



Junior Newsletter May 2017

Induction Buffet

It's been a busy start for our junior section this year.

The annual induction buffet, held after the first junior medal on Sunday 2nd April was well attended with Junior Captain Andrew Kitson introducing the new and younger members to the set up.

The club is delighted to report that we are now have 75 junior members and boast one of the largest junior sections of other clubs within the JJ Mcarry league.

Easter Camp – 16th April – 23rd April

Once again John and Graeme oversaw a very successful training camp during the Easter school holidays. The training camp is proving very popular with the juniors and parents looking for some respite are urged to keep this in mind for next year.

Junior Team v Men Seniors Select – Thursday 27th April



The junior team took on the Glasgow senior men's select. The format was 5 four-ball matches, with the juniors running riot, defeating the senior team select in a comprehensive whitewash. Special mention goes to Stuart Tosh who won his first ever competitive outing, netting an eagle and 2 birdies in the process of defeating a frazzled veteran combo of Halley & Macnair 2&1.

The headline pairing for the men's senior team of former champion Neil MacRae and John Laurie were taken down unceremoniously by our two youngest players Finlay Speirs and Charlie Greaves, whose combined age of 24 doesn't even get within a decade (arguably 2) of either senior player. Neil was so traumatised, he recently changed jobs and has become prone to disguise.

Junior Team Matches – JJ McCarry

Match v Lenzie – Friday 19th May 5pm @ Lenzie

Team Result – Lenzie 3 – Glasgow 3

Lenzie is a tough away fixture, especially for anyone who has never played the course before (our entire team for that matter) but despite this handicap our juniors emerged with a very creditable 3-3 draw with wins for Andrew Kitson, Brodie Wells and Euan Docherty. A special mention for Lachlan Reynolds, our lowest handicap, who came up against a formidable opponent and narrowly lost at the final hole after a tap in birdie from the Lenzie player. Leading the line is never easy and Lachlan at 14 years is showing great composure.

Match v Dullatur – Friday 26th May 5pm @ Dullatur

Team Result – Dullatur 2 – Glasgow 4



This match was played in glorious sunshine, high above the quarries of Croy and our boys certainly dug out a win from nowhere to continue their great start to the campaign. With the match in the balance heading into the back nine holes, Andrew Kitson showed remarkable patience and character to come from 4 holes down with 5 to play to win and with Matthew Robertson following through it shortly afterwards, it all added up to a spirited 4 – 2 away victory taking the team to the top of the league with 2 home fixtures remaining.

JJ McCarry Match v Bishopbriggs – Friday June 2nd 5pm @ Killermont

Match Result – Glasgow 5 – Bishopbriggs 1



Writing this, as further clouds cover Glasgow and the rain descends, makes the glorious sunshine of the 2nd of June feel a distant memory. However it was the scene of a scintillating victory and with a few changes to the line-up as exam time kicked in, we saw Charlie Greaves making his debut and Finlay Speirs playing in the reserve fixture behind, both displaying great enthusiasm and skilful potential for the future.

The result sees our Junior section take a convincing lead at the top of the table but under a new scoring format and with one match remaining against Hilton Park GC, (currently being re-scheduled before the end of September) the team recognise there is a lot of hard work still to be done before we can make claims to the title.

Marley League – Under 16

The Marley league is a Stableford for under 16's, played on a Sunday afternoon and is rotated over each course represented. Our opponents in the league are Clydebank & District, Douglas Park, Hilton Park and Bearsden. Each team fields 4 players and the best 3 scores are aggregated on the day.

The first Marley team match was played at Hilton Park golf club on Sunday 28th May and saw Finlay Speirs, Charlie Greaves, Archie Speirs and Calum Woolard combine to finish on 110 points putting the team in overall 2nd place. Special mention to Charlie for managing 43 points round the Allander, no mean feat on a difficult day.

The second Marley fixture was held at Killermont on Sunday 11th June and despite a typical wild west of Scotland summer's day, the scoring was exceptionally good and our team of Danny Petrie, Adam Ivins, Brodie Wells and Calum Woolard managed to secure 109 points, leaving them overall in 2nd place after two stages but with an uphill task of reigning in a rampant Bearsden who scratched out, literally, some quite remarkable statistics.

The next Marley league fixture is at Douglas Park on Sunday 25th June at 1.30pm and thereafter the remaining matches to be played are at Bearsden on 9th July and Clydebank and District on the 30th July.

Going forward

When the JJ McCarry junior matches are finished we will continue to monitor the progress and handicap improvements throughout the summer, trying to help with on course awareness, time management and shot making. Any junior not yet familiar with the set up or the regular players should make contact with Andrew Kitson or Matthew Robertson for games throughout the season. John and his team at the Professional Shop will also provide direction for the newer members. We are aware that it can be difficult for boys to arrange bounce games at the club particularly if they are new to the club and don't have any friends that are members. To address this issue we are trying to encourage a "roll up" on a Saturday afternoon at Killermont (2pm) where we pair up boys looking for a game

The golf camp in August is now full which is great news, however don't forget that every Monday from 3rd July for 6 weeks there is coaching on at Killermont from 9.30am for 3 hours. The cost of this is covered by the club. It is followed by an 18 hole medal in the afternoon for those wishing to play.

The end of season, Andy Kellock Cup is a 6 man team event with 16 participating clubs. It is due to be played in September over Kirkintilloch GC and we are going to focus on selecting our strongest on form team for this so we are asking those in the current pool to play and practice over the season working toward this goal.

Following our recent travels to other clubs, it is clear that overall junior numbers are diminishing but Glasgow Golf Club with the benefit of John Greaves and his committed professional team continue to contribute positively to junior golf and there has been significant growth of this section during the last few years. Killermont is an ideal environment for juniors to play and learn the game and we would urge all parents to consider the coaching programmes that are set up every Friday throughout the season. A large emphasis will be placed on this for future team selections.

As the school holidays become a reality for parents, the main season is just beginning for our juniors and from the golf on display thus far, I'm sure we will witness a number of handicaps tumbling down in the season ahead.

Best of luck to allSuns up!

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