

DUNBAR GOLF CLUB



NEWS LETTER

JULY 2008

DEERPARK

Meetings continue with the East Lothian Council Planning Department and Historic Scotland which continue to be productive. The next stage will be to ascertain the full cost of detailed planning permission and then brief the membership before proceeding. This briefing could take place before the end of the year.

STONES IN BUNKERS

Stones are, by definition, *loose impediments* and, when a player's ball is in a *hazard*, a stone lying in or touching the *hazard* may not be touched or moved (Rule 13-4).

However, Council have now decided that stones in the bunkers at Dunbar represent a danger to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by the player's club in an attempt to play the ball) and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game.

Council has therefore decided that the following local rule will apply with immediate effect:

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

Rule 24-1 Moveable Obstruction

A player may take relief, without penalty, from a movable *obstruction* as follows:

- a. If the ball does not lie in or on the *obstruction*, the *obstruction* may be removed. If the ball *moves*, it must be replaced, and there is no penalty, provided that the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the *obstruction*. Otherwise, Rule 18-2a applies.
- b. If the ball lies in or on the *obstruction*, the ball may be lifted and the *obstruction* removed. The ball must *through the green* or in a *hazard* be dropped, or on the *putting green* be placed, as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay in or on the *obstruction*, but not nearer the *hole*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.

When a ball is in motion, an *obstruction* that might influence the movement of the ball, other than *equipment* of any player or the *flagstick* when attended, removed or held up, must not be moved. (Exerting influence on ball – see Rule 1-2)

Note: If a ball to be dropped or placed under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be *substituted*.

Hole by Surname System

In an effort to reduce the excessive number of pitch marks on ALL of the greens would ALL members please repair a minimum of THREE pitch marks at the relevant hole to initial of their surname.

Hole Number	Surname Starts With	Hole Number	Surname Starts With
1	S	10	F
2	A	11	N & P
3	C	12	Q & R
4	H	13	D
5	B	14	W,X,Y & Z
6	G	15	T,U & V
7	J	16	M
8	E & K	17	L
9	Mc	18	Mac,O & I

Take pride in your particular green but don't let this stop you repairing any marks you happen to see on any other green.

STAFFING

John Tait, who has been a greenkeeper with the Club for 16 years has left the Club to pursue a different career selling sporting and agricultural machinery with John Deere. As a temporary measure the Club have employed Craig Richardson, a school leaver, for the summer months, we have also advertised for a fully qualified greenkeeper and should be interviewing for this position next month.

PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGES

Council have agreed to formalise matches between the members and the professional staff and a notice will be posted each month inviting the challenges.

In August we have two dates available, 9 and 16 August, both at 1.00pm and any members who fancy their chances against the Pro's should add their names to the list in the clubhouse. If there are too many challengers a draw will be made to see who gets to play.

NEW FIXTURES

Council have agreed to host the following events:

A match between Midlothian and East Lothian on Sunday 21st December 2008.

The South East District Championship on the weekend of 29th and 30th August 2009

BRIDGE AT SIXTH HOLE

It has been ascertained that the bridge on the wall side of the burn at the sixth green is now suffering badly from rusting and is in need of replacement. Council will be investigating this issue in the coming months with a view to building a stone bridge and then upgrading the bridge at the sea side of the burn to match it

TEAM

The team was beaten at the 10th hole in the third round of the County Cup by Whitekirk, Monktonhall ended up as winners.

The Lothian's Team was a bit of a damp squib with all play at Gullane being abandoned due to mist and the two scores at Castle Park counting for the trophy. Unfortunately Messrs Archibald and Creasey could not cope with the excellent scoring of Longniddry who won the tournament for the second year in a row.

LADIES

Thank You to Jacky Montgomery for providing coaching for the Ladies County 5 a-side team this season which involved a number of training sessions which certainly helped the team to win this season's matches very convincingly. Jacky then made the very generous proposal that his fee for this training which, in the first instance was at a very reasonable cost, be donated to The Graham Wood Testimonial Fund. Due to his generosity, the team members were happy to pay a little more than requested and the final sum donated to the Testimonial Fund was £125.

Congratulations are again due to Liz Johnston and her team in winning the Ladies Day Event at Archerfield for the second time.

CAPTAIN'S DAY RESULTS

Gentlemen

	<u>Names</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>1st</u>	S J Nicol & Partner	62 (better inward half)
<u>2nd</u>	C Davidson & Partner	62
<u>3rd</u>	N Paterson & Partner	63 (better inward six)
<u>4th</u>	J Montgomery & Partner	63

Middlemas Trophy

	<u>Names</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>1st</u>	Wilson & Shiela Morton	45 points
<u>2nd</u>	Bob & Val Makin	40 points
<u>3rd</u>	John Archibald & Yvonne Gosden	39 points (better inward half)

Nearest the Hole - 3rd Alan Evans

Nearest the Hole - 16th Doug Hunds

PROFESSIONAL

Entries for the Pro's Day on Saturday 23 August will be accepted in the Shop from Saturday 2 August.

This event is for members only and the main competition is free of charge. There will be some fun events such as a two's sweep and a putting competition which will be designed to raise money for the Graham Wood Testimonial Fund. The main competition will be stableford format, split into three categories, ie Men Ladies and Juniors.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| • Seniors Open | 31 st July |
| • Quiz night in aid of the Graham Wood Testimonial | 01 st August |
| • RNLI Charity golf day | 15 th August |
| • Professionals Day | 23 rd August |
| • Race Night in aid of the Graham Wood Testimonial | 30 th August |
| • Finals day | 06 th September |
| • Open Mixed Foursomes | 07 th September |
| • Graham Wood Pro/Celeb/Am Testimonial golf event | 19 th September |
| • Ladies AGM | 25 th September |

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