



DUNBAR GOLF CLUB

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News Bulletin for December 2007

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Graham Wood – Graham remains hospitalised in Edinburgh and under therapy and we pass the Club's best wishes to his family at this time.

Club Administration – John Archibald commenced employment with the Club as Club Manager on 19 November 2007.

Winter League Team – The Winter League Team continue to make good progress with this seasons fixtures and remain unbeaten at the time of making this report with a game coming up against Haddington on Sunday 23 December at Haddington. The current League positions are as follows:

EAST LOTHIAN WINTER LEAGUE

2007 - 2008

DIVISION 1

as at

12 December 2007

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points
Dunbar	5	5	0	0	18.5	6.5	12	10
Craigielaw	5	3	1	1	15.5	9.5	6	7
Royal Musselburgh	5	2	2	1	13.5	11.5	2	6
Tantallon	6	2	1	3	13.5	16.5	-3	5
Haddington	5	2	0	3	12.5	12.5	0	4
Longniddry	6	1	2	3	11	19	-8	4
Kilspindie	6	1	0	5	10.5	19.5	-9	2

Deer Park – The Club is in consultation with the planners regarding the Deer Park and will be consulting soon with Historic Scotland. These negotiations are at a very early stage and the Club will not engage the required professionals, such as planning consultants or architects, to help progress the project until it is deemed to be essential.

Caravan Park – Work has started on Sloe Bigging – the area behind the wall at the 6th green and 7th tee and the caravan park is expected to be open by mid 2008. This was for the transfer of the Barns Ness Caravan site by Lafarge due to their mining operations. Under the course purchase agreement, Lafarge had insisted that the Club provided access to

the beach area for the Caravan Club members. Had this not been agreed, the Club would not have been able to purchase the course. This will be closely monitored in conjunction with the Caravan Club who were running the site. It is possible that the caravaners could be directed via the White Sands Road but Council will try and ensure the best possible outcome for Dunbar Golf Club Members.

Greens – Hollow tining is now complete with a third application of top dressing having been applied this week. A further and final application may be required on one or two of the greens in the next week or two.

Please remember that the use of mats on the fairway will commence from 2 January 2008.

All the new tees have been constructed with the exception of the second and this will be completed, weather permitting within the next two weeks. Turfing of the tees will be carried out in the Spring.

WINTER PROGRAM 2007/8

TEES

Hole	Action	Priority
2	Construct new tee to extend length of hole	Done
6	Construct new tee to extend length of hole	Done
11	Construct new tee to extend length of hole	Done
17	Construct new tee to extend length of hole	Done
9	Construct new tee to extend length of hole	Done
2	Combine current tee levels of medal and forward tees into one	3
7	Square front tee edge	3
11	Square front edge of current medal tee	3
17	Combine existing medal tees at one level and re-route path to coast	3

BUNKERS

Hole	Action	Priority
5	Enlarge right-hand greenside bunker	1
11	Re-face front left greenside bunker	1
12	Re-face and enlarge front-left greenside bunker	1
12	Reface front-right greenside bunker	1
15	Re-shape and re-face left-hand greenside bunker	1
2	Enlarge and re-face left greenside bunker	Done
4	Enlarge and re-face left-hand greenside bunker	Started
10	Re-shape and re-face both greenside bunkers	2
16	Enlarge right-hand greenside bunker	2
3	Lower back edge of left-hand greenside bunker	3
6	Re-face right-hand greenside bunker	3
7	Add new bunker at left of fairway (2 nd half)	3
9	Re-turf worn areas at front right greenside and short of green	3
14	Drain front greenside bunkers	3
17	Enlarge bunker at rear right of green	3
18	Re-model right-hand greenside bunker	3

OTHER

Hole	Action	Priority
14	Remove gorse on tee bankings to right of main path	Done
6	Core and sand selected areas of fairway	Done
1	Core and sand approach to green	Done
1/18	Core and sand wet area between 1 st tee and 18 th green	Done
13	Repair damaged turf at right-hand side of green	1
All	Repair any damage turf around bunkers not covered by bunker work	Ongoing

REPAIRING PITCHMARKS ON THE GREEN

Many members and visitors do not repair pitchmarks on the greens FACT

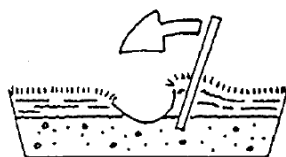
Many members and visitors do not repair pitchmarks properly FACT

Because of this the greens are not as smooth as they could be FACT

The worst “disease” affecting the greens at present is the high numbers of pitchmarks which are not repaired or are repaired incorrectly the latter being by far the biggest problem. This is very evident on many greens with some so bad that the damaged areas almost dominate the clean areas. The diagram below shows the correct and incorrect methods of repairing a pitch mark.

Please assist by repairing any pitchmark you happen to see on the green – it does not have to be one made by you - a pitchmark repaired takes a fraction of the time to recover than one that has not been repaired does.

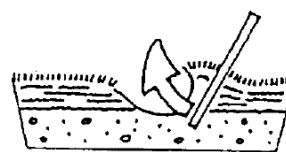
CORRECT METHOD



1. Insert repair tool just outside the back of the pitchmark
2. Pull the turf toward the centre of the mark
3. Repeat on remaining three sides
4. Gently tap required area with putter

This action replaces undamaged turf over the pitchmark providing immediate recovery

INCORRECT METHOD



1. Do NOT pry up the centre of the depression as it exposes the soil and delays recovery
2. Do NOT insert repair tool and twist it as this breaks more turf loose!

Correct repair takes only 15-30 seconds, whilst incorrect repair takes over three weeks to heal!

The Annual General Meeting – The Annual General Meeting was held on 1 December 2007. As per all motions by Council re the annual subscriptions, these were all approved and the subscriptions for the 2008 year are as follows:

Category	Subscription
Full	£420.00
Junior	£70.00
SGU Levy	£6.70
LGU Levy	£12.50
Club Levy	£50.00
Non-Playing	£75.00
Entry Fee	£840.00
Locker Rent	£6.00
Caravan Site Rent	£250.00

Also at the AGM the following members were elected to Council: Rob McDonagh, Richard Dickinson, Janette Main and Alex Culverwell.

The motion regarding introducing a category of membership for overseas members was not supported.

Professional - As you may be aware the Rules relating to “Hot Faced Drivers” come into force on the 1st January 2008

Here are several frequently asked questions regarding this subject:

Will the new rule on drivers be applicable to all amateur golfers?	YES	The new Rule will apply to all golfers of all abilities, in all forms of play. This includes amateur golfers playing in their Club competitions and medals.
Can individual Golf Clubs decide to allow the use of non-conforming drivers via a Local Rule or Condition of Competition?	NO	A Committee has no power to waive a Rule of Golf (see Rule 33-1).
Is it up to the Committee to ensure that I am using a driver, which conforms to the new Rules?	NO	It is your responsibility to ensure that your equipment conforms to the Rules of Golf.
Can I find out if my driver will conform after 1st January 2008?	YES	The R&A has compiled & published the following lists based on the 2008 Rules: The List of Conforming Driver Heads The List of Non-Conforming Drivers

These can be accessed from the R&A's website www.randa.org and then following the links to Rules, Equipment and Driving Clubs or from the Professional's Shop and if you are in any doubt then speak to Jacky or one of the boys who can confirm the status of your driver.

As a general guide Drivers purchased as new and Hi Tech between 2000 and 2004 are the ones which may fall into the "Hot Faced" or "Spring Like" category. Drivers purchased prior to 2000 will almost certainly be fine.

Competitions - It was reported to Council that the Winter Fourball Competition seems to be loosing momentum due to the current way it has been set up. Council agreed to change it next year to five teams per section two teams going through from each section to the knockout stage.

Ladies - Congratulations to the team of Morag Hastie, Marian Jenkinson and Ruth Marshall who won the club competition and were first in the East Lothian section of the 2007 Children 1st Annual Tri-Am Competition. They will now represent Dunbar at the final of the competition to be played at Bothwell Castle GC on the 11th May 2008 and we wish them the very best of luck.

Key dates for your diary are:

- **Club Dinner/Dance -15th December**
- **Burns Night- 26th Janaury-08**

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year

**John I Archibald
Club Manager
For and on behalf of Council**

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