



Glasgow Golf Club

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By the time you are reading this newsletter you will be aware of the resignation with immediate effect of our General Manager, Chris Spencer. We have thanked him for his contribution to the club especially following the fire and we wish him well in the future. The loss of the General Manager presented a significant problem and so I am particularly grateful to Roger McLean who, as a temporary measure, has agreed to undertake the roles and responsibilities of the GM. This change will allow us to review the overall management of the club involving both the professional staff within the office and the composition of council. It is intended to put proposals before members in late autumn.

On a happier note we are now well into the golfing season with all the knockout tournaments progressing well and I am sure with excitement building for those still competing.

The recent medals have been extremely well subscribed with the favoured times being filled almost immediately the booking opens. It is disappointing therefore that we are seeing a considerable number of "no-shows". This is not only discourteous to the players with whom one is drawn but also prevents another member from booking that time and disrupts the flow of the competition. The council have therefore decided that members falling into this category will make themselves ineligible for medals for the subsequent month.

The Tennant Cup was played in perfect conditions at both Gales and Killermont. The players, our best amateurs, are used to playing in excellent conditions. They were unanimous in declaring both courses in absolutely wonderful condition with particular praise for the quality of the greens at Gales. The benign conditions led to some wonderful low scoring with the winner, Euan McIntosh, having a magnificent 62 at Killermont. The only slight disappointment was the poor number of spectators who turned out to watch one of the most prestigious amateur golf tournaments in the country. Perhaps a change to later in the season might encourage an even more impressive field and it would then be up to us to provide the atmosphere.

At last we are seeing physical evidence of the start of the renovation. The haki roof and scaffolding is being removed and it is planned to have the permanent new roof in place by December and the building wind and watertight. We have also had movement in respect of the temporary clubhouse and again we hope to have this installed and functioning by late September. Our subcommittee dealing with renovation is still struggling to achieve a final settlement with the insurance company. Only once this has been achieved and a plan for any shortfall put in place can final contracts be signed.

The tree and gorse removal at Gales has uncovered an unexpected problem but arrangements are being made for on-course toilet facilities to be provided.

We continue to build up reciprocal arrangements with suitable clubs throughout the country of which the most recent is Royal Burgess in Edinburgh. I can thoroughly recommend making use of the reciprocal arrangements with other clubs, it not only adds to the value of our membership but might also add to the realisation of just how good our own courses are.

In a previous newsletter I raised the issue of golf insurance. It transpires that, although not widely known and certainly not by me, the general insurance for Glasgow Golf Club in fact has a section covering members' third-party liability but not golf equipment.

Details are as follows: –

Personal Liability (Worldwide) - limit £5m

Non-negligence Third Party Property Damage (Home Course only) - limit £20,000

Personal Accident (Home Course only) - limit £25,000

Hospitalisation cover (Home Course only) - up to £300

Loss of Club Subscriptions (Home Course only) - In excess of 60 days - limit up to £1000

Let's hope none of us need to use it but it is good to know that it is available.

Wishing everyone well for the rest of the season.

Alan G Wade
Captain