



## **JUNIOR NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016**

Gentlemen

Spring has arrived and the lighter nights will soon be with us.

Information about coaching and team matches was supplied at the season Opening Buffet, however for those unable to attend it is worthwhile reiterating.

### **Team Matches**

We play in the Donald Cameron League (<http://www.thedonaldcameronleague.org.uk/>) where we enter teams for the JJ McCarry and Marley trophies.

#### **JJ McCarry**

This has two divisions and in 2015 we finished top of Division 2. Promotion and relegation is over a two-year cycle, and if we can perform anything like in 2015 we should finish in the top 3 and be promoted to Division 1. The McCarry matches are "Scratch" and so, wherever possible the clubs put out their strongest players. However, regardless of your handicap do not be deterred from putting your name forward as there are occasions, for all the teams where player availability is the counting factor.

The McCarry matches are played on Friday evenings with the first tee reserved from 5.00 p.m. There are 6 per side and we play 3 matches at home and 3 away.

#### **Marley**

With one division this is a handicap competition and is open to all ages, however, preference will be given to boys with higher handicaps. The Marley matches are played on Sunday afternoons and are 6 per side. These matches are very relaxed and are a great way to introduce players to team golf and, as handicaps reduce, many will gravitate into the McCarry team.

Representing Glasgow golf Club is an honour and to ensure we have the correct "Team Spirit", players featuring for the first time will be supplied with a club crested shirt and sweater.

#### **Juniors V Seniors Match**

This was inaugurated in 2015 and was a great success. The trophy has been donated by the family of past Captain Jim Bannerman and is a four ball format. This, at the start of the season is a great opportunity for the Juniors to witness at first hand the talents of the Senior team. This is off handicap and I would hope we can have a range of abilities for this 8-man team so don't be shy in putting forward your name.

## Handicaps

I would urge everyone to get a handicap even if you are a beginner. It is simple to do. You can play in a medal, or, prior to play, you can register in the Pro Shop that you are taking a card out for handicap. Hand in 3 cards and you will be given a handicap.

## Inter Club Matches

The Gray/Lockhart Trophy against Royal Burgess is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September in Edinburgh.

Turnberry – This match will be played on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Turnberry.

Transport has been arranged for both fixtures.

## Team Match Availability Sheets

One of these is enclosed with the Newsletter and I would urge you to return this as early as possible, either to Suzanne in the office or an e mailed version is being sent from the Junior Captain and responses to that can be to William at [wilpren@me.com](mailto:wilpren@me.com) or indeed to myself [Dfh879@Sky.com](mailto:Dfh879@Sky.com) .

## Medals and Coaching

Please refer to the hand out issued at/after the Buffet. If you do not have one of these please ask at the shop or you can email [Professional@glasgowgolfclub.com](mailto:Professional@glasgowgolfclub.com).

For the avoidance of doubt, we have 3 measured courses for medals, the Red is for the younger beginners and it is here where players can learn about etiquette and also where an assessment, by the Pros can be made to determine if a player can be allowed on the course unaccompanied. The Blue Course is for players with a handicap of 18 and over. Players with a handicap of 18 or less should normally play from the Whites. Whichever course is being played please ensure you identify on the front of your cards a **R,B or W**

## Card Completion

It is important that you mark your partners card carefully, ensuring that you ask him at the completion of each hole his score. You should then mark this down on the appropriate hole. At the end of the round your partner should ask you if you agree your score and if you do **both of you should sign the card** before registering it on the computer and placing in the box. Red cards should be handed into the Professional shop.

## Tenant/Junior Room

As those of you who attended the “Buffet” will know this is a pleasant room featuring a pool table, and Sky Sports. Food and refreshments are available by using the wall phone. Please note the “Bar Area” is off limits!!

## The Browning Trophy/Handicap Championship

Could I just remind everyone that the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying round for these competitions is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Those of you who have recently visited the Junior room will have noticed the new board featuring the winners of the above. If you want the chance to have your name added please look out for the Entry sheet which will be posted on the Notice Board in the hall.

## **Locker Room**

There is a Junior locker room located near to the Junior Room on the ground floor.

## **Glasgow Golf Union**

Anyone interested in representing Glasgow at Youths or Boys level can enquire to the Team Manager, Gordon Jameson on 0141 884 7502 or speak to me. There are also Match and Stroke Play events.

## **Dress**

Smart/Casual is fine for the Junior Room, however, as we enjoy dinner after team matches if you are involved in any of these, and if we use the Dining Room then jacket, collar and tie will be required.

## **2016 National Events**

Scottish Boys Championship – Murcar 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April

Scottish Boys Area Team Championship – Grangemouth 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Scottish Boys Under 16 Championship – West Lothian 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Junior European Open 2016**

Attached is information about this competition. If you are interested in playing please contact Suzanne in the office with your preferred venue and she will submit your entry.

## **Practice Field**

If you have been to the “field” recently you may have noticed that Stuart Taylor has laid out 6 holes varying in length from 90 yards to 160 yards. There is still work to be done on the tees and greens, however, the fairway definitions can already be seen. When completed, this should provide a valuable training ground for younger players to learn the basics of the game in a safe environment. These holes occupy the far side of the field and there is still plenty of practice facility remaining.

## **New Members**

Our membership currently stands at 60 with 3 at interview stage and the limit is 70. If you have a friend who might be interested in joining the club, please let the office know. The age limit is 10.

Enjoy your season!

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