

Members Update June 2021

**Members Liaison Committee Meeting minutes**

Please click on the link below to view the latest minutes from the MLC meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://www.craigielawgolfclub.com/wp-content/uploads/MLCmeeting-7th-June-21.pdf>

**Club Championships**

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Club Championships.



Kenny Glen winner of the Club Championship



Stephen Sharkey winner of the B Championship

### **County Cup 2021**

Congratulations also go to the Craigielaw County Cup Team who beat North Berwick in the final at Gullane No.1 to win the County Cup. This is the first Craigielaw team to have won this title.



2021 County Cup Team David Nicolson, Ross Colquhoun, Craig Davidson and Guy Dalziel

### **Message from the Captain**

Craigielaw Golf Club, 2001 - 2021

On the 20th June 2001 we received a letter from Alan Aitken, the then Golf Club Manager, informing us that our application for joint membership of Craigielaw Golf Club had been approved - we were however preceded in those early days by the owners of the new Craigielaw Park houses, who had already enjoyed some months on the course by themselves!



Of those original members there are some 82 still playing golf at Craigielaw



Memories of those early years are of a portacabin and Shirley's bacon rolls and a starter's box with Gordon Mclanachan looking after all things on the golf course with such style and bonhomie.



And a golf course design much as of now with everyone talking about the upturned saucers which were the greens - welcome to Craigielaw!

Changes to the golf course have followed over the years, some more substantial than others, resulting in the very fine golf course of now.

The completion of the clubhouse followed in 2003 and the members lounge and hotel in 2013. A full membership reflects all of the above and the success of this first venture by the Wemyss and March Estate into golf club ownership.

Other memories of those early years were of Club Dinners, Burns Suppers, BBQs, Xmas parties, weddings, but as the membership evolved so has the social side of events - which now are more associated with golf events.

It is hoped to be able to celebrate with a full programme of both in August and to produce both a pictorial and short history recording the first twenty years of golf at Craigielaw.

Evlyn Raistrick, captain

### **Course update**

It has been a busy few weeks for the greens staff preparing and presenting the course for medals, daily play and of course the club championship week. Congratulations to the winners Kenny and Stephen from all the greens staff.

With it being a cold and late start to the growing season it took a lot longer to see the benefits of the overseeding work that was carried out in late April. It took around 6 weeks for germination with 14c/18c being the optimum temperature for fine fescue, usually this would be 2-3 weeks. The reason for overseeding is to introduce and maintain a high-level of desirable grass species, better colour, finer leaves, better disease resistance and fight the battle of annual meadow grass that you can see seeding just now that makes the golf ball bobble when putting. We are cutting at our new summer heights to achieve a tighter look around the green complexes and better definition from the fairways and rough cuts, in which the ball should run further like a links should play.

All the daisies "Bellis Perennis" and clover "Trifolium" have been sprayed off with the other undesirable weeds with a herbicide, another application will go down in September. This week we are planning some aeration on the greens by punching 8mm tines down to about 15-20mm. This is to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate to the grass roots. Hopefully by the end of July early August we will be going deeper using a different machine with no surface disruption. Just like humans needing vitamin supplements so to do grass plants. We had a few greens tested back in May and found some of the nutrient levels to be low, so for the next few months we will be applying a supplement of Magnesium, Calcium and Potassium and they will get tested again in September to see if the levels are any better.

As you may have noticed, there are new flag sticks and flags which look great. At nearly half the diameter of a normal flag stick, a mere 8mm, it leaves more space for the ball to enter the hole. The "Thin-Pin" encourages players to keep the pin in and the newly designed ferrule allows for easy retrieval, causing less damage to the grass edges.

Paul Hay  
Head Greenkeeper