your bets at Bond Night



Burns Night - Tam O'Shanter and Meg

