

DUNBAR GOLF CLUB



NEWS LETTER

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DEERPARK

Meetings continue with the East Lothian Council Planning Department and Historic Scotland which continue to be productive.

Local councillors, planning officials and Historic Scotland are generally supportive of the principle of this development. Hopefully we will receive a confirmatory letter on their position in the next few months. This would allow the actual plan to be presented to the members and subject to approval, final preparation of the planning application.

The concept of the development project is to:

- Relocate the clubhouse to the Deer Park above and in front of the new 2nd tee taking advantage of the elevation to provide panoramic views over the course and the Firth of Forth.
- Construct a Golf Academy incorporating a full sized driving range, practice pitching areas and putting green. This facility will adjoin the new clubhouse and the driving range would face east, toward the Broxmouth Estate.
- Construct a short course for Junior and casual golf. Again this would adjoin the clubhouse and proceed west toward the town and back.
- Finance the project by seeking planning permission for residential development on the site of the existing clubhouse and practice area as well as on parts of the Deer Park.

This of course requires extensive consultation within the ELC, Historic Scotland and whilst we do not have a definitive plan and programme we believe we continue to make good progress with the relevant bodies

We have for this phase engaged an architect and planning consultant with golf club development experience who are currently engaged in providing the many and varied submissions based on the constructive comments by the Planners and Historic Scotland

GREENS

The burn and bridges at the first hole are now complete and in play, the lake remains ground under repair and will probably remain so for the remainder of the season. The local rule currently in place for this area is as follows:

The white lined area to the left of and behind the first green is mandatory Ground Under Repair (GUR) from which play is prohibited.

Relief, without penalty, under rule of golf 25-1 may be taken but, as an alternative, the player may proceed to the nearest dropping zone (even though it may be nearer the hole) and drop, without penalty.

Rule 25-1 states:

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an abnormal ground condition as follows:

If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green.

When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

Rule 26-1 states:

It is a question of fact whether a ball that has not been found after having been struck toward a *water hazard* is in the *hazard*. In order to apply this Rule, it must be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the *hazard*. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 27-1.

If a ball is in a *water hazard* or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a *water hazard* (whether the ball lies in water or not), the player may under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- b. Drop a ball behind the *water hazard*, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the *water hazard* directly between the *hole* and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the *water hazard* the ball may be dropped.

FENCING

The fencing at the first tee is due to be replaced once we have found a suitable rope and post type replacement.

STAFFING

The course this year has received many compliments and since the unfortunate loss of Graham Wood Council have now appointed David Brown as the Head Greenkeeper and Gordon Von Krafft has been promoted to Deputy Head Greenkeeper.

NEW TEES

The new tees (2nd, 6th, 9th 11th and 17th) were all in operation at the weekend for the second round of the Championship qualifying and all seemed to be received well by those who played. These tees will continue to be used for all gents' medals unless a strong west wind is forecast. The new tees will not be available for general play until next year.

We have a provisional Standard Scratch Score of 72 for the new tees however we still have to be rated again for course difficulty which may or may not add another stroke to the SSS. Once this rating is received we can print new scorecards and tee furniture for the course but we will not be able to use the new SSS until the start of next year. For your information the course of the new "Black Tees" is as follows:

Date _____

Player _____ **Standard Scratch Score - 72** Handicap _____

Competition _____ Strokes Received _____

Name	Black Yards	Par	Stroke Index	Score	W + L - H O
1. Broxmouth Wood	474	5	9		
2. Deer Park	541	5	3		
3. Jackson's Pennies	173	3	15		
4. Shore	353	4	5		
5. Doon Hill	147	3	17		
6. Broxburn	386	4	1		
7. Vaults	382	4	13		
8. Cromwell	370	4	11		
9. Longbanks	532	5	7		
	3358	37			

Name	Black Yards	Par	Stroke Index	Score	W + L - H O
10. Sheiling	202	3	12		
11. Girgie Mire	460	4	8		
12. The Point	457	4	2		
13. Pot	377	4	14		
14. Mill Stone Den	432	4	4		
15. Skerries	338	4	18		
16. Narrows	163	3	16		
17. Fluke Dub	375	4	6		
18. Hame	435	4	10		
	3239	34	In		
	3358	37	Out		
	6597	71	Total		
			Handicap		
			Net Score		
			Bogey Score		

_____ Marker

_____ Player

Stroke index column indicates the holes at which strokes are to be taken

The Ladies tees have also been moved and remeasured and a provisional Standard Scratch Score has been requested and obviously this course will require to be rerated by the Ladies Golf Union in due course. The extra yardage on the Ladies course is 87 yards.

TEAM

Members are reminded that Dunbar Golf Club Plays host to the County Cup again this year from 12 to 14 June. The Dunbar team is as follows:

Neil Paterson & Steven Easingwood
John Archibald & Gary Queen

The Lothian's Team Tournament will take place on 26 July at Gullane No1 & castle Park Golf Club and the team will be represented by:

Steven Simants
Michael Creasey
John Archibald
Gary Queen

YOUNG JUNIORS

The Club will be hosting another "young juniors" event this year for 10 – 14 year old members. This will be a fun competition played over 6 holes from the blue tees on the following Saturdays at 4.00 – 4.30pm.

7 June 2008
28 June 2008
12 July 2008
9 August 2008
16 August 2008

The winner will receive a prize and all participants will receive a soft drink and burger & chips after the golf. Usually some parents come along and all are welcome. The draw for this will be placed on the junior notice board the week before.

PROFESSIONAL



Neil Armstrong (yes - the astronaut of moon fame!) recently "walked" on our fine links. He really enjoyed the golf course and just to prove he was here Jacky managed a photo shot. Mr Armstrong was heard to say: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for Jacky"

One of Jacky's latest recruits, Neil Fenwick, has succeeded in winning a place in the British Assistants Tournament which will be played at The London Club in August. Neil shot 69 in the qualifying event at Auchterarder.

LADIES

Congratulations to Shiela and Wilson Morton in winning the Winterfield Senior Mixed Open and to Emma Fairnie and Viv Skinner on winning the scratch and handicap prizes respectively in the East Lothian County Golf Association Spring Meeting held on the 21st May.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Club Championship play off, 4th June -5.30/6.00 pm
- East Lothian County Cup, 12-14th June-see Diary for times
- Ladies Championship play off,17th June-5.30 pm
- Anniversary Mixed Competition-13th June
- Pro Demo day-19th July
- Junior Open -24th July
- Captains Day-26th July
- Seniors Open-31st July
- RNLI Charity golf day-15th August
- Professionals Day-23rd Aug
- Evening charity event for Graham Wood Testimonial Fund-30th August (details to follow)
- Finals day-6th September
- Open Mixed Foursomes-7th September
- Graham Wood Pro/Celeb/Am Testimonial golf event 19 September
- Ladies AGM -25th September

This newsletter was also emailed to all members for whom we have an email address, if you have not received it by electronically you should send an email to the address below giving me the email address that you would like me to send future emails to. We send emails out roughly every month so come on lets have your email address.

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