

News from the Clubhouse

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Welcome to the January Edition of the Club's Newsletter.



Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our very successful Christmas Raffle which raised the fantastic total of £678 for Club Funds.

The idea to raffle a Christmas Hamper was suggested by Arline Seager. Then, a Hamper was located which was kindly donated to the Club. Arline, Colleen, Shona and Pauline provided most of the goodies that were contained in the Hamper. Many thanks to everyone involved for making this happen.

The other three prizes for the Christmas Raffle were also kindly donated to the Club.

The prize winners were:

1. **Michael Wood** (The Christmas Hamper)
2. **Martin Cowie** (The Glenmorangie Pack - containing a bottle of whisky and two Glenmorangie whisky glasses)
3. **Karen Shaw** (The bottle of fine Red Wine)
4. **Ian Gibbon** (Selection Box of Chocolates)

Captain v Vice Captain Match



This annual match was played on Friday 2 January using the Stableford format with 34 members participating in this fun event on a blustery and squally day. Due to the inclement weather not everyone completed the 18 holes.

The close contest was won by the Captain's team (ably led by Robbie Stewart) by 17 points. Pre and post match snacks were provided for both teams to enjoy. Many thanks to everyone who provided these for our hardy golfers!

New Door Entry Security System



Due to entry problems with our ageing and obsolete door entry security system, we have now had a new system installed which controls entry to the Clubhouse via the front door and the back door. This has greatly improved the security to the building.

In addition, new keypads have been installed which can be operated by inserting the appropriate entry code. This will enable visiting golfers access to the building before and after a round of golf.

The entry code changes on a daily basis and the code for the day can be obtained from the golf shop, the office or the bar. For visitors, entering the club via the front door, there will be an intercom system fitted which will connect to a telephone system in the bar to allow the door to be opened remotely by our bar staff.

We are still waiting for this system to be installed and in the meantime, as a temporary measure, the entry code system for the day is displayed on the window on the left hand side of the front door just above the entry code system. By inserting this number using the key pad it will open the front door.

Your current pass will still work with the new system. Just place your pass on top of the door entry system to open the door. However, there are many passes that do not work and we have

nearly 300 social members who do not have an entry pass. Therefore, we will be issuing new key fob passes to all members who have paid their 2015 membership fees.

On 2 February 2015 all current passes will be invalidated and the new key fobs will be activated instead. When the key fob is placed near the door entry system it will open the door. Key fobs will be issued by Shona Reid.

If you lose your key fob, please notify Shona Reid so that it can be deactivated. A replacement key fob will be available for you at a cost of £5.

Painting in the Clubhouse



a) The Meeting Room

So far this winter, Doug Morrison and his team of volunteers have been busy redecorating the Meeting Room to brighten it up and to make it much lighter. The wall at the end of the room has been painted white so that it can be used as a screen for our new data projector. The other three walls have been painted in a pale yellow colour.

Ian McKen has been repairing the ceiling in this room and also the damaged area of the ceiling in the alcove where golfers record their scores on the computer. Both these ceilings had been damaged due to water leaking into the building from the roof. Many thanks to Jim Warrender for fixing this leak which has enabled us to get on with these activities.

Both these ceilings will be repainted once the repairs have been completed and the walls in the alcove will also be given a new lick of paint.

b) The internal doors in the Clubhouse

In January, we need to start repainting the white doors on both the first and second floors of the building as they are now in need of another coat of paint before the summer season starts.

Painting sessions will be held on Sunday mornings, Tuesday mornings and Thursday mornings, starting from Sunday 18 January.

If you are able to help (or at any alternate times) then please contact either Shona Reid or Jeff Winslade so that we can ensure the requisite materials are available for you to use when you are available.

Why not use email to distribute Member's bills?



It has been suggested by several members that it would be a good idea if we could send out bills via email as this would reduce the cost.

This is an excellent idea but the email system that we use to send messages out to members is not able to take attachments. In addition, our email addresses are not completely up to date as Shona always gets a load of emails bouncing back whenever global messages are distributed.

If you have provided an email address to the Club and you are not receiving global emails from either the Captain or Shona Reid then it is most likely that the email address that we have for you is not correct.

It would be helpful and it would further improve communications if you could provide the Club with your revised email address so that the system can be updated. This will ensure that you get all the global emails which is the route used to disseminate key information quickly to members.

Hogmanay Celebrations at the the Club

The Club's Hogmanay Party was a great success with 130 adults and children enjoying drinks and food from the carvery, followed by a disco and lots of dancing to usher in the New Year.

Many thanks to everyone within the Club for all your support in making this such a successful event.

The Web Cam Saga



Unfortunately, our web cam is still not functioning. The version of Java that is necessary to operate the web cam is a very old version and it has proved to be incompatible with the software used on our website.

We are still seeking ways to rectify this problem and will provide further news when progress has been made.

We apologise for the delay in getting the web cam back on line and we hope to get this fixed before too long.

Clubhouse is Available for Family Functions



Do you have a special family occasion that you would like to celebrate (e.g. birthday,

anniversary, birth of a baby, graduation, wedding breakfast)?

Why not consider holding any such celebration at the golf club with our excellent facilities and unsurpassed views over the Ythan River and Forvie Nature Reserve?

Shona Reid will be happy to hear from you and will discuss your requirements with our bar and catering staff.

Pre-Season Services and Seasonal Greetings to you from our PGA Professional

As we move into the new year with the new golf season only 3 months away, now might be a good time to start thinking about brushing up on those aspects of your golf that you would like to improve by taking some golf lessons with Robbie Stewart.

In addition, Robbie can also help with fitting you with a new driver or even a full set of clubs if needed. Alternatively, perhaps it is time to consider replacing the grips on your clubs.

Please contact Robbie if you need to make use of any of his services.

Club Shop – More Items Available



The following items have been added to the stock in the Club Shop to make life more comfortable for our hardy winter golfers:

- *Proquip Waterproof Jackets – available in different colours*
- *Proquip Waterproof Trousers*

- *Waterproof Beanie hats*
- *Winter Gloves (including Mittens)*
- *Lined Winter Sweatshirts (no logo)*
- *Umbrellas with or without Club logo*

Come and take a look to see what we have on offer and if your size is not available in the shop it can be ordered for you.

If there are other items that you would like us to stock please let us know.

First Newburgh 10k Run – Advance Notice



Newburgh Gala, jogscotland Newburgh and the Newburgh Dunes Running Club have joined forces to organise Newburgh's first 10k run which will take place on Saturday 28 March starting at 11 am.

A total of 200 entrants have registered and the event is now sold out. Forvie Nature Reserve kindly agreed that the majority of the race will take place around the dunes. The Gallowhill Community Centre (next to the football pitch) will provide changing facilities for the runners.

Please be aware that as a result, parking is likely to be somewhat limited for golfers on that day.

Chuckle Corner

