

#OurElgin

As Colin McGregor comes to the end of his two years as captain, we caught up with him for our latest #OurElgin Q&A feature.

Colin reflects on his time in post, developments on and off the course... and his famous brother!

Colin, what has your captaincy role entailed over the last two years?

As Captain, I have overall responsibility for the management of all matters connected with Elgin Golf Club including the course, clubhouse, competitions and staff. It is a two-year post, although I have been on the Club's council since 2014.

What success do you think has been achieved during your captaincy?

My two main aims were to improve communication across all areas of the Club and to make much needed improvements to the course and clubhouse. On the first point, the Club now has a new professional website and through regular newsletters and emails, I hope the members feel more informed as to what is happening around the Club.

In the Clubhouse, we have a new Sports Bar designed and constructed by members. The main Clubhouse area has been redecorated giving it a much more comfortable feel and on the course, our greenkeeping staff have made improvements to the greens, bunkers, pathways and generally tidied up the course. We have also installed a new irrigation system, a major investment which will protect our greens, tees and aprons for decades to come.

What has been your highlight?

The Five Day Opens have been my highlight. Seeing the Clubhouse buzzing and full of members and visitors every night enjoying a variety of entertainment and catering, watching a superb standard of golf in the final rounds and the integration of a Ladies Five Day Open into the format all made for a superb experience.

What would you say to anyone thinking of joining Elgin as a member, or playing as a visitor?

Most people who visit the North of Scotland tend to visit the big courses like Royal Dornoch, Castle Stewart and Nairn. However, with our superb location in the foothills of the Highlands right in the heart of Speyside, a superb challenging course and a friendly welcoming Clubhouse, Elgin Golf Club truly is a gem which is worthy of a visit.

For anyone considering joining as a member, I believe we are a forward thinking club with a strong, diverse membership who enjoy fantastic golf with a variety of membership packages on offer – all at very competitive prices.

You have a famous brother. Have you managed to persuade him to play Elgin / support your work? Has he offered you any advice? Does Ewan enjoy golf?

Unfortunately, Ewan hasn't had the chance to play Elgin. He does play golf, but spends most of his time in Los Angeles where he lives and only really comes to the UK for work. The last time we played golf together was in Sydney in 2001 when he was there filming Moulin Rouge!

What are your hopes for Elgin going forward?

That we maintain the excellent progress we've already made in shaping and improving the course, encourage more people to join, particularly juniors and younger people who will be the future of the Club, and to maintain our excellent reputation as a friendly, welcoming Club.