



## George Heriot's School FP Golf Club

### Spring Newsletter 2023

A very warm welcome to the 2023 golfing year. This newsletter includes details of our Spring outing to Lundin Links Golf Club, our Summer meeting, our Autumn Tour to Northumberland, entry details of our Summer Singles and Foursomes competitions and a request for your availability to play in annual matches against other kindred clubs.

#### Website

The web site has been designed to ease the burden we place on our Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary but more importantly to make entering outings and competitions, buying club merchandise, updating your personal details on the members database and stating your availability to play in club matches much easier. We hope you find it easy to use however, if you do happen to have any problems please contact John Archibald on 07860 458106 or at [johniarchibald@gmail.com](mailto:johniarchibald@gmail.com)

#### Outings & Tour

Our Spring outing has us returning to Lundin Links in April, while our Summer meeting will be to Muirfield & Gullane in July and then off to Northumberland for the Autumn Tour at the end of September.

The Spring and Summer outings and Autumn tour are now "open" to be booked on our web site at ([www.heriotspgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.heriotspgolfclub.co.uk)). To enter these outings please undertake the following steps:

1. Go to the club's web site, click on "Members Zone", enter your Username and Password and log in to your account. If you have forgotten one (or both) of your Username or Password, your Username is your name in lowercase, e.g. johnsmith and you can click on "reset password" to get a new one.
2. Under "User options" on the "Member's Zone" page you will see "Manage your events", click on the button and then click on the box named "Outings". You must then click on the "Add to basket" box for the purchase(s) you wish to make.
3. Entry to the outings requires payment of the appropriate fee. Once you have selected which outing options you wish to purchase either click on the small basket symbol on the right of the screen or scroll down and click "Review basket". This will bring up a summary of what is in your basket. Check that the items listed are what you wish to purchase and if correct click on "Checkout and Pay".
4. This will take you to the payment page where you will be asked for your payment card details as well as your postcode for security purposes. (If you would like, to save time in the future, you can click on the remember me button (to save you entering these details every time you pay).
5. Finally, you should click on "Pay" which will commence the process to accepting payment. You will get an immediate email receipt for your purchases.

#### Membership and Members Database

With the recent update of the Scottish Golf App regarding WHS handicaps, it is essential that all members update the club database with their current/revised handicap and update future changes as soon as possible when they occur.

Please take a moment to logon and check the "Manage your details" on the "Members Zone" page to ensure the information held (handicap, contact details and golf club membership) is correct.

The club's membership remains at a healthy level, but we are always looking for Former Pupils to join the club.

As per the 2017 AGM this invitation is extended to include all Former Pupils. If any member knows of any Former Pupils who would like to join please let one of the committee know so that we can send them an application and standing order mandate forms, alternatively the forms are available to download on the Club Website in the "About" page accessed from "Site Contents" listing on the "Member's Zone" page.

### **Spring Outing to Lundin Links**

Our Spring Outing this year takes us back into Fife to Lundin Links Golf Club on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We will play one round with the first tee-time booked for 11:32. As part of the package, tea or coffee and a bacon roll will be on offer in the clubhouse from 10:00 along with a 2-course meal after the golf.

The round, which will be played in fourballs, will count as the qualifying round for the Club A & B championships with 8 qualifiers in each section.

We have been able to negotiate an excellent package deal for the day of £75.00 for golf and food. As usual the club is subsidising members who are under 25 so that they pay £45.00 for the day.

If you wish to attend this outing please go to the Club website as per the above instructions, payment must be made via the web site before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We have limited spaces and anticipate a good turnout of members so please book your place as early as possible.

### **Summer Meeting to Muirfield/Gullane 3**

Our Summer meeting will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Muirfield/Gullane 3.



Muirfield is a world top 10 course, 16-time host of the Open Championship, and in 2022 host to the Women's Open Championship for the first time.

A further communication will be sent out shortly inviting members regarding booking.

## **Autumn Tour to Northumberland**

This year features our triennial tour being held Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

We have arranged a two-night stay involving three rounds of golf each at Goswick Links GC, Dunstanburgh Castle GC and Alnmouth GC (Foxton). These are three unique classic golf courses on the Northumberland coastline. Goswick, a traditional links course and British Open qualifying course, Dunstanburgh Castle, a fine test of golf often referred to as the most picturesque in England and, Alnmouth (Foxton) steeped in history and always in superb condition set in a designated area of natural outstanding beauty.

This break includes two-night's Dinner Bed and Breakfast staying at The Dormy House, Foxton Hall, part of Alnmouth GC. As a group we will have exclusive use of the premises for our stay.

<https://www.alnmouthgolfclub.com/>

The accommodation largely comprises of twin rooms and 22 spaces are available. A maximum of four single rooms could become available at a supplement if all twin room spaces have not been reserved.

The club committee are pleased to be able to subsidise the cost and offer what we feel is excellent value for this package as follows:

- Age 25 and over - Twin room occupancy £285 per person
- Age 25 and under – Twin room occupancy £255 per person
- Single room occupancy £345 per person – subject to availability

To secure your place all we ask at this stage is a £50 deposit to be paid via the club website in the usual way.

## **Summer Singles and Foursomes Competitions**

Especially with our new members in mind, the club runs handicap singles and foursomes knock-out competitions which are a popular way for members to play different courses in the Lothians plus a few further afield. These competitions are also a good way of meeting and getting to know other members of the club. Both competitions are open to all members regardless of ability, so please give it a try.

Once again you are now required to enter these competitions through the club's web site by going to the "Members Zone" and then clicking on "Manage your events" and then selecting "Knockouts." You can then enter both singles and foursomes competitions paying £5 per person entry to both. Upon entering the foursomes a drop down menu will appear, where you can either select your partner from the members listing or state you need to be allocated a partner. By selecting the latter option, you will only require to pay £5 for your entry.

Entries will close at midnight on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Club Matches & Tournaments**

The club competes in annual matches and tournaments against other clubs and societies. The golf and catering costs are heavily subsidised by the club and we only ask for a small contribution of £10 per game per person playing in any match. We are always looking to involve as many members as possible in these games so could you please check your diary and indicate your availability to play through the website. You can indicate your availability for matches by selecting "Matches" on the Manage your events attendance" page and clicking once to say you are available or twice to state you are unavailable against each event in the "Can Attend" column.

This year the "home" Braids United match is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Gullane 2, first tee time will be around 09:00hrs and we require to pick a team as soon as possible so please indicate your availability for this one as soon as possible. Please note we will require 5 Gullane members in the team to get the required tee times.

In addition to the above, the club competes in the Sivewright Quaich, a 4-person team knockout competition, with games taking place at various Lothian's venues from April onwards, culminating in a final that takes place at Prestonfield in September. The competition is for golfers with handicaps between 6 & 18 inclusive. This year we are entering 2 teams so if you are available to play in the evenings over the spring and summer, please again indicate your availability on the "Manage my events" page.

### **Club Merchandise**

The club has a range of golf merchandise with the club logo (round neck, zip and v neck sweaters, polo shirts, slippers, ties, bow ties and ProVI golf balls), available for purchase at cost price.

If you would like to purchase any of the above merchandise you can do so on the Club Web Site by logging on to your account in the "Member's Zone" and clicking on "View merchandise" and selecting what you wish to purchase.