

Captain's Report

Condolences. Sadly, Ian Coghill one of our past Club Captains and a Life Member passed away last Friday. I have spoken with Marlene and passed on our condolences to her and the family. Barbara-Anne will notify members about the funeral arrangements.

New Members. During April we have enrolled 20 new members:

5 Ordinary	3 House
3 Restricted	4 First-year juniors
4 Silver	1 Junior aged 12-14 yrs

Welcome to you all!

Hole-in-One. Congratulations to Ian Hamilton on his hole-in-one on the 15th during last Thursday's Seniors' Medal.

Ladies Northern County Championship. Congratulations to Carinne Taylor on winning the Mary Benton Challenge Cup (Scratch) Championship and also to Katrina Tan for winning the Chatham Trophy (Handicap) Championship held at Moray Golf Club 27-28th April.

Administration Office Hours. From the 10th May the Administration Office will close at 2.30pm on Fridays. Should members require assistance whenever the office is closed, staff in the Pro Shop and the Bar will be available to assist.

Finance. Work by the Club Council to improve the Club's financial situation continues and there will be a quarterly update in my May Newsletter.

Conveners Updates

Golf Development (Susan Mackenzie).

- Club Golf (Juniors). The 8-week course began on Sunday 28 April with 24 children registered to participate.
- Get-into-golf. Programmes for Ladies Get into Golf (LGIG), Families Get into Golf (FGIG) and Gents Get into Golf (GGIG) will be held this summer. The LGIG has been advertised and early indications of numbers is encouraging. The introductory session will be on Sunday 2 June at 3pm.

Environment/sustainability (Ian Hamilton).

- Bird Survey. A comprehensive bird survey had been completed by Mike Collins. Members can view the information in the sustainability folder located in the Admin office.
- Quarry. Bushes were removed to provide clear line of sight from the northerly 15th tee. The quarry will be planted with new shrubs and seeded with wild flowers over the next couple of months. The wild flowers and shrubs will be cut twice per annum thereafter.



Course (Hamish Simpson).

Thanks to the work of Kevin and his Team, the condition of our course has drawn many compliments from members, guests and visitors with the greens receiving particularly high praise.

Over the past month, all the greens have been verti-cut to lessen thatch levels and create a bed for top dressing of which 30 tonnes has been applied so far this year. A liquid feed has been used to help thicken out the disease scars and a wetting agent applied to keep moisture levels up and encourage early growth. Finally, last week core samples were taken to measure thatch and Ph levels and identify any chemical deficiency.

Elsewhere pathways on the 7th, 8th and 10th have been cleaned or resurfaced, the damaged fence at the 11th fixed, and reshaping of the fairways has started and is in progress. Now that we are seeing some growth, a feeding programme for the fairways will be the next priority.

- Driving Range. Those of you who use the Range will have noticed the recent planting and reshaping. Over one thousand young trees have been planted to satisfy a Moray Council planning requirement, the mown areas have been reshaped, and a chipping area is being developed on the right-hand side. This is the work of David Rumbles, Deputy Head Greenkeeper. David manages and maintains the Driving Range outside his normal working hours and is doing a great job.

Portaloos. The portaloos will re-appear in early May and be situated in the same location as last season (near the 9th tee).

Bar Prices. The cost price to the Club of beer and wine will increase in May. Consequently, members may notice a small rise in prices at the bar.

All Members PLEASE – your fellow golfers need you to

Replace divots!

Repair pitch marks!

Call 'Fore'!

Finally. A special thanks to:

- MORAY GLASS for sponsoring this year's Open week.
- MIKE COLLINS for documenting the bird species seen around the course.
- NAIRN DUNBAR GOLF CLUB for the loan of their ProCore machine.
- All the volunteers who are supporting the Club Golf programme.
- JIM SILVESTRI and his coaching team for the volunteers' training session they held on Sunday 21 April. The feedback on the planning, organising and delivery has been excellent.
- DAVID RUMBLES for his efforts in maintaining and improving the driving range.

Saturday 18th May Beatles Tribute

TICKETS £20 - On Sale Now!
(Includes Easket Supper)



What's On

**Friday 3rd May - McVitie & Price with a 2 course
buffet in the Clubhouse from 6.30pm**

Sunday 5th May - Carvery

Saturday 18th May - Beatles Tribute

Elgin Golf Club



Sunday Carvery

1pm-6pm

1 Course - £11.95
2 Course - £15.95
3 Course - £18.95

Under 10s
1 Course £4.95
2 Course £7.95
3 Course £9.95