



# Castle Park News

## Castle Park Golf Club - AGM - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

It is the end of another year at Castle Park and therefore the time for all members to give their attention to the administration of the club's activities.

The AGM provides the platform for you to have your say, get involved at committee level or simply thank your fellow members for the hard work they put in to running the club and competitions that you enjoy throughout the year.

Please join us for the meeting or send notice of your apologies for absence to a member of the committee.

Agenda items include:

- Captains' Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Castle Park Golf Report
- Election of Office Bearers

Please show your support by attending the AGM.

- Date: **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011**
- Time: **7.00pm**
- Place: **Village Hall, Gifford**

### The Exclusive 'Hole in One' Club

Congratulations to our increasing list of members of the 'Hole in One' Club.

If we have missed you off the list below, please email details to: [louise@tidalfire.com](mailto:louise@tidalfire.com) and we will add your name to Castle Park's growing list of 'exclusive' golfers.

Tom Rintoul <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> hole	November 2011
Graham Girvan	7 <sup>th</sup> hole	April 2011
Richard Thorburn	16 <sup>th</sup> hole	February 2011
Peter Halliday	16 <sup>th</sup> hole	June 2010
Barry Goulding	3 <sup>rd</sup> hole	October 2009
Joe Pelosi	7 <sup>th</sup> hole	September 2009
Les Holm	12 <sup>th</sup> hole	May 2009
Norman Hughes	12 <sup>th</sup> hole	June 2008
James Ross	7 <sup>th</sup> hole	April 2008
Mure Dickie	16 <sup>th</sup> hole	May 2004

<sup>1</sup>Special mention to Tom - this was his 5<sup>th</sup> hole in one, two of which have been at par fours - impressive!

### Clubhouse and Course News

Clubhouse - development plans are with the Council awaiting their decision. Information will be given to members as soon as there is information available.

Course - one of the winter jobs (weather and time permitting) will be to remedy the waterlogging on the 11<sup>th</sup> green.

### Forthcoming Festive Competitions

- Christmas Cracker      Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011
- Ne'er Day Event      Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012

### Open Winter Stableford Competitions

Castle Park's Open Winter Stableford Competitions take place every fortnight, starting from October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The members' entry fee of £6 (non-members' £16) includes sweep money, homemade soup and a filled roll.

All players must book in advance and hold a handicap; tee times are from 8.30 am - 12 noon.

Dates for 2011/2012 period are:

- October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £125      2<sup>nd</sup> - £75      3<sup>rd</sup> - £50

*Season's Greetings*  
from **Jim, Lorna and Craig Wilson**  
and all at **Castle Park Golf Club**  
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## Club Captain - Clark Black

As the summer golf season has passed I hope you're now wrapping up warm and still braving the Castle Park fairways. One year into my captaincy and how quickly it has passed. At the time of writing this we have so far avoided any snow although the gale force winds have arrived. A warm welcome to any new members who have joined the club and this is your first newsletter.

This year the committee has worked hard to improve the communications to members. I hope you've noticed the additional communications in emails from me or updates on the website. This is something I hope to continue to improve on next year as getting up-to-date information to all members is a priority for the committee. We also hope information and reminders on up and coming events will encourage you to take part in these events. I would also remind you to continue to check the noticeboard for forthcoming events.

Next year will see an Open Texas Scramble scheduled for the first time and a club junior matchplay trophy. I'm also looking at a club putting trophy, possibly played on Championship Finals day, watch this space!

Congratulations to all our medal and trophy winners. The club Championship Finals day is seen as the pinnacle of the season's competitions. The success of it is down to the competitors, volunteers, caddies and the members supporting the matches and I pass on heartfelt thanks to all those involved in making this year so memorable. It's great to see so many new names getting involved in the finals stages and congratulations to Daniel, Jenny, David, Alasdair, Alan and Lewis on winning their respective sections.

The club outing to Woll was a fantastic day out and well done to Sheila and young Rory for scooping the top honours. I would encourage you all to watch out for next year's outing as Lynn did a great job and can even arrange the weather.

The presentation dance took place at the beginning of November with a fantastic evening organised by Louise, Lynn and Fiona. Although the numbers were not as high as we had hoped, all that attended had a great evening. The ladies should all be commended as every trophy and medal winner attended and picked up their prize. I'm afraid very few of the gents' winners attended but thanks to those who did make the effort. I would welcome ideas from anyone on improving attendance at this event.

The golf course has coped well with the summer season and, I'm sure you'll agree, has played and looked in top condition. Work will continue over the winter months and Jim and Craig are looking at the options for the 11<sup>th</sup> green, which we know requires some serious work on the drainage. Thanks to Jim, Craig and all the Castle Park team for their hard work over the year.

I also have to mention the great job Paul Huish and his volunteers are doing with the clubgolf junior program. Paul is not able to continue with the role next year, but the program will expand and I encourage you to contact us if you would like to get involved personally or you have kids who want to take part.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Paul Huish and Lynn Moodie for all they have done this year as both are stepping down from their roles as Junior Organiser and Social Organiser. Sheila is stepping down as ladies' captain and Alan Herkes will also be stepping down from the committee as he has completed his further year after passing over the captain's reins to me. Watch out for them winning lots of competitions now!

Finally, I need to pass on my thanks to all the committee members for their hard work this year.



## Ladies' Captain - Sheila Herschell

Once again we are at the end of another busy golfing year. The Ladies have enjoyed many successes, with our own in-house competitions, friendly matches, outings and the golf organised through East Lothian Ladies. Sorry there won't be room to mention all the events of the season but special congratulations to Jenny our Ladies Champion this year, and hard lines Hazel.

For the first time Castle Park entered the 5-a-side league, which are county matches played off scratch. The Ladies came second, losing out to The Glen by one point: a fantastic result. Eight Ladies enjoyed a weekend in the Highlands, with a friendly match organised with Abernethy Ladies. Although we lost the golf, the banter was great and seeing Mrs Long on a quad bike was one of the highlights! As part of our 9-hole medals we run a 2s competition. No one has had a two when it mattered, so we have accrued a pot of £162! We have decided that £100 will go towards our Christmas night out on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, and the rest will be carried over to next season.

Our winter group lessons with Derek are well underway and here's hoping for even more handicap cuts. I would like to thank all the Gents who have supported the mixed events the Ladies have organized, in particular the curry and the Mexican nights, which proved a great success. Thanks also to Gillian for looking after us so well each Wednesday.

Finally, as my term as Lady Captain comes to an end, I would like to thank all the Ladies for their support over the last two years. It has been most enjoyable, and made so much easier with all the help I had from my Vice. I wish Margaret well as she now takes over.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012.

## Social Secretary - Lynn Moodie

The annual club outing on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July was held at the Woll Golf Course, Ashkirk. What a fabulous day we all had; everything from the course, the food, the staff, the banter between teams, to the weather was great (the golf wasn't bad either!). Congratulations to Sheila Herschell who was first Lady with net 63 and Rory Thorburn who was first Gent with net 66. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who donated prizes especially Kay Fleming and Jim Wilson.

The Texas Scramble competition held on 15<sup>th</sup> October was another well-supported event with first team prize going to Richard Thorburn, Graeme Girvan and Mure Dickie.

The Annual Presentation Dance at Danderhall Miners' Club on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes and helped out on the night, especially Calvin Sellwood, Rory Thorburn and Jamie Duguid.

Future social events: Xmas Cracker on 18<sup>th</sup> December and Ne'er Day Event on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Details will be posted on main noticeboard in due course.



## Seniors - Barry Goulding

We continue to meet during the winter months for a friendly game on alternate Wednesday mornings between 9 and 10 am. We alternate with the winter stableford competitions and will resume weekly games next spring.

## Open Competitions - 2012

Mark the following dates in your diary and participate in the Club's competitions in 2012:

- Texas Scramble (charity open) Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Mixed Foursomes Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Gents' Seniors Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Texas Scramble Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Ladies' Greensome Weds. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.
- Gents' Open Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Entry forms are available at the clubhouse and also on the web site ([www.castleparkgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.castleparkgolfclub.co.uk))

## Rule Change

It is now only a 1 shot penalty if you hit your own equipment or caddy with your own ball.

## Match Secretary - Ian Sellwood

It was full steam ahead for all competitions this year. I would like to thank all entrants for their efforts in getting ties played on time. We managed to get all the summer competitions completed on time. It is a difficult process trying to get ties played by a deadline and with the exception of a few matches needing some "extra time" due to holidays we have stayed on course this year.

As is always the case if you feel you are going to have difficulty getting a tie played on time please contact me, Ian Sellwood – Match Secretary, as soon as possible so I can keep everything in order. Finally, just a gentle reminder: it is both players responsibility to make contact in respect to organising a tie.

Castle Park has also been busy on the wider regional competition front this year. We have had a representative team of 4 players (Alan Muirhead, Alan Watson, Daniel Beatson and Brian Thomson) involved in the highly competitive Lothians Team tournament, where Kingsknowe and Baberton hosted the play. Let us just say the players had a good day out and results were not really top priority....!!

We have also completed our annual double header against Gifford Golf Club. This is a pairs better ball competition over a home and away leg. We again managed to retain the trophy with a strong home performance and a halved away match. Well done to all involved this year!

We had representatives of Castle Park playing in the Belhaven Best handicap competition in August. Our Captain, Clark Black, and Donald Salter qualified for this through a monthly medal. The reports were very favourable for Bathgate Golf Course and although they were not in the winner's circle they both played well.

Finally I would like to mention our winter competitions. These have started well! We are already into round three of the winter handicap competition, The Johnstounburn Shield, and hopefully this will continue without our usual winter shutdown! The team has really started well this year in the Winter League. We have recorded three wins and two losses which is a significant improvement. A huge thank you has to go to our new captain, Brian Thomson, for all his efforts and inspired team selections!

I have to round up by saying we are seeing a rise in the quality of our summer competitions each year. The level of play needed to win a match is getting higher and higher. It is down to your dedication to your own games and I believe the quality of the golf course. It is no doubt a hidden gem of a course which we are lucky enough to be playing on and thanks must go to Jim, Craig and the team who put in such good work to make us all feel welcome, and ensure we can play to a higher standard.

*Thank you*

## Derek's Christmas Crackers

Stuck for a present for a loved one or a friend? Why not give a voucher for golf lesson/s? Here are some great stocking fillers from Castle Park Professional, Derek Small.

- One lesson: **£30.00**      • Two lessons: **£55.00**
- Three lessons: **£90.00** + 4<sup>th</sup> lesson **Free of Charge**



### Member's (only) Christmas Present:

- Four lessons + a 9-hole playing lesson: **£100.00**



### Get a grip!

Get your clubs re-gripped with Golf Pride grips. This can be done while you wait and a full set of clubs costs just £70.00.

Vouchers for all of the above are available from Reception or call Derek on 01368 862 872 or 07967 209 167.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year!



## S.C.A.M.P.S. Update

Everyone is welcome to meet up at the clubhouse for informal golf with S.C.A.M.P.S.

Meetings are on Sundays at 7 am. There is a £1 entry fee and birdies earn you 20p from each player, eagles 40p and so on.

Outings are usually arranged twice per year. See Colin McArthur at the clubhouse for more information.

Earlier this year S.C.A.M.P.S. visited Aberfoyle and played 36 holes and in September Colin organised a weekend visit to Kirriemuir. S.C.A.M.P.S. outings are always popular so you are advised to get your name down early.

S.C.A.M.P.S. is proud to have a new trophy (George McGhie Memorial) which was kindly donated by Margaret McGhie, widow of George a previous stalwart of S.C.A.M.P.S.

Margaret attended the event at Aberfoyle and presented the trophy to Daniel Welch who won the morning round with an impressive net 66. Kevin Sewell was 2<sup>nd</sup> with net 71, closely followed by Richard Thorburn with a net 73.

## Notices to Members

### Annual Subscriptions 2012/2013

Jim Wilson has advised that annual subscriptions for the forthcoming season will be as follows:

- Full membership - £380.00
- 5-day membership - £275.00

Payment is due on or by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012.

### Member's Club Levy 2012

The member's club levy (separate to annual subscriptions above) is used to pay the various Scottish and Lothian Golf Unions for all playing members of the club. In addition it goes towards funding fixture cards, newsletter and bag tags.

- Adult membership - £20.00
- Junior membership - £5.00

Payment can be made at reception or by cheque to: Castle Park Golf Club by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012.

### New Members - Meet the Committee 2012

The committee will host an informal 'Meet the Committee' evening specifically aimed at new members to help them integrate into the club.

All new members will be invited to join us for (optional) 9 holes of golf followed by a drink in the clubhouse. The date and time of the meeting will be notified early in 2012.

### Communications

As a committee we are constantly reviewing and improving ways to keep the membership informed of the course and club activities.

In recent years we have made a concerted effort to gather members' email addresses so that the newsletter and interim announcements can be communicated swiftly to a large audience.

If you have not already given your email address to the club, please leave your details at reception by completing the Member Contact Details card, or email: [castleparkgolf@hotmail.com](mailto:castleparkgolf@hotmail.com)

You can also check the web site regularly for news and competition updates.

[www.castleparkgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.castleparkgolfclub.co.uk)

Competition results are also posted on the golfing community web site: [www.howdidido.co.uk](http://www.howdidido.co.uk)

Finally, if you use Facebook you can follow the club and other members at:



[www.facebook.com/Castlepark Golfclub](http://www.facebook.com/Castlepark Golfclub)

# Competition Results and Prize Winners - 2011

## Summer Cups

Competition	Winner
Stuart Fortune Memorial Shield	P Fenn
Mixed Open	C Duguid & R Thorburn
Paul Paterson Pairs	G Wieliczko & S McFerrin
Castle Cup	D Connachan
Goblin Ha' Quaich	G Wieliczko
Gents' Open	S Elms (Jnr)
Gents' Open Seniors	Z Jones - under 65; D Cuckow (Lauder) - 65+
Ladies' Handicap	A Sewell
Gillian Mitchell Quaich	A Sewell & L Ramm
April Fool	J Renton (Gents) & J Sewell (Ladies)
Mixed Foursomes	G Turner & W Halliday
Birdie Tree (Ladies)	A Sewell

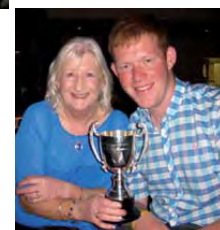
## Trophy Winners

Competition	Winner
Winter Eclectic (10-11)	W Halliday
Summer Eclectic	D Connachan
Ladies' Summer Eclectic	G Turner
Johnstounburn Shield	R Thorburn
Winter Medals (Gents & Ladies)	D Robertson (Gents) & J Sewell (Ladies)
Ladies' Open Greensome	J Cole & B Scott (Gifford)
Gents' Winter League	I Sellwood
Ladies' Order of Merit	L Moodie
Gents' Order of Merit	I Sellwood

Club Champions	Championship	Winner	Runner-up
	Gents	D Beatson	I Sellwood
	Ladies	J Sewell	H Bryson-Chalmers
	Gents (B)	D Thom	D Curtis
	Gents (C)	A McKenzie	I Hoehle
	Juniors	L Fenn	J Duguid
	Seniors (Joe Pelosi Trophy)	A Muirhead	A McNeil

Winter Medals	Month	Gents	Ladies	Juniors
	October 2010	A Watson	H Bryson-Chalmers	-
	November	D Robertson	A Sewell	J Duguid
	December	cancelled	cancelled	cancelled
	January 2011	cancelled	cancelled	cancelled
	February	W Godsell	J Sewell	F Sewell
March	D Clifford	J Sewell	L Fenn	

Summer Medals	Month	Gents	Ladies	Juniors
	April	G Evans	L Moodie	J Duguid
	May	D Salter	A Thomson	-
	May (S Fortune)	P Fenn	S Herschell	S Bruce
	June	A Muirhead	M Ross	M Johnson
	July	W Pruz	L Moodie	-
	August	G Rae	L Moodie	J Duguid
September	R Mackay	L Scott	L Fenn	



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