



Invergordon Golf Club

Weekly Newsletter – W/E 28th of
November 2021

I just want to start this newsletter by saying thanks to Jill Sharp for her tenure over the last two years. It's been a tough one to say the least with COVID, loss of green staff and many other obstacles. Jill stays on the committee as Bar Convener so thank you again for all the time and effort you put in and continue to put in as Captain and now Bar Convener.

This newsletter is in a slightly different format than previously issued – I will issue it weekly to begin with however I will be looking to gauge this over the next couple of weeks and check if this is required.

Members feedback is always good so please let me or the club know your thoughts on the content of this newsletter and the frequency it is issued.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last Wednesday the 17th of November.

A couple of items were agreed at the AGM which has an impact on all of our members. Please see below list of high level items which were agreed: -

- **Increase to Club Membership Fee's – see page 4 for details**
- **Competition Fee's – see page 5 for details**
- **Amendment to Club Championship Date**

A point was raised during the AGM around the current Club Championship dates and how the Club Championship are not during our “peak” golfing months of July and August. The club also see's a significant drop-off in club competition entries post the Club Championship.

A proposal was put forward to amend the Club Championships from the 3rd week in June each year to the 3rd week in July each year. This proposal was seconded and agreed by the quorum at the AGM with no counter proposal received.

This year the Club Championships will start week commencing the 18th of July 2022 with Finals Day being Saturday the 23rd of July 2022.

This will be a trial for this year only and if successful and received well by all members then we will look to permanently move the Club Championships to this day.

Current Membership Fee's – 2021

- Full Membership – £335.00
- Senior Citizen Membership – £290.00
- Young Adult (18-25) – £200
- Introductory Membership £185.00
- Student Membership – £100.00
- Under 17 Membership– Free
- Country Membership – £185.00
- Highland membership – £185.00 (Highland membership for anyone who is a Member of Another Club in the Highlands)
- Social Membership – £10.00

Membership Fee's – 2022

- Full Membership – £365.00
- Senior Citizen Membership – £320.00
- Young Adult (18-25) – £200
- Introductory Membership £195.00
- Student Membership – £100.00
- Under 17 Membership– Free
- Country Membership – £195.00
- Highland membership – £195.00 (Highland membership for anyone who is a Member of Another Club in the Highlands)
- Social Membership – £10.00

Agreement was made at the AGM on the above Membership Fee's for 2022. As a club we understand that the increases noted above are greater than normal however to help capture cost increases of running the course and to take the club to the next level we are inspiring to be at we feel that these increases are necessary.

Competition Fee's were discussed at great length during the AGM with the outcome of this discussion being a "pay as you play" proposal.

A £2 per competition entry fee was proposed, seconded and agreed by the quorum at the AGM with no counter proposal received.

Since the AGM the Committee have had various discussions on this topic and would like to offer the membership the following deal: -

- **£20 upfront payment to cover all competition fee's which are to be paid at the time of membership renewal.**

This deal is only available at the time of membership renewal and cannot be requested after membership has been paid. We believe this saving of £10 from previous upfront competition fee's will reward members who play a vast number of competitions per year and encourage people to continue to play in as many competitions as possible.

Please note that the £2 per competition "pay as you play" option as agreed at the AGM will remain for all members should this be their preferred Competition Entry Fee method.

Works continue on the course as Scott and his volunteers tackle some of the planned winter jobs. Spraying has began when weather allows along with machine servicing and bunker works.

Please ensure that all pitch marks are repaired and if you see another pitch mark on the green please take time to repair this also. To help the greens during these challenging winter conditions we all need to do our bit.

Now that we are approaching December and the weather seems to be turning on us I just want to let all members know that the course will be closed if there is a covering of snow or frost.

I understand that members want to get out and play (me included) so we will monitor this situation very carefully. For example if the snow or frost thaws out a couple of hours after sun rise then we will re-open the course.

To manage this the club is looking to implement a Facebook or Twitter page to keep our members updated on the course status however, between now and then please refer to the BRS booking system for updates.

Members safety is top priority and the last thing we all want is for someone to slip and hurt themselves.

Christmas and New Year bar hours are currently being looked at by Val and will be confirmed in next weeks newsletter.

Fixture list's for next season are nearing completion and we hope to have booklets ready for membership renewals.

VMS webpage is also being worked on and we hope that this will improve a number of items moving forward.