

COLVILLE PARK GOLF CLUB

Newsletter

Issue 2 - Season 2008 – July

Captain's Message

Well the season is well underway. Unfortunately the course has not been presented exactly how we would have liked; some of this has been due to circumstances beyond our direct control. The weather has also hindered the green staff in their duties.

As you are all aware since the last newsletter Jim Stark resigned. He has since been replaced by Sam Cairns who we welcome to Colville Park. Sam plays on the Tartan Tour and is looking to improve his position. Sam is very approachable and I am sure he will at least try to supply all your golfing equipment at reasonable prices, at least give him a try.

I mentioned in my last message about pitch marks on greens this has obviously fallen on deaf ears, I have had numerous comments about pitch marks, please repair them when you see them on a green, **even if it is not yours.**

Our Junior Committee are finding it increasingly difficult to get the younger members to play in competitions and I would ask if you know of any junior member who is not turning up for competitions to encourage them to do so.

I would at this time thank John Irvine for his services on the executive; John has had to resign for personal reasons. This of course created a vacancy on the executive. We placed a notice in the locker room looking for nominations or volunteers and I would welcome Ian Orr who has been co-opted for the remainder of this year, Ian will assist the junior committee.

Alex Stronach as course ranger is doing a tremendous job and the number of defaulters has fallen dramatically over the years can I remind all members that they should follow the instructions in their membership diary especially when the shop is closed, this may save an embarrassing situation arising on the course when approached. Enjoy the second half of the season and I look forward to seeing you at our Presentation Dance in November.

Sam Barnard

Sam, one of our oldest members has had an unfortunate accident and broke his hip on a recent visit to Troon. Thankfully he has already been operated on and the operation has gone well. Sam tells us that he now has at last something in common with Tiger Woods; i.e. he does not expect to play again this year. His only regret is that he was in the process of trying to break his playing record of playing golf on 330 days in one year. On behalf of all the members we wish Sam a speedy recovery and hope to see him once again walking the Fairways of CPGC and enjoying his golf.

Greens

Due to faults and a recent accident which involved an outside contractor and our watering system, the green-staff have not been able to top dress or fertilise the greens, which has put them a month behind in their yearly plan.

Kenny Mackie one of our Green-keeping staff has now left us to start his own business, we wish him well. We would like to welcome Jamie Lamb who has joined our green-keeping staff as a replacement for Kenny. Jamie has worked as a Green-keeper at Gleneagles, Carnwath and Biggar Golf Clubs before joining us at Colville Park. Jamie should be a big asset to our Green-keeping Staff and we hope he enjoys his time with us at CPGC.

Administration/ Golf Secretary

Once again could we remind all members that any changes of address should be notified immediately to Les Innes the Golf Club Secretary as well as to the Social Club Secretary.

Social

The Brogan Trophy takes place on Saturday 5th July 2008 with the first class at CPGC and the second class at Wishaw GC. The Prize-Giving will take place in the Baillie Lounge at CPGC around 9:00pm. **Would all CPGC Prize-Winners please try and attend the Prize-Giving.**

The Club Championship and Youth Championship both take place this year on Saturday 16th August 2008 and the winners of both Championships will be presented with their trophies at the end of play, normally around 6:30pm. As in previous years there will be a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and buffet to help celebrate the occasion. The buffet will be served around 7:00pm, once again we would ask members to come along and support these Championships.

Golf Professional

As the Captain has mentioned in this Newsletter we now have a new Golf Professional at CPGC. Sam Cairns has taken over from Jim Stark and we wish Sam all the best in his new post. We would ask all members to support Sam be it getting golf lessons, buying new golf equipment, having golf clubs repaired or buying golf accessories from his shop.

Match & Handicap

Two competitions have been cancelled due to flooding the Spring Meeting and the West Cup Rd 2

The Trophy winners so far this season have been:-

West Cup - I Anderson

Skelly Cup - C Milburn

Wilson Shield - D Hurrell

Handicap Champion - K McAtamney

Jerviston Trophy - M McShane

Captains Prize - B Watson

The Gents Team need one (1) more win from last two (2) matches to remain in Division 2

Juniors

A total of 54 boys took part in this year's CPGC Boys Open, with 22 from CPGC. The winner was R. Boyle from Bathgate GC and the runner-up was I. Anderson from CPGC who also finished 2nd in the 1st Class. Winner of the Handicap Trophy was J. Hamilton of CPGC. Other CPGC winners were N. Welsh 3rd in the 1st Class and D. Morton 3rd in the 3rd Class.

The CPGC Boys Championship this year and winner of the Wilson Cup is Ian Anderson and the runner-up was Ryan Cogan.

The Boys Team have had a mixed season with 2 wins, 1 draw and 3 lost matches.

Attendance at Boys Competitions this year has been poor. Could we please therefore ask Parents & Grandparents who are members and have boys at CPGC to encourage them to attend the Competitions organised by the Junior Committee.