

Dumbartonshire Golf Union Newsletter



Dear Captain, Club Manager & Committee Member

Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with our latest activities here at Dumbartonshire Golf Union. Please circulate widely within your club perhaps by e-mailing out to Committee members and locating a copy in the clubhouse.

STROKEPLAY & MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

A new format is being trialled this year with the joint running, at Dumbarton Golf Club, of the scratch Strokeplay Championship along with a Handicap Championship / Spring Meeting. The scratch will be over 36 holes with the first round on Saturday 4th May, the top 30 will then play another 18 holes on Sunday 12th May. The top 16 will then qualify for the Matchplay Championship at Milngavie Golf Club on the 27th to 31st May.

The Handicap Championship / Spring Meeting will also be on Saturday 4th May at Dumbarton Golf Club over 18 holes. The top 8 players will qualify for the Handicap Matchplay Championship at Hilton Park Golf Club on the 28th to 31st May.

Clubs will be automatically entered for the Wylie Trophy club team competition if they have at least 3 players competing in the scratch Strokeplay competition.

Further details are in the Competitions Section of our website at www.dgu.org.uk.

Pictured is 2018 Stokeplay & Matchplay Champion Scott Moore (Clydebank & District)



SUMMER & AUTUMN MEETINGS

The summer meeting will be a 18 hole scratch and handicap competition at Clober Golf Club on Saturday 22nd June.

The autumn meeting will be a Canadian Greensomes over 18 holes at Balmore Golf Club on Saturday 14th September.

BOYS STROKEPLAY & MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

This will be held at Douglas Park Golf Club with the Strokeplay Championship over 18 holes being held on Friday 9th August. The top 8 will qualify for the Matchplay Championship being held on 12th to 14th August.

The winner of the Strokeplay Championship will also qualify for the National Telegraph Junior Golf Championship.

Pictured are 2018 Junior Strokeplay Champion Kyle Murphy (Clydedbank & District) and Junior Matchplay Champion Ashton McLean (Dumbarton).



KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

The following competitions will be run in 2019 with players being nominated by their clubs.

- Champion of Champions
- Junior Champion of Champions
- Seniors Championship
- Handicap Championship
- Fourball Championship
- Team Championship

A total of 143 players from 21 clubs played in the competitions in 2018 and a similar level of entries is expected for the 2019 competitions.

The draws will be published mid-April with more use being made of our website to store players contact details in a password protected area which will allow for easier updating of the details.

Finals day will be at Kirkintilloch Golf Club on Saturday 21st September.

BOYS TEAM MATCHES

The Boys team will be playing the following matches in 2019.

Sun May 26	Boys v Renfrewshire	Away	Elderslie
Sun Jun 23	Boys v Ayrshire	Home	Dumbarton
Sun Jul 28	Boys v Lanarkshire	Home	Helensburgh (12.30 tee time)
Sun Aug 18	Boys v Stirlingshire	Away	Kilsyth Lennox (12.00 tee time)
Sun Sep 1	Boys v Glasgow	Home	Balmore

Team Manager is Graham Smith from Cardross Golf Club.

Youth Team Matches

The Youth team will be playing the following matches in 2019.

Sun Sep 15	Youths v Stirlingshire	Away	Falkirk Tryst (11.30 tee time)
Sun Sep 22	Youths v Ayrshire	Home	Lenzie
Sun Sep 29	Youths v Lanarkshire	Home	Hilton Park, Allander (12.00)
Sun Oct 6	Youths v Glasgow	Home	Dullatur
Sun Oct 13	Youths v Renfrewshire	Away	Cochrane Castle

Team Manager is Graham Smith from Cardross Golf Club.

A TEAM MATCHES

The A team will be playing the following matches in 2019.

Sun Sep 15	A Team v Stirlingshire	Home	Clober
Sun Sep 22	A Team v Ayrshire	Away	Turnberry, King Robert The Bruce
Sun Sep 29	A Team v Lanarkshire	Away	Crow Wood
Sun Oct 6	A Team v Glasgow	Away	Pollok
Sun Oct 13	A Team v Renfrewshire	Home	Milngavie (12.00 tee time)

We have a new Team Manger this year, Jim Devaney from Clydebank & District Golf Club.

SCOTTSH AREA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scottish Golf have introduced a new format for 2019 with both the Gents and Boys Championships being held at the same time, 6th to 8th September at Leven / Scoonie Golf Clubs. It is anticipated that the Youth ATC will be also held in September at a venue to be announced with the Seniors ATC being held at Stirling Golf Club on 26th September.

Pictured is the Gents team at the 2018 Area Team Championship at Cawder Golf Club.



COACHING

The 2018 – 2019 Coaching College is up and running with 10 boys receiving free coaching, from Area Coach Bob Collinson, over 18 sessions from October 2018 to December 2019. A new format is being trialled this year with sessions at Bishopbriggs Driving Range, Balmore Golf Club practice area and on-course work at a variety of clubs.

A match against the West of Scotland Girls Golf Association has also been held in the past 2 years with results standing at one win apiece.

The arrangements for the 2019 intake will be communicated to the clubs later in the year once final arrangements have been confirmed.

Clubs will again be able to apply for Coaching Grants and details of the application process will be sent to clubs in May.

Pictured are the teams in the 2019 Boys v Girls match.



COURSE RATING

The courses due to be rated in 2019 are Clydebank & District, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven.

The course ratings in 2018 for Westerwood, The Carrick and Clober were all affected by bad weather and may require further work this year.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Dinner and Prizegiving at Clydebank & District Golf Club saw presentations to the main trophy winners.

Spring Meeting Scratch	-	Lee Milligan (Dumbarton)
Spring Meeting (Handicap)	-	Alan Russell (Clydebank Overtoun)
Boys Medal Play Championship	-	Kyle Murphy (Clydebank & District)
Boys Match Play Championship	-	Ashton McLean (Dumbarton)
Medal Play Championship	-	Scott Moore (Clydebank & District)
Match Play Championship	-	Scott Moore (Clydebank & District)
Wylie Trophy	-	Clydebank & District
Champion of Champions	-	Alan Russell (Clydebank Overtoun)
Handicap Players Championship	-	James Brechany (Douglas Park)
Junior Champion of Champions	-	Blair Roger (Clober)
Inter Club Knockout	-	Clober Golf Club
Seniors Champion	-	David Downie (Clober)
Fourball Champions	-	Douglas Park

Junior Order of Merit	-	Kyle Murphy (Clydebank & District)
Young Player of the Year	-	Kyle Murphy (Clydebank & District)
Order of Merit	-	James Wilson (Balmore)
Player of the Year	-	James Wilson (Balmore)

Pictured are Young Player of the Year Kyle Murphy and Player of the Year James Wilson with DGU President Sam Bolton.



2018 FINALS DAY

Was held at Lenzie Golf Club in September 2018. Winners of the Knockout Competitions were:

Champion of Champions – Alan Russell (Clydebank Overtoun)

Junior Champion of Champions – Blair Roger (Clober)

Senior Championship – David Downie (Clober)

Handicap Championship – James Brechany (Douglas Park)

Fourball Championship – Douglas Park

Inter Club Championship – Clober

Pictured is Champion of Champions winner Alan Russell with DGU President Sam Bolton, more pictures in the Gallery section of our website at www.dgu.org.uk.




INDIVIDUAL DGU PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

Having now left University, James Wilson of Balmore Golf Club has experienced his best season to date, losing out in a play off at the Tennant Cup and winning the Welsh Strokeplay Championship. James gained his first Scottish cap in the 2018 Home Internationals at Conwy Golf Club.



DGU FACEBOOK PAGE

We continue to increase the number of club members who are linked to our Facebook page so we can keep them informed of matters of golfing interest across the Dumbartonshire Area. Can I again ask clubs to advise their members of our Facebook page and to link to it by using the “like” function on the following page: [DGU Facebook Page](#) 

Members can also keep in touch through our web page at www.dgu.org.uk

On behalf of Dumbartonshire Golf Union, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

John Struthers, Secretary.