

Members Update

February 2022

Course

A note from our Head Greenkeeper

The Winter, so far has been a very busy period for the Greens Team, with over 20 bunkers rebuilt/repared on the course and South Links. Over the past few months we have also been topdressing greens applying around 80 tons of sand since September, this provides a reasonable surface through the winter and allows for lesser requirement to do this in the summer where sand sitting on the surface when cutting 7 days a week can damage the cutting blades of the mowers, damage the leaf and cause disease.

If you have been out recently you will probably have noticed that we have cut the rough back, scarified and removed the clippings. Last month the rough was sprayed with a chemical (Laser) to help remove the thicker unwanted grasses etc, this should show a difference in the density of the rough like last year. This will be an ongoing program for the next 3-5 years with improvements after each treatment, to finally get to a rough that is light and wispy without being too penal.

There have been two ponds cleared out on the 11th and 13th, with the ponds on the 1st and South Links to be completed in March (contractor to confirm dates). The work was carried out firstly to improve drainage throughout the course but secondly to allow for changes to be made to the 11th approach.

There is work ongoing re-levelling the 1st white tee, we are also waiting for contractors to start work on the 11th approach as well as contractors removing trees at the 17th green. A drier Winter than normal has resulted in no significant disease on the greens so far (fingers crossed).

As we move ahead towards Spring the greens will be aerated using an air injection unit, this is to help with compaction and is less disruptive to the surface than verti-draining. We will also be applying a new growth regulator to the greens called Prohexadione this will start in March and carry through till September every 21 days.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to the new season and enjoying some warmer weather and some growth on the course. Whilst it is always important, it is crucial just now that all players do their bit to help us by repairing pitch marks, replacing divots and following the traffic control ropes that are out on the course.

Enjoy your golf.
Paul Hay
Head Greenkeeper

World Handicap System

Please be advised that the How Did I Do app is now linked to GPS and scores must be recorded within the geographical boundaries of Craighielaw as per the WHS rules. If you experience any issues using the app please inform the pro shop staff and we will do what we can to assist. All players are reminded that they must sign in with the Pro shop and on the HDID app before commencing play for a general play round.

Fixture List 2022

The 2022 seasons fixtures are now online on the link below. This year we will be introducing monthly club sweep days. These events allow members to compete in a more casual format and can return cards for handicap or not.

<https://www.craigielawgolfclub.com/members/>

Marshalling and Scoring at the Genesis Scottish Open and AIG Women's British Open

Craigielaw members have the opportunity to help at this years Genesis Scottish Open (7th to 11th July) and AIG Women's British Open (4th to 7th August). If you are interested in helping at either of the events in a scoring or marshalling capacity please email the golf office on info@craigielawgolfclub.com noting which event you can help at and in which role you would wish to help.

Please note we will also be looking for volunteers at this years US Kids European Championship (28th May to 2nd June). Details of this event will be circulated soon.

Subscriptions 2022

The 2022 subscription renewals will be prepared and sent out towards the end of February for payment by 1st April. If I can ask all members to make sure we have up to date contact details for you including a current email address this will make the process much easier. I include the subscription rates for 2022 below.

Full	1250
5 Day	795
Country	635
Overseas	475
Junior	100
SL Adult	225
Academy	530
Intermediate	380
SL Junior	50
Y adult 1	500
Y adult 2	875

Clubhouse

I would like to welcome our new Head Chef, Herve Willems. Herve brings a wealth of experience from his extensive career both internationally and within Scotland. Herve and Vanessa are currently working with suppliers to create a new set of menus which I hope you will enjoy.

There has been and will continue to be some maintenance work going on in the clubhouse areas over the next few weeks with some roofing, carpeting, painting, and electrical work, I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will also be renewing furniture within the lounge and restaurant areas over the coming months and there may be occasions when items have been removed and new items are not in place, again I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.