



## George Heriot's School FP Golf Club

### Spring News Letter 2019



A very warm welcome to the 2019 golfing year especially to all our new members who joined in 2018. Included in this newsletter are details of the various club competitions you can enter, details of our first outing of the year to Lundin Links Golf Club and information regarding the recently launched web site.

The new website was launched in January and the address is just the same as before, [www.heriotspfpgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.heriotspfpgolfclub.co.uk)

Entry to the Summer Foursomes, Singles and Outings now requires to be made from the new site rather than direct to the Fixtures Secretary. You will also require to apply for seats at the dinner and indicate your availability for matches on this new site. Purchasing of club merchandise will also be able to take place on this new site. On entry to the website for the first time, members will have to agree to the terms and conditions etc. by clicking the agree button before accessing all these facilities.

To allow you to do this you require a Username and Password, these were sent to you by email in January but if you have forgotten them your Username is your name in lowercase, eg jamessmith and you can click on "reset password" to get a new one.

The new web site has been designed to ease the huge burden we place on our wonderful Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary but more importantly to make it so much easier for members to make themselves available, enter events, amend personal details and buy merchandise. I hope you like it and find it easy to use, if you do happen to have any issues please phone John Archibald on 07860458106 or email him at [johniarchibald@gmail.com](mailto:johniarchibald@gmail.com)

Our Spring outing has us returning to Lundin Links, followed by our Summer outing to Muirfield & Gullane in July and our Outing to Strathmore Golf Club in September.

Only the Spring Outing is "open" at present but to enter outings please go to the web site, click on "Members Zone", enter your Username and Password and log in to your account and access "Manage my Events". On this page you will see User Options, select Manage your events and then select the events you want to enter. Some events will require payment before you will be allowed to enter and you should therefore add these items to your basket and then either click on the small basket on the right of the screen or scroll down and "Review Basket". If everything is ok, click "check out and pay" if everything is still ok click on "Pay Now". You will then be able to enter your card details as normal. Please also enter your post code, click on the remember me button (to save you entering these details every time) and pay. You will get an email receipt for your purchases

#### **Membership and Members Database**

It is important that we keep our membership database up to date with everyone's current contact and golf club membership details. I would like to ask you to spend the few moments on the web site, in the Members Zone and go to Members details and check that your details are correct and amend if not.

Although the club's membership remains at a healthy level we are always looking for Former Pupils to join the club. As per the 2017 AGM this invitation is extended to include lady Former Pupils. If any member knows of any Former Pupils that would like to join the club please let one of the committee know so that we can send them an application form and a standing order mandate form, alternatively the forms are readily available on the Clubs Web Site.

In order to build up the number of lady members in the club as quickly as possible, the committee would be especially keen to hear from any of the current members who are aware of any lady Former Pupils who would like to join the club.

## **Spring Outing to Lundin Links**

Our spring outing this year takes us to Lundin Links Golf Club in Fife on Sunday 28th April.

We plan to play 1 round this year to keep costs down with the first tee-times booked for 11:40. As part of the package, tea or coffee and a bacon roll will be on offer in the clubhouse from 10:30 along with a 2 course evening meal after the golf.

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

We have been able to negotiate an excellent package deal for the day of £65.00 for the golf and the food. As usual the club is subsidising members who are under 25 so that they pay £40.00 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 through the web site before 17<sup>th</sup> March.

As we expect a good turnout of members, and as we have limited spaces, please book your place as early as possible.

## **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 web site by going to the Members Zone and then Manage your events and then select knockout events, you can enter the foursomes on this page with your partner by selecting his or her name from the drop down and pay £10 or if you require a partner click on that option and you will only require to pay £5.

Entries will close on 17<sup>th</sup> March at midnight.

## **Club Matches & Tournaments**

The club competes in a number of 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 on the Matches section of the Manage your events page.

This year the Braids United Match is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 09:15 and we require to pick a team as soon as possible so please indicate your availability for this one as soon as possible.

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 club logoed merchandise able to be purchased at cost prices.

If you would like to purchase any of the above merchandise you can do so on the Club Web Site by logging on and clicking on the Merchandise page

## **Payments**

Payment of your subscription will continue by standing order as normal with all other payments requiring to be made through the Clubs Web Site: [www.heriotsgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.heriotsgolfclub.co.uk)

There are a few members who have still not completed a standing order mandate, if you are one of these please do so as soon as possible, the form is readily available on the web site.