

The TEE Times



FOREword

Welcome to our revamped newsletter which I hope you enjoy.

It's been a challenging start to the year due to the weather, but Jason and Aaron are moving ahead with the Winter Maintenance Programme.

We're thrilled to be shortlisted, alongside three other Scottish clubs, for the Scottish Golf Tourism 9-Hole Best Golf Course award, with the final in March. A huge thank you to the many volunteers (too many to name), our greenkeeping and catering teams, and Golf Development Manager Stuart for making this possible.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Hughes, with assistance from Colin Payne, for undertaking our 5,000-word submission. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the course soon.

Drew Smith - Captain

UNSUNG heroes

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GET INTO GOLF (GIGS) CO-ORDINATORS

Meet Catriona Marshall & Barbara Malcolm

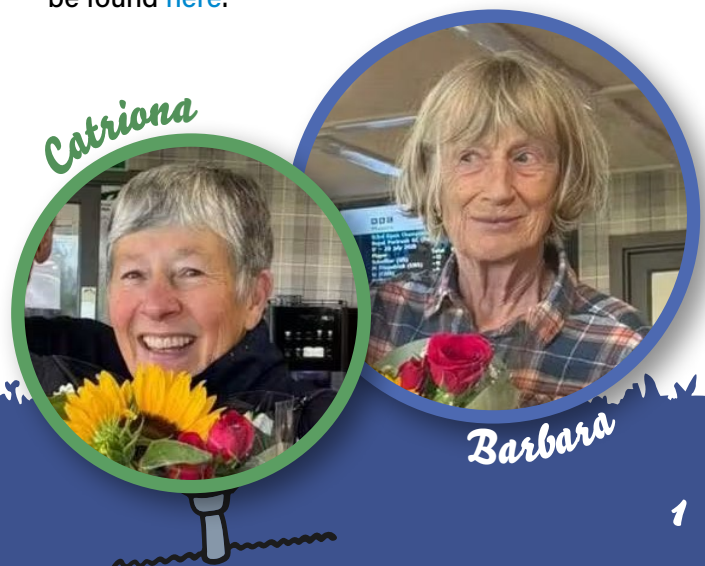
A new Scottish Golf's national **Get into Golf** programme has been developed to introduce and retain more adult beginners in the game, with a particular emphasis on women and the creation of a new pathway into membership.

Our highly successful GIG's 2-year programme this year has 28 golfers in the 1st year and 24 golfers in the 2nd year, with several 2nd-year golfers gaining handicaps.

While the professional from Cluny Clays focuses on teaching the Gigs how to play, our role is to help integrate them into the club community. We achieve this by organising Texas Scrambles

every few weeks. These enjoyable games not only boost their confidence but also foster friendships among participants."

Catriona and Barbara have created Welcome Packs for the GIGs, which include useful information on how to gain a handicap, book a tee time, and schedule lessons. This information can be found [here](#).



JUNIOR success

Lucy Moran, one of our long-standing Junior Members, has had a great year of golf in 2025.

After a winter of working with her Coach and hard work on the range, she started the competition year in March with an excellent round on the Jubilee Course at St Andrews in testing conditions, shooting a 4 over par round to win the girls scratch section of the inaugural playing of the St Leonards Lady Bonallack Trophy.

During the summer, Lucy won three Ladies Club Championships, Milnathort, Kinross and Gleneagles Dunbracken Ladies, as well as the North of Scotland County Junior Championship and the P&K County Girls Championship. She also won the P&K County Union Junior Boys and Girls Matchplay Championship. Junior Open success included wins in the overall scratch events at Milnathort, Strathmore and Gleneagles.

Lucy competed in six 54-hole events organised by the Stephen Gallagher Foundation and Junior Tour Scotland, where she was well placed, picking up ranking points in each event. Key placings were 2nd at Luffness and 4th at Fraserburgh in Junior Tour events and 3rd at the Barrie Douglas Scottish Junior Masters at Strathmore.

A highlight has to be achieving top Scot in an international field at the Scottish Under 16 Open Championships at West Linton in July and then being picked to play for Scotland in a match



against the England select under 16 squad and represent Scotland in the North of England Under 16 Championship at Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate.

Lucy reached scratch handicap this year and finished the year with a handicap Index of 1.

She achieved 1001 European Golf Ranking Points and a Girls/Ladies European Golf Ranking of 824/4077.

Lucy has already attended a training session with the Scottish National Girls Squad at St Andrews and has been invited to attend this again in December. She also attends monthly training with the Stephen Gallagher Foundation at Kingsfield and during the winter, she will also attend training with her coach, David Burns, at Kingsfield.

2026 has gotten off to a flying start with Lucy being invited by Gleneagles to be part of their Foundation Scholarship for 2026 and is attending Warm Weather training at Desert Springs in Spain with the Scottish National Squad during the February half-term holidays.



CLUB mascot

A competition was held to name the club mascot.

One of our Lady members, Christine Dick, took on the challenge of picking the name for our mascot from the wide choice of entries.

The winning name: 'Lilac Lil' came from Carolyn Hamilton.



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Junior Clubs

Bag with 6 clubs

£20

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IN THE OFFICE

4 Drawer filing cabinet

£50

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Women's golf shoes

Women's Ecco Biom Hybrid 3 Yak Golf Shoes
Coral Pink Size 36/4
Gore-tex

£50

CONTACT ELIZABETH

IT'S A DATE!

FEBRUARY

Friday 13th Ladies Coffee Morning
Friday 27th Quiz Night

MARCH

Saturday 28th Opening Day

MAY

Friday 1st Senior Mixed Greensomes Open
Saturday 16th Gents Open
Thursday 28th Senior Gents 4BBB Open
Friday 29th Ladies Invitational

JUNE

Saturday 6th Gents Club C'ship & Com. Shield Round 1 Qual
Sunday 7th Gents Club C'ship & Com. Shield Round 2 Qual
Saturday 13th Finals Day
Friday 19th 9 Hole Mixed 4BBB Open **NEW**
Sunday 28th Mixed Greensomes Open

JULY

Friday 10th Junior Open
Saturday 25th Centenary Trophy
Wednesday 29th Senior Ladies Greensomes

AUGUST

Saturday 15th Ladies Tri-Am Open
Sunday 16th Boe Cup
Thursday 27th Senior Gents Open

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 12th Fun Event
Saturday 19th Any Combination Texas Scramble Open

WATCH THIS SPACE!

More social and club events are on the way.



MASSIVE savings

BY OUR GREENKEEPING TEAM

£4,311 has been saved on the Winter Maintenance programme through detailed reviews of suppliers, consideration of alternative options, all of which were led by Jason and Stuart and approved by the management team.

SAVINGS BREAKDOWN

Tree cutting and removal

- Original estimate: £1,200
- Actual: Carried out by a licensed contractor at no cost to the club.

Note: Our application to the Woodland Trust has been successful, and 30 new trees will be delivered and planted across the season.

Tractor savings (mini service)

- Parts: £196
- In-house labour: Saved approximately £500

Moving the shoe cleaner

- Recycled slabs and turf were used with no additional cost.

Note: The new shoe cleaner has been ordered.

Topsoil

- Original quote: £2,250 for 60 tons (filtered top soil)
- Used lower-cost soil and team sifting.
- Actual cost: £350 saving £1,900

Rotavator hire

- Quoted price: £250
- Borrowed from Aaron's father (no hire cost).

Turf

- Original quote: £881
- Negotiated with alternative suppliers, and the specification was reviewed.
- Actual cost: £420



We need YOU!

As we prepare for the 2026 season, timely club membership renewals are essential for our cash flow and budgeting. Your prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

Stuart is ready in the office to take your money:
Monday to Thursday (8am - 1pm).



UNSUNG heroes

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ON OUR JUNIOR CONVENORS

At Milnathort Golf Club, our Junior section boasts 64 young golfers thanks to the dedication and passion of our incredible Junior Conveners, Andrew McNab and Chris Mann.

Why they chose to volunteer

We've always had a love for golf and want a new generation of golfers to experience the pleasure we have taken from the game over the years. After all, it's a game and it should be enjoyed. Seeing the kids grow in their skills and confidence is very rewarding.

Aspirations for the junior section

Our goal is to create a welcoming and supportive environment where every child feels encouraged to play and improve. We hope to inspire them not

just to become better golfers, but also to develop friendships and learn valuable life skills through the game. We hope to see the growth of the Junior and Juvenile members into next year.

What our roles involve

As volunteers, we help organise the coaching sessions on a Thursday night with the Golf Pro from Cluny Clays. Due to the numbers this Summer, we introduced additional coaching sessions. We assist with tournaments and ensure that our Junior members have a fun and safe experience at the club. It's a commitment, but seeing the joy on the kids' faces makes it all worthwhile!



GIFT vouchers

Birthday, anniversary and/or thank you gift - our gift vouchers are the perfect gift for that special person in your life.

Gift vouchers can be redeemed for FULL or PARTIAL payment towards the following:

- Golf club membership, including 'Get into Golf'
- Golf club catering & beverages
- Golf club merchandise

**VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM STUART IN THE OFFICE
MONDAY-THURSDAY (8AM - 1PM)**



SCOTTISH GOLF TOURISM AWARDS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH

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12 MARCH 2026
EDINBURGH
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND

Finalist

BEST 9-HOLE COURSE

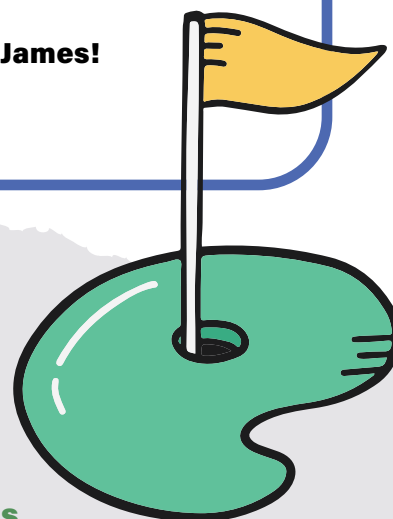
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HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to James Todd on a hole-in-one on the 13th hole. He used a 7-iron.

Well played, James!



CLUB *management*

Management team

Captain: Drew Smith

Vice Captain: vacant

Finance: Mel Doig

Governance: Martin Scott

Marketing: Elizabeth Hughes

Golf Operations Manager: Stuart McHardy

Golf Team Representative: Sonia Graham

Volunteer Co-Ordinator/Members Rep:
Ronnie Stein

Section Captains

Gents: Finlay Rush

Senior Gents: Billy Mclean

Ladies: Sonia Graham

For questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the club, please initially direct them to: Stuart at office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk. He will forward them to the appropriate individuals.

Please note that several members of the management team are in full-time employment.

VACANCY

The position of Vice Captain is vacant.
If you wish to be considered, please contact Drew Smith, Captain, via the office.



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