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Lochend Golf Club newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Changes in golf rules for 2019
- Champion of Champions
- News from other clubs
- Seniors Open

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There are some MAJOR rule changes which Golf's governing bodies are introducing from 1st January 2019.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

These include:

- **Removing the penalty for a double hit:**

A penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed.

Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball.

- **Dropping procedure:**

When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height.

- **Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties**

There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

- **Relaxed putting green rules:**

There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

- **Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water**

hazards"): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover other areas in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

- **Embedded (plugged) balls**

There is now relief without penalty for an embedded ball in general areas of the course. This still excludes bunkers! For clarity relief is within one club length but not nearer the hole.

- **Relaxed bunker rules:**

There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

- **Relying on player integrity:**

A player's "reasonable judgment" when deciding a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if evidence later shows it to be wrong; and

elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

- **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (**from five minutes to three**);

= players should play "ready golf" in stroke play;

= recommend that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke

We will produce a small card to be picked up by members with all these new changes which will be applied on 1st January 2019



Rules of Golf



SEE FURTHER IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE RULES CHANGES FOR 2019 ON PAGE 4..... there just wasn't room to get it all on one page!!

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 2018

Champion of Champion 2017: Duncan Ireland

3 club competition: Gary Breheny

November 17 medal: Scott Robertson Jnr

December 17 medal: Robert Binnie

Xmas Texas Scramble: Scott Robertson, Scott Robertson Jnr
Steven Chalmers, David Dalgleish

J B Roche Trophy: Scott Robertson

January Medal: Scott Robertson Jnr

Winter Tri-am: Robert Sutherland, Mark Dalrymple,
John Flynn

Faither Simpson Foursomes: John Selcraig, Craig Daniel

March Medal: Andrew Gibbs

Winter aggregate: Stuart McMurdo

Winter League: Billy Richardson, Derek Ramsay, Scott
Robertson Snr & Jnr, Mitch Storey

Winter League Singles: Alex D Ferguson

Alex Gair Winter Pairs: David Haining, Gary Breheny

April Medal: Michael Macfarlane, Andrew Gibbs,
Steven Meldrum

Mackie Cup: Graeme Markey, Arthur Sinclair

Rab Binne Greensomes: Kevin Fraser,
Stuart Mathie

Salveson Shield: Andrew Gibbs

Currie Cup: Craig Daniel

May Medal: Kevin Fraser, Derek Ramsay,
Andrew Mc Arthur

John Batton Pairs: David Haining, Gary Breheny

Spence Bowl: Tam Galloway

Tri-am: David Haining, Gary Breheny,
Pat McCafferty

June medal: Gary Cheyne, Craig Smith, Steve
Meldrum

The Quaich: Duncan Ireland, Dennis MacIntosh

McLean Cup: Robert Binnie, Archie Johnston

Christie Miller Silloth: Gordon Nelson,
Paull Pearson, Jason Harkins,
John Williamson

Seniors Open: Mitch Storey

Captains Day: Andrew McArthur,
Alex D Ferguson, Jordi Fernandez

July Medal: Stuart McMurdo, David Wright,
Keith Raeburn

Lochend Open: David Dalgleish

August Medal: Brian Coyle, Gordon Nelson,
Graham Chapman

Club Championships: Alan Thompson,
George Muir, Terry Coyle

J G B Muir Trophy: Peter Anthony, Gary Muir,
David Dalgleish, Jim McArthur,
Alan Thompson

September Medal: Jamie Crisp, James Service,
Andrew Gordon

Findlay Cup: Duncan Ireland, Paul Robinson,
Craig Smith, Paul Smith

The Persevere: David Haining,
Duncan Ireland

Scratch Aggregate: Alan Thompson

Handicap Aggregate: Stephano Vassella

Snr Open: Mitch Storey

October Medal: Scott Cross, Alex Young
Ian McLeish

Summer Singles: Michael Wright

Summer Pairs: Gary Breheny,
David Haining

Alex Urquhart Texas Scramble:

Jordi Fernandez, Paul Madley,
Colin Farwell, Michael McFarlane



"Remember Dave, it's not the winning that's important... Well actually it is, I'm just trying to make you feel better..."

Winners of Summer pairs and singles

David Haining & Gary Breheny—who are becoming pairs experts!!

And summer single winner Michael Wright

New competitions:

We are planning to introduce more medals next year including:

Starting in January a new three medal competition on the 3rd Saturday of each month—members can book their own times — of course as it's a medal it'll be a 3 ball format

and on the 3rd Saturday from April to August 5 medals to be played for the best 24 eclectic scores to play in a special Medal in September for the Seafield Medal

Watch out for details on the notice board.

Lochend Championships: you try for ages to win the Championship and suddenly two come in a row.

Congratulations to everyone who got through to the Championship finals this year.

In a repeat of the 2017 A Section final Alan Thompson retained his Club Champion once again as he overcame a determined Duncan Ireland. It is difficult to win the Club Championship once so it is an AWESOME achievement for Alan to successfully defend his title.

Can he make it 3 in a row in 2019?

Paul Pearson very nearly held onto the B section but was pipped in the final by George Muir who proved just a little too good on the day. George previously won the B section in 2015 so congratulations for regaining the winning touch.

Terry Coyle (and his family) were over the moon when Terry managed to secure the C section after beating Davy Stewart.

In the Ladies Section Linda Robertson became Ladies Champion for an amazing 10th time, more than 20 years after she won her first Championship away back in 1995 — clearly marriage hasn't affected her game.

Jane MacLean won the Bronze section after a hard fought final against Jennifer Sommerville.

WHO WILL BE NEXT YEARS WINNERS?



"Did you win?"

News from other clubs across Edinburgh

Portobello Golf Club are having a really hard time at the moment: there is a possibility that the course will close but a final decision by Edinburgh Leisure has still to be made. As our nearest neighbours, who have previously helped Lochend Golf Club, we have reached out to offer as much help as possible.

It appears two of Edinburgh's oldest clubs have closed: Edinburgh Thistle Golf Club and Carrick Vale, which just shows the challenging times local golf clubs are facing..

LADIES section:

FUNDRAISER

LADIES ONLY

Friday 26th

October

£5 (pay at the door)

Sunday 28 October

Centenary

Competition

(followed by a meal at the Elwyn)

Another successful Seniors Open

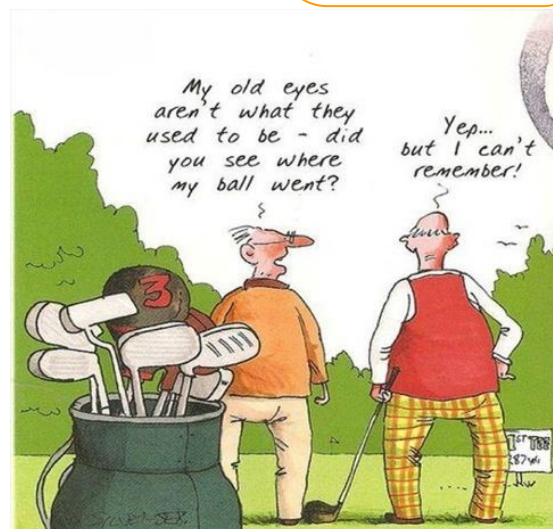
Thanks to everyone who took part and/or help organise this years event to make sure it was another excellent Seniors Open.

Nearly 120 players took part and the feedback we got was that the course was in great condition so thanks also have to go to the Greenkeepers.

The winner of the scratch was Keith Millar who produced a fantastic 66.

The handicap was won by our own Mitch Storey who came in quite earlier with a net 63 that no-one was able to beat.

Special thanks to everyone who handed in donations which meant every hole had a prize.



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GENTS DINNER:

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Tickets are ONLY £20 if bought before 31st October.

Guest speaker: Tam Cowan (Scottish football journalist and radio presenter).

Our Dinner is the envy of many golf clubs across the Lothians so why not come along and enjoy a fantastic evening.

LADIES DINNER:

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Ticket prices still to be confirmed



RULE CHANGES FOR 2019 continued

You might find numerous information and "advice" about the new changes to the rules of golf in golf web sites and magazines.

IT IS VITAL THAT MEMBERS REMEMBER THAT IT IS **CONGU'S** RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE WHICH RULES THEY HAVE AGREED TO ADOPT FOR GB & NI.

For example one key rule which CONGU has decided **NOT** to adopt is the one which could give an option to take a one shot penalty and drop a ball near where it has gone out of bounds or is lost.

Therefore there is NO change to current rule of playing another ball from where the previous stroke was made and adding 2 strokes to your

scores ie a one stroke penalty.

ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR OF ALL THESE CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF IS THAT EACH PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THEY KNOW THE RULES:

HONESTY IS A KEY ASPECT OF GOLF.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF A RULE WHICH YOU MAY HAVE BROKEN DURING A ROUND YOU ARE ENTITLED TO CONTINUE TO PLAY YOUR ROUND AND THEN ASK FOR ADVICE FROM A COMMITTEE MEMBER ONCE YOU FINISHED THE ROUND TO CONFIRM THE RULE **BEFORE** SUBMITTING YOUR SIGNED CARD

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

Is it possible to be disqualified after playing JUST one shot?

YES

NO

ASK ANDREW



Well, if you can't move the ball closer to the hole, can you move the HOLE closer to the ball?

