

GEORGE HERIOTS FP GOLF CLUB AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2019



Summer Outing to Muirfield and Gullane

Our Summer Outing to **Muirfield and Gullane** took place on Thursday **18**th **July**. 17 members and 9 guests played at Muirfield where Graeme Hunt(5) with a 79 won the scratch competition for the Morrison Quaich from Colin Dempster(5) with an 81. Graeme also won the Linton Medal with a stableford points score of 34. The best guest's score was by Tony Curle(5) with 33 stableford points.

The alternative competition on Gullane No3. for the Ronnie Middleton Trophy saw 9 members competing. Archie Ballantyne(21) was this years winner with 39 stableford points.

Shot of the day was Archie Ballantyne at the 15th on Number 3 where he scored 2, using his putter twice!

After the golf a meal was served in the Old Club House in Gullane.

Next year's Summer outing to Muirfield has been booked for Thursday 23rd July 2020.

Autumn Outing to Strathmore

This year's Autumn outing, on Sunday 1st September, sees the club breaking new ground by going to **Strathmore Golf Centre** in Perth and Kinross. Strathmore is a relatively flat parkland course with forgiving fairways and testing greens and has been chosen as a course that is suitable for all our members, regardless of their handicap.

Due to the success of playing one round at our Spring outing we are repeating the practise and playing only one round of **18 hole Strokeplay** at Strathmore. The first tee has been booked from **13:30**.

We have organised for **tea/coffee and bacon rolls** to be served prior to the golf from **12:15** and a **two course dinner** to be served on completion of our round at approximately **18:15**.

All inclusive costs for golf and catering are £46, with under 23's being charged at (£31). Consult your diaries and if you can make it along we would be glad to see you, especially some of our newer members. For those intending to play please enter and pay through the club's website (via the "Members Zone" then "Manage Your Events" then "Outings" and then select the appropriate Outing).

The closing date for this outing is 25th August.

Winter Greensomes

Once again it is time to enter our popular winter greensomes competition where we pair links course members with non-links course members, allowing competitive golf to be played over the winter on links turf. You don't need to have a partner, as all pairings are drawn out of a hat. The draw will take place towards the end of September allowing matches to commence by the first week in October.

The idea of the competition is that initially one game per month is played in a round robin format, from October to January, producing 4 teams to go forward to the semi finals and final to be played in February and March weather permitting. Entries for this year's competition are now due at a cost of £5.00 per player. For those intending playing please enter and pay through the club's website website (via the "Members Zone" then "Manage Your Events" then "Knockouts" and then select Winter Greensomes).

The closing date for entering the Winter Greensomes is 21st September.

Match Update

Two matches have been played since the last newsletter. We suffered a loss of **1v4** in the return leg against **Braids Utd** at the Braids, **losing overall by 3v7**. We achieved our first win of the season playing **Watsonians** at their home venue of Mortonhall by **3v2**.

We still have three matches to be played, v Stewart's Melville on Friday 23rd August (Team has been picked), v York GC at Dunbar on Friday 15th September and finally v Caermount at Gullane on Sunday 13th October. As teams have not been selected yet for the later two matches there are still opportunities for you to be chosen to play, so please indicate your availability on the club's website (via the "Members Zone" then "Manage Your Events" then "Matches" and then select these matches to let us know your availability, even if it is a negative response it helps to know who not to chase up).

Competition & Tournament Update

Sivewright Quaich

Our **Heriot's A** Team has progressed to the **Quarter Final** stage where they will play Buckstone B. Unfortunately they will not be joined by our **Heriot's B** team who **lost** to BBT in the 1st round.

Lothians Handicap Matchplay

Scott McIntosh progressed to the third round where he went out to Robert Byers.

Edinburgh Trophy

The **Edinburgh Trophy** will take place at **Prestonfield** on **Sunday 18th August** from **13:30**. We are short of 2 players for this team and if you are available please contact Graham Boon or Scott Dickson direct

Edinburgh Trophy Under <35's

The under 35's Edinburgh Trophy will also take place at Prestonfield on Sunday 18th August from 13:00 and again we are 2 players short, so please contact Graham or Scott if you are available.

Queen Elizabeth

The 66th playing of the **Queen Elizabeth** competition will take place at **Royal Burgess** between Saturday **28th and Monday 30th September**.

Grafton Morrish

Our team, having won the competition in 2018 have qualified automatically for the finals that take place at **Old Hunstanton** between **Friday 4**th **and Sunday 6**th **October**.

Annual Dinner

The club's Annual Dinner and Prize Giving will be held at Goldenacre on **Friday 11th October** 7:00pm for 7:30pm where Willie Young (Scottish Football Referee) will be our main speaker. We are looking for a full house this year so if you are a regular dinner goer, someone who attends occasionally, or someone who's not been before, please make a special effort to come along and enjoy an evening in the company of your fellow golfers. We invite you to bring along guests to the dinner and if you can bring along 9 or more (members or guests) you can avail yourself of the discounted rate of £36 per person. The dinner is a jacket and black tie event.

Ticket prices for this year's dinner are £40 per person and £360 for a table of 10. If you intend attending please indicate on the club's website (via the "Members Zone" then "Manage Your Events" and then select Annual Dinner). If you are intending bringing guests it is important that you supply their names as we need to prepare seating plans and place names prior to the event.