

INVERGORDON GOLF CLUB COURSE ROUND UP NO. 5 JULY 2022

The Club has hosted quite a few fundraising golf events for the community and national charities. Bar takings are boosted by these events.

Club Championships

The 1st round of the **ladies** Club Championship is on Wednesday 13th July with the second round being on Monday 18th. The ladies quarter finals will be on Friday 22nd, followed by the final on Saturday 23rd.

Men your 1st round is on Tuesday then Thursday 19th and 21st, with the quarter finals/ Senior Semi finals - on Friday 22nd . Saturday 23rd will be a very busy day with the senior men's finals, the ladies finals, plus the men's semi final and their final..

- Sunday 17th- MacGregor Rosebowl.
- Sunday 24th - 2 person scramble
- Rod MacGregor's Junior Open -Tuesday 26th July. **Juniors can I remind you to make sure you have**

your handicap in place.

- Thursday 28th July - SER/J W Henderson
- Saturday 30th July Invergordon Distillers Club competition.
- Sunday 31st July - Gents Open

August sees the Belhaven Trophy being held on the Saturday 6th and the "Shawcor" charity event is on Saturday 13th August.

(See web page for all fixtures)

Results

Mixed on Wednesday - best turn out for a few years with 6 pairs playing. Well done to Ali MacDonald and Marie Clark - handicap winners and Val Rhind who was carried by Jack Munro to win the scratch. A great fun and competitive event. Let's have another one.

Vandals this week cost the Club in excess of £300 for broken pins and three missing ones, plus rakes have been mindlessly broken. The police have been contacted, the children identified, plus Val has contacted the parents of one of the individuals.

Please say something to anyone you see vandalising the course. Cycling on the course, dogs off leads on the course, breaking branches off trees, whatever, please do not ignore it. If the children or their parents are known to you, speak to them and let them know the damage that is being done to our beautiful course.

In response to the above, the Club (thank you Alan) has now got a couple of cameras on "trouble spots", so no "moonies" please, and watch which way your facing in the rhodies!

Course

Practice Areas - loads of divots are being found at the side of the fairways. Could whoever is using the side of the fairways to practice, please replace your divots and avoid hammering the same area. Club members may want to investigate acquiring a practice area.

Yet more extremely complimentary comments on our course coming in today from the Ross Sutherland Seniors and visitors today (Wednesday)

Fundraising

The monies raised from the very successful New Year giant draw have been spent on the new windows and flooring downstairs to replace the "jigsaw" flooring.

Windows- David has now done all downstairs windows, plus the bar and "cosy corner" windows. The big ones to be done when David has a bit of time freed up.



The downstairs entry area has been measured up and a heavy duty green speckled linoleum will be going down very soon.

The coffers require restocking to enable further improvements to be made.
(See below for the Fun Golf Club Fundraiser.)

Raffles are another way to boost the funds. Prizes/donations for raffles are required :

- Guests round for dinner? lovely box of chocolates, you're on a diet - Bring them in!
- Every birthday you get a bottle of vodka from the same person, you don't like vodka but you are too polite to tell them that - Bring it in!
- You win a bottle of wine in a raffle, you don't drink wine - Bring it in!
- Can't fit any more bottles of spirits into your drink cupboard, tidy it up - Bring them in!
- You are feeling generous when shopping and you see one thing that you think "that would make a good raffle prize" -buy it and Bring it in!
- Use your brass neck - you are visiting your friends or family and you notice "they are overstocked " in the alcohol, toiletries, or chocolate department." Ask for it for the raffle - Bring it in!
- Toiletries for Christmas/Birthday - you're allergic to it/ don't like the smell - Bring it in!

Volunteers - once again, a huge thanks to you all. The familiar faces, who pay their membership fees like the rest of us, some are retired, part time, or in full time employment. They are out there willing to put time into the upkeep of our club and course. Hats off to you all.

Come on the boys who said they would rebuild the shelter, line the car park, and fix the car park wall..... Perfect weather for all these jobs 🙌"#\$

Match Secretary Report

Slight change to how scoring/ handicaps are dealt with in the event that a competition is abandoned. Under WHS there is no longer "reduction only" scoring. All players that have completed their round before play is abandoned and verified their scores, now have their score counted towards their handicap.

Previously, only players with completed scores under par, counted for reduction purposes.

Any player that is not able to finish, will not have any score processed.

If you are using the app to record your scoring when play is abandoned please DO NOT lock/verify your score, as this will process as a "N R"

David Rogers

Air BnB

Did anybody realise that the buggy shed had become the latest addition to the visitors attractions for the NC500? A fella was found sleeping in the shed using Lenny's buggy cover as a sleeping bag.

Infestation- Paul Thompson (Elmer Fudd) is winning 21 - 0 v the rabbits this week. Good shooting Paul. Anyone wanting a rabbit skin work surface in their kitchen?

Finances

Thank goodness that we increased the membership fees by £30 this year. The cost of diesel per month for our machines has gone up from £600 a month to £1,300.

That just the fuel: fertilisers, sand, parts, have all almost doubled in price.

A large bit of belt pulling is being required.

This weekend

- Stop trying to- protect your handicap, count your scores, concentrate on and line up shots, get out there on Saturday and have

a great bit of fun.

Tee off with a hockey stick or the opposite handed driver, play your shots with one hand or whilst standing on one leg. Blind fold teeing off is always a pant wetter.

Only real prize - longest 3 step run up drive.(Happy Gilmour)

FUN GOLF

Phone Val to enter or sign up in the bar.

Saturday **1pm** for the "rules" sheet and **1.30pm** shotgun start. There may even be a buggy bar!

Photos

If any members have any photos of particularly good views of/from the course, any memorable golfing moments, any prize winning teams, funny pictures - send them in to the golf club. If selected 😊&' (*they could be included in the exclusive "Course Round Up"

EGM Wednesday 20th July 6.30pm.

We need a quorum of members to decide upon what to do with the Captains role after Daniel's "step down". We need 21 to qualify as a "legal step" so get yourselves along.

The meeting should not take long as this is the only issue that requires ratification.

Have your say in the "heid honcho" of the club.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE - see Invergordon
Golf Club website
(Or of course, do as I do - ask Val!)**

Jill Sharp