

I do hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we are having this summer and that you are managing get down to Craighielaw to play plenty of golf. Having been out playing a few times recently I think the course has never looked better and a big thanks goes to Paul Hay our Head Greenkeeper and his team for presenting the course in such great condition.

As you know, it has been a very busy summer with a lot going on at the club, including the US Kids, Open Qualifying, and just recently the R&A Girls Amateur Championship. I am pleased to say that the events went extremely well and a big thanks goes to all of the members who volunteered at these events. I would also like to thank the members that volunteered to help at the Scottish Open at the Renaissance Club in July, I believe it was a five day commitment so well done to everyone who took part.

Whilst it was fantastic to host the R&A Girls Championship it obviously closed the course for the week, there were limited times available at other venues in the area and I was pleased to hear that many members had taken up the opportunity to play at some of the local courses that had kindly offered up tee times. I have had a lot of positive feedback from members saying how much they enjoyed playing at other clubs last week and I was pleased we were able to provide alternatives albeit on a limited basis.

Hopefully, the next few months will be quieter for the members and there are plenty of club events and medals coming up including the Members Invitational event at the end of August, the 2 day Autumn Meeting in September and a Shotgun Event planned for the start of October.

I am also pleased to report that the Craighielaw Gents team are performing as well as ever and are in the final of the Summer League after defeating The Royal Burgess Golf Club at Royal Musselburgh, the match was won on the second extra hole in the final game with Angus Carrick sealing the win. The team will play Bruntsfield Golf Club in the final on the 13th September at Kingsknowe GC, I wish Guy and the team the best of luck in the final.

Paul Hay is now looking to the Winter and putting together plans for winter maintenance work and I will be in touch in October to let you know the work to be carried out.

Finally, I would like to remind you that there are regular meetings with the management team at Craighielaw and I would be very happy to present any ideas or thoughts you may have that could improve the members experience. Please feel free to contact me at craiglumsdaine@gmail.com.

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