

# SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER Autumn 2019



## *It's a long way to Seascale Golf Club*

### *It's a Long way to go!*

That lilt might have been in the air at the top of Wrynose as three hardy members strode out in their sponsored Midsummer Madness golfing escapade, with delighted motorists gladly making donations. Adam Lamb, Mark Moore and Steve Pritt accompanied by Tony Hart as the support man had played Windermere starting at 5.00am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, and were walking on to their overnight watering hole at the Woolpack in Eskdale. Come Saturday morning, they picked up their clubs and continued on their way taking in various hostleries arriving at Seascale for an afternoon round, aiming to finish at 5.00pm.

Definitely not to be outdone, Adam's wife Lisa and 20 plus participants took part in their sponsored walk from Seascale to St Bees Golf Club. There they were gratefully refreshed by the St Bees Club before wending their way back to Seascale Golf Club, shaking buckets and other containers, collecting all the way, and synchronising their arrival to coincide with that of the fell walkers.

This was a tremendous effort by both teams giving prominence to the Captains' worthy charities – Meningitis and Cystic Fibrosis and collecting close to £4000 in the process.

A fully booked three-person texas scramble was also held in the afternoon adding to the total, and a great BBQ was put on by Kirsty and Chris which was really appreciated by all who took



part and attended. All making for a very pleasant sort of midsummer madness.



**Lisa's Team arrives at the 18th.**



**Mark takes donations on top of Wrynose.**



**After 2 days and lots of miles .....**

## **Juniors Activities at Seascale**



The HSBC Golf Hour in connection with The Open Golf Championship saw 32 people turn up for a Junior/Adult Texas Scramble.



In June Copeland schools descended on Seascale for a Tri Golf Day with over 300 pupils and teachers attending.

Bev also ran several Summer Camps giving our Juniors every opportunity to advance their skills.

## **On the Green side**

The greens came through the dry spell in remarkable condition. The team worked tirelessly to present the course in testing conditions. The heatwave of 2018 combined with another dry start to this season has had a detrimental effect on the fairways. The plan is to hollow core, over seed and feed the affected areas in September. This will mean we will revert to preferred lies from September 9th onwards while the work is carried out. Overall the course has been fair, tremendously tidy and a great test of golf to boot. Thanks to the green keeping team for their efforts. It is extremely satisfying to have competitors in

our major opens, who have been coming for years from all parts of the country, telling us that that the course, the greens and our hospitality are the best they have ever been.



## **Blue skies and best of Greens**

## **All Signed Up**

Our Tee Signs have now been upgraded by Coastal Media and now carry the correct yardages for all the tees, tying in with our score cards. In their exercise to update the sponsors, we now have all the holes sponsored – with several new sponsors. They have also replaced our Seascale Golf Club entrance sign.

## **Another Successful Golf Week**

The 2019 Golf Week was again a great success even although we decided to cancel the Monday and Tuesday events due to lack of numbers. The weather from Wednesday to Friday was great – Saturday suffered from depressing late afternoon rain – and we were very lucky to get everyone round dry on Sunday. The Club Medal on the Wednesday was won by Jonathan Lymer (4)65.

Thursday's Texas Scramble was exciting to the end with Floyd Hewitson, Carl Pettigrew, Nick Sharpe and Tony Rushforth on 53.88 winning right up until the last group of Rob Blythe, Mikki Benn, Jo Blythe and Karen Eddy came in with an

astounding score of 50.88. Both groups played some miraculous golf. Once again the Kennedy Cup mixed 4Ball Better Ball proved to be a popular event compared with previous years. Scoring was once again well into the 40's and this year's winners realised their dream of winning the competition as grandad and granddaughter John (10) and Abby Roper (3) with 46 points just pipped Floyd Hewitson (3) and Joan Atkinson (14) on 45 points.



### **Proud Kennedy Cup Winners 2019**

There was a full field on Saturday and Sunday for the Individual Stableford and the 4 Ball Better Ball. Nine out of the 10 prizes on the Saturday went to visiting players – all of whom were glowing in their praise for the course. But the winner who held the lead from the start was David Jenkinson (12) from Seascale on 40 points with a better back nine from Paul Hoodless (21) from Silloth. Out of the 80 pairs playing on Sunday the Silloth pairing of David Bell (14) and Gary Scott (7) won out with 45 points from Seascale's Colin McEwan (15) and Colin Scully (11) from Lenzie on 44, with a mix of Seascale and visiting players taking the other places.

Kirsty, Chris and all their staff worked their socks off to look after all the players who to a man – and woman - commented on the service and hospitality shown by all at Seascale, and all promised that they would be back next year.

### **Gin and Vodka Festival.**

There was another busy day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July with Seascale's Gin and Vodka Festival. The Club was full all day as Coco had chosen this as the day for Macca's Cup, and a group of visitors who have been coming to Seascale for nearly 30 years (The Knights of Olde Seascale) held their 3-day golfing tournament. In the evening the 'Roosters' took to the stage providing entertainment until around midnight.

Macca's Cup has been organised by Glyn Williams (Coco) as an annual commemoration for his close friend and Seascale character Ian (Macca) MacDonald who passed away far too early about 12 years ago. The proceeds from the day are given to the Club Captain as a contribution to his charity – and this year had another great response. Well done to all who took part.

### **Driving Bays Go-ahead**



### **Example of type of facility envisaged.**

Following formal approval from Copeland Planning Authorities we can now proceed to provide Covered Driving Bays on the Practice Ground. With a bit of luck we may be able to get the facility in place before the end of the year, but if not it will hopefully be complete by the start of the new season. We aim to incorporate a teaching room which should be able to accommodate sky track or other golf simulators at some time in the future.

## Club Champion



### Club Champion 2019 – Craig Morrow.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July was another Big Day, with two rounds on the Blue Course to decide the 2019 Club Champion. Fifty-four members competed in fine conditions and in a close fought final round, Craig Morrow (0) emerged as this year's Champion with rounds of 71+71 =142. Only one behind, Richard Mewse (-1) was Runner-Up with rounds of 72+71=143.

Fifteen year old Lewis Baker (9) became the Nett Champion with two excellent rounds of 66+69 = 135 and saw his handicap plummet to 6. The nett Runner-Up was Jonathon Lymer (6) with 71+67 = 138. Lewis has progressed even further, making this a very special year for the 15-yearold who started the season at 19 and now has his Category 1 handicap of 5 managed by the County.



..a hearty well done Lewis from all at Seascale.

## Snippets from Council

The first three quarters of the year has seen us maintain a good financial performance, with income up largely due to good results from bar and catering, showing net income up by nearly 20% on the previous year. Membership is slightly down on the 2018 figure.

House Meeting agreed that the foyer would be painted after the ground floor toilet refurbishment due for completion before the start of next season. Ken Banks is about to embark on Trolley Store refurbishment. Help from any other members would be gratefully received.

Water demand - An additional source of water was identified around the 16<sup>th</sup> water tank which could see a considerable volume of water diverted to irrigation supply that will considerably reduce our water bills. Work successfully undertaken by Robert Temple, Calder Fenwick and others proving that this windfall source should be capable of keeping up with our demands.

Insurance – England Golf initiative. Members have been advised about the availability of Personal Liability Insurance via England Golf. It was agreed that the Club would continue to arrange blanket insurance for members and visitors, but for peace of mind members should ensure that they themselves are adequately covered in view of today's 'claims culture.'

Adam has communicated to members about several etiquette issues. Council were particularly concerned that too many golfers were ignoring instructions not to take buggies and trolleys onto teeing areas. Only golfers medically impaired are allowed dispensation. Another concern is golfers picking balls off the practice ground – to avoid paying for a bucket of balls – and some were even taking these balls for use on the course. This should stop. Members who ignore these issues could be subject to disciplinary action.

## News from Competitions

**Mixed tee competitions** - of the first 9 comps played this year:

Winners: Blue course: 16 White course: 47  
Yellow course: 20

Players: Blue course: 160 White course: 579  
Yellow course: 192

The Competition Standard Scratch scores seem to be in line with the normal white tee competitions.

**All competitions:** This year so far we are averaging 105 members playing club competitions – with a high of 137. The booking system seems to be working OK, although we have had the odd complaint.

**Handicaps:** It looks like the World Handicap System could be brought in for us around November 2020. Handicaps will reflect the best 8 rounds from the most recent 20 – and for less frequent players not just from the last year. You can learn more about the World Handicap System from the following link <https://www.randa.org/en/worldhandicapsystem/highlights>.

The software and equipment for managing the new handicap system is still in development – but it seems clear that handicap committees will not be able to cope in the same way – and we will all have to rely on the computer getting it right! We will be continuing to carry out handicap reviews during the season, and this will also help when we change over to the new system.

**Club Championship** played over one day 36 holes. Council agreed to a maximum number of entries of 60. If we go over 60 ballot out in handicap order. Monitor next year and consider a cut to 50% of field in second round if this becomes necessary in future.

**Mixed tee competitions** to take this to the next stage we will press County to reassess Red Tees for gents as soon as they are able to do so (they had been advised to go slow on this in view of other imminent changes).

**Currently Seniors competition qualifying age is 55** as at 1st of January. Council agreed to change this for Sesacale competitions to Seniors age 55 or over on the day of the competition.

**World Handicap System.** Council agreed to retain the current limits on competitions until it is clear how the System is working and being applied in other Clubs.

*Major Trophy Comps: Open to Cat 1 to 4 (Max 28)*

*Knockout Comps: Open to Cat 1 to 6 (Max 54)*

*Wednesday Comps: Open to Cat 1 to 5 (Max 36)*

*Sunday Medals / Stablefords: Open to Cat 1 to 5 (Max 36)*

*Monthly Medal Comps: Open to Cat 1 to 4 (Max 28)*

*Team Comps: Open to Cat 1 to 5 (Max 36)*

*Members with handicaps outside the above categories may enter but are restricted to the maximum handicap.*

**Winter handicaps.** Although we could try to move to qualifying competitions throughout the year, Council felt that this might result in inflexible situations as far as maintenance and conditions were concerned, and agreed to continue with the current winter handicap arrangements.

## New Members

We have welcomed the following members to Seascale Golf Club since our last Newsletter in April:

<i>Lillian</i>	<i>Bowers</i>	<i>Reece</i>	<i>McCrory</i>
<i>Kayla</i>	<i>Dickinson</i>	<i>Colin</i>	<i>McFadden</i>
<i>Teegan</i>	<i>Dickinson</i>	<i>Harry</i>	<i>Messenger</i>
<i>Magnus</i>	<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Murphy</i>
<i>Adrian</i>	<i>Eve</i>	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Ian</i>	<i>Graham</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Nelson</i>
<i>Jamie</i>	<i>Halliwell</i>	<i>Bradley</i>	<i>Quayle</i>
<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Hassall</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Raynor</i>
<i>Ben</i>	<i>Jaques</i>	<i>Jane</i>	<i>Reeves</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Kelly</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Sloan</i>
<i>Theo</i>	<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Flynn</i>	<i>Temple</i>
<i>Ann</i>	<i>Kevern</i>	<i>Rory</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Paddy</i>	<i>Keys</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Whitam</i>
<i>Emily</i>	<i>Mackay</i>		

## Lotto Members Required



The flyer features a background of colorful lottery balls with numbers. In the center is the Seascale Golf Club logo, which is a circular emblem with a white border. Inside the circle, there is a purple background with a white bird in flight, two crossed golf clubs, and the text 'SEASCALE GOLF CLUB' at the top and 'FOUNDED 1893' at the bottom. Below the logo, the text reads 'Seascale Golf Club Lotto '100 Club''. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a small paragraph of text and the name 'Christine Graham, Chairman SGC'.

Council would like to encourage members and friends to participate in the Club Lottery or '100 Club'. Since its introduction it has given the club the wherewithal to improve our facilities to the benefit of all members, for example widescreen TV, Satellite TV as well as supporting refurbishment activity etc. We never quite reached the 100 members target, but we are hopeful that we can achieve that and more. The funds produced by the Lottery give us a ready pot to be ploughed back into the Clubhouse. Since it started in November 2011 we have realised nearly £13,500 for Club projects and paid out an equivalent amount to prize winners. Please get involved in this worthy venture – let's lift the numbers up to 100 – it's all to your benefit. In 2019/20 the Lotto will fund major improvements to the ground-floor toilets as a special project. £5 a month (£60 for the year) is all it takes to participate. You can choose to pay in cash or by cheque, but a more effective way is by standing order – that way you will always be – 'in it to win it'. Please use the appropriate form overleaf to kick-start your membership.  
*Christine Graham, Chairman SGC*

If you have not already joined our Lotto '100 Club' – can we please encourage you to do so. Flyers are available at the Bar and all you need to do is fill one in to be in it – to win it.

## Could This Be You?

Management, Council and your fellow members are becoming increasingly concerned about some general etiquette issues around the course.

Please ensure you are -

- Raking bunkers correctly after playing your shot
- Repairing each pitch mark made on the greens
- Taking time to replace divots after your approach shots
- Keeping all buggies and trolleys well away from the putting surfaces and tees
- Avoiding slow play at all times

## Website Problem Apology

We must apologise to those members who were unable to access our website during July. Club Systems International who supply the website replaced their server on 1<sup>st</sup> July and our domain supplier had to match the relevant internet addresses. Both thought that it had all been done – but by mid-July we were still having reports of members (possibly as many as 10%) unable to access the site. After a further frustrating two weeks for CSI and ourselves we finally had a solution – and we believe all is now normal – unless someone tells us otherwise.



The flyer has a red background. At the top, the text 'WEATHERED ROCK' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'PLAY SEASCALE GOLF CLUB' is written in the same style. In the center, there is a photograph of a rock band performing on a stage. The band consists of three members: a guitarist on the left playing a blue electric guitar, a drummer in the middle, and another guitarist on the right playing a red electric guitar. The stage is lit with blue and red lights. At the bottom of the flyer, the text 'SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT' is written in bold black letters, followed by 'START UP' and '9.00 PM' in the same style.

**WEATHERED ROCK**  
**PLAY SEASCALE GOLF CLUB**

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