



## GEORGE HERIOTS FP GOLF CLUB AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021



With the Club's 2021 golf season moving along at pace, here we are with the Autumn Newsletter. In addition to detailing results from the re-scheduled Spring outing to Kilmarnock Barassie, and the club matches played so far, the newsletter also covers entry to our Autumn Outing to Alyth on Sunday 12 September and Winter Greensomes. We have also decided, with the relaxation of Covid -19 hospitality regulations, to proceed with this year's Annual Dinner at Goldenacre on Friday 8 October. This will be a fantastic opportunity for members to catch up after the unprecedented disruption of Covid, and we would encourage you to sign up now through the Clubs web site.

### Spring Outing to Kilmarnock Barassie

The rescheduled Spring outing was a great success, with 23 members in attendance. The course was in excellent condition and the general comment was that we should add Kilmarnock Barassie to our Spring Outing rota. The competition winners on the day were:

Dave Campbell (0.5) with a 73/72 won both the Scratch medal and Ross Cup.

The nearest the hole prizes were won by Roddy Stevenson and Dave Campbell.

There were 8 qualifiers for both our A & B Championships resulting from their scores on the day namely, Dave Campbell, Steven Sinclair, Doug Imrie, Roddy Stevenson, John Liddel, Scott Dickson, John Archibald & Colin Dempster in the A and Edward Clack, Peter Hill, Grahame Clarke, Struan Robb, Jim Hanson, Iain Crichton, John Richardson and Graeme Boon in the B.

### Autumn Outing to Alyth Sunday 12 September



**A welcoming site of the Alyth clubhouse behind the 18<sup>th</sup> Green**

The club is returning to Alyth after a gap of 17 years to hold this year's Autumn Outing. Alyth has both a fantastic 18 hole heathland layout and a newer 9 hole course, both of which we will be playing. The former's original 9 holes were designed by the master Old Tom Morris of St Andrews with James Braid completing the extension in 1934 combining tree lined fairways with diverse rolling terrain.

The plan is to play the 9 hole Glenisla course in the morning, teeing off from 10:36 after we've all fortified ourselves with a tea or coffee and bacon roll. After replenishment of soup and sandwiches, we're teeing off on the 18 hole course from 14:12, finishing off the day with a well-earned 2 course dinner in the Alyth clubhouse.

In a similar fashion to the Spring Outing, we are subsidising the Alyth outing this year, making the price for our golf and catering an extremely attractive £50 per person, or £30 for under 25's. If you would like to join us, please enter via the club's website. With a limited number of tee times available please enter as soon as possible. Entries close on 5 September which is only three weeks away.



**A view of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> on the tree lined Alyth Course**

### **Competition Update**

The Summer Singles has progressed to the semi-final stage with Stephen Wallace vs John Archibald and Stewart Pilkington vs Stewart Barnes

The Summer Foursomes are one match away from their semi-finals with Andrew Cobb & Douglas Stewart vs either Ross Bradford & Neil Forrest or Gregor Macdonald & Kenny Milne and Fraser Smith & Craig Smith vs Dave Goodwin & Gordon McLeod

The two draws for the club's A & B Championships have been issued and are available to view on the Clubs Website.

### **Winter Greensomes 2021/22**

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 as soon as possible after that.

The competition is initially played between October and December in a round robin format, within groups of 3 or 4 pairs depending on the number of entries. Group winners and sometimes a best runner-up go forward to semi-finals and final played between January and March (weather permitting).

If you are a seasoned veteran or are new to the club or the competition, get your entry in for this year's tournament, at a cost of £5.00 per player. Entry is available as usual through the club's website (via the Members Zone then Manage Your Events and then by clicking on Knockouts) and must be made by the closing date of the 19 September.

### **Matches Update**

Our recent match versus Braids United unfortunately needed to be cancelled due to severe bad weather. Due to a packed fixture schedule it has been decided not to try and reschedule for later in the year.

The outcome of the Gullane leg will decide this year's winner.

Both Edinburgh Trophy competitions take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at Prestonfield followed by the Stewart's Melville match at the Royal Burgess on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Team Competitions & Tournament Update**

Steven Sinclair reached the semi-final of the Lothians Champion of Champions tournament however he narrowly lost to the eventual winner, Craig Johnston from Royal Musselburgh Golf Club. A great achievement by Steven and many congratulations to him for getting so far in the competition.

## **Annual Dinner**

In light of the relaxation of Covid-19 regulations implemented by the Scottish government on 9 August, we are going to proceed with this year's Annual Dinner and Prize Giving at Goldenacre on Friday 8 October at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. We will be adhering to any Scottish Government Covid-19 regulations that are in place at the time of the dinner, however we don't envisage any significant requirements that would detract from what has been in the past a great evening's entertainment.

As the prize giving will cover both 2020 & 2021 winners we are expecting a big attendance, 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 get your ticket early to enable you to come along and enjoy an evening in the company of your fellow golfers.

Ticket prices for this year's dinner have been held at £40 per person with the opportunity to buy a table of 10 for a discounted price of £360. The dinner is a jacket and black tie event.

Applications and payment via the club's website must be received by Sunday 19 September at the latest to allow for the seating plans to be finalised.

**Payment must be made through the clubs website to secure your booking.**