



# RENFREW GOLF CLUB

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009

### ISSUE 2

#### Captains Corner.

Welcome to the club's second newsletter, August is of course a busy month for us starting on the first with the August medal and of course containing the Seniors Open, the Renfrew Open, the Junior Open, the AM AM and the ladies Tri AM amongst other things. It is of course a busy time for the greens and the clubhouse staff and I know their efforts are appreciated by all our members.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors of the various competitions and make a special note of thanks to the countless people who give up so much of their time to organise and manage these events, these people are the true stalwarts of the golf club. I hope everyone has been enjoying the good weather we have had recently and that all the time spent on the course has been enjoyable and fruitful. I also hope you enjoy this newsletter and would welcome any suggestions or recommendations you have for future editions.

**Lastly we have a marvellous prize to give away in this month's competition**

**The first two people to email Andy with the answer to the following question will win a pair of tickets to see ALL FOUR DAYS of the Johnnie Walker championship at Gleneagles.** Which Scot recently won the Ladies Open?

**Send your answers to:**

[andy.mclaughlin@renfrewgolfclub.net](mailto:andy.mclaughlin@renfrewgolfclub.net)

Happy Golfing,

#### Junior Corner

##### Newton Shield Team

The team has played really well recently and finished second in the league narrowly missing out to Ranfurly Castle. A good effort all round from the boys.

##### Lexwell Trophy

On Wednesday 5 August, 4 junior members will be participating in the Lexwell trophy at Elderslie. The juniors are hoping to retain this trophy, one that they won last year! This participants are Taylor Kay, Lewis Kerr, Andy MacKay and Craig Whiteside.

##### Renfrew Junior Open

The Junior Open is being held on Thursday 6th August and we are hoping for a successful day, lets hope the weather is an improvement on last year! We anticipate a good turnout for this. You will probably have noticed the increasing number of juniors enjoying Sunday medals and playing regularly during the school holidays. There are usually 18 juniors participating in the medal and this helps to make the competition more exciting and competitive.

#### MATCH REPORT

Spring Meeting - Winner Gordon Coster Jnr, Runner Up - Austin Reid, 3rd Prize Vince Bryceland, Scratch Prize Michael Campbell. SGU Trophy, Winner Austin Reid, Runner Up Alex Aitkenhead. Taverners Trophy, winners Gary Speirs, Alan McDonald, David Johnston David Comerford.

It was very disappointing to have a large number of call off's after the draw had been made! - 11th Medal David Tait, 12th Medal Ian Gillespie, 13th Medal Fergus Lang.

*George Donachie, Captain*



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#### Greens & Clubhouse

We are coming up to a busy 3-4 weeks on the course with all the open competitions being played, over the past few weeks weed killer has been sprayed on the fairways, rough and other

areas of the course and the results have been very good, this will improve the presentation and playability of the course in general.

As autumn is approaching extensive work will be carried out on the Greens to allow play through the winter period, this will consist of hollow coring and verti draining and topdressing programme. We hope to be finished by the end of September to create as little disturbance as possible. Several projects will be undertaken as part of the winter programme, this will be posted on the notice board early autumn. Alan Ferguson has been working with us over the summer months, it's been great to have him onboard and we would like to thank him for all his hard work.

#### LADIES NEWS

After a relatively quiet June, July kicked off with the Bunty Barclay Trophy. This is a popular greensome competition and was won by Evelyn Martin and Marjorie McGhie. Other winners were:- Medal (Cancer and Leukemia in Children) – Sandra Reid. Spoon – Dorothy Bentley (18 holes) Anne Vipond (9 holes). Hidden Hole (9 holes picked "out the hat") - Janette Hodgson. Thistle Brooch – Sandra Reid. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone for taking part. Volunteers/helpers required for our Open Tri-Am Day on Tuesday 11th August 2009 between 08.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. A notice has been posted in the ladies' locker room.

Sadly, we lost Mrs. Ann Graham. Her constant smile and never-ending stream of jokes and stories will be greatly missed.

#### Match Continued

August Medal 1st Class, David Tait 2nd Willie Fairley Snr, 3rd Iain Shirley. We won the Mail on Sunday classic v Bearsden and the county cup semi v Erskine.

#### Members Matters

Please look at the notice boards for what's on in August. Details of visiting parties and functions are all noted there.

We now have a new Sky box installed, this will if required allow us to show different programmes in the different lounges, we have also managed to negotiate with SKY a **free** subscription to ESPN so all the major SPL matches will be available to the members, so make sure you enjoy the new season in the clubhouse.

Please make sure you make a date in your diaries for the 29th of August when we have our cabaret night, tribute to DIVA's ticket details will be posted soon.

#### OTHER NEWS

##### NEW WEBSITE:

**Please check out our new website:-**  
[www.renfrewgolfclub.net](http://www.renfrewgolfclub.net)

Renfrew Golf Club is now a member of the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, this membership allows us to network with the local business community and businesses promoting the club and its facilities to West of Scotland businesses.

Please remember to enter the competition to win tickets for the Johnnie Walker championship at Gleneagles.

Finally this is your newsletter so if you have any news, or anything to sell, swap or promote, please give details into the office before the first week of the new month.