

# SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER Autumn 2018



## Captain's Day

At the height of a super summer both Captains made their days ones to remember. Tom Oliver laid on a great BBQ and refreshing drinks at the 10<sup>th</sup> which was enjoyed by all competitors. Marking the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club, Tom had arranged for all prize-winners to receive additional celebratory mugs, balls and towels – and ensured that those attending the prize-giving benefitted from a light buffet.



**On Safari at the 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Golf Week

Again as a main celebration for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Club resurrected its golf week – and what a success that was. It was looking like we would be blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine all week, but the fates conspired give us a good

soaking on the Saturday and Sunday – however every spot was taken and despite getting drenched everyone enjoyed the events. Each day had provided a different format with the 4 Person Team Open on the Monday, Ladies and Gents Individual Stableford on Tuesday, Texas Scramble on the Thursday, The Kennedy Cup Mixed 4BB on Friday (best attended for years). Also on the Wednesday a Club Medal had competitors playing for the Anniversary Trophies – with Carl Pettigrew winning best scratch, Stephen Sim best nett and Salli Pilcher best nett (ladies).



**Texas Scramblers enjoyed their day**

The week certainly was well-received by visitors and members and was so successful that we have decided to repeat the Golf Week in 2019.

### Mid-Summer Madness



Well it wasn't really mid-summer but there was plenty of madness and enjoyment on 11<sup>th</sup> August as the Club again held its main charity event of the year. Adam and in intrepid band (Craig, Steve and Mark) set off at the crack of dawn to play golf at the Eskdale course and then tramped overland via various watering holes to play their afternoon round at Seascale. Lisa and all the girls walked from Eskdale to Seascale Golf Club calling in at most of the pubs on route raising money all the way. Five teams took part in the Seascale version of Speed Golf with a very excited mixed team taking the honours after a pretty hard fought competition. With impeccable timing the walkers arrived at the 18<sup>th</sup> green just as Adam and his band holed out. After a very handsome raffle draw everyone then enjoyed some lovely BBQ meals courtesy of Kirsty and staff. This major fund-raiser collected over £3000 for our major charity West Cumbria Hospice at Home.



Early Morning call at Eskdale's King George

### New Members

It is great to see so many new members in the Club and getting the benefit of a great summer on what is fast becoming the number one course in Cumbria, according to feedback from most of our visitors. We ended last year with 518 members and at mid-September the figure stands at 550. That's a great tribute to Adam and his staff on course and in the Clubhouse who continue to deliver superlative service. Since the last newsletter we are delighted to welcome the following new members:

Ben	Ashton	Kevin	Grant	St John	Norton
Tom	Bain	Gregg	Halliday	Lee	Preston
Jonathan	Baker	Carl	Harrison	Dave	Pugh
Phillip	Barwise	Alex	Hayes	Dylan	Pugh
Alan	Birkett	Lewis	Henderson	Ian	Ramage
Samantha	Blair	Philip	Henderson	Neil	Richardson
Jo	Blythe	Alison	Higham	Luke	Roberts
Julie	Brown	Paul	Hodgson	Philip	Robinson
Kyle	Brown	Peter	Hodgson	Reece	Robinson
John	Burrows	Jake	Huddart	Josie	Rose
Henry	Campbell	Len	Hutton	Garth	Seed
Malcolm	Campbell	Daniel	Irving	John	Shaw
Steph	Coupe	John	Jackson	Gemma	Sherven
Molly	Daly	Bill	Jarvie	Adam	Sinclair
Andrew	Davis	Grace	Lamb	Peter J	Smith
Jo	Devonald	Maria	Lamb	Avril	Spencer
Joseph	Dorgan	Shaun	Lee	Dylan	Stainton
Simon	Edgar	Andrew	Lucas	Gregg	Stainton
Trevor	Fail	James	Mackintosh	Rob	Stalker
Annie	Fawcett	Brenda	McCaffrey	John	Steward
Phoebe	Fawcett	Stephen	McCourt	Harry	Strong
Bryce	Feaver	Colin	McEwan	Mike	Taylor
Paul	Ferrand	Steve	McMillan	Matthew	Towle
Andrew	Firth	Andrew	Mead	Eve	West
Keith	Fitzsimmons	Edie	Norman	Garry	Wilson
John	Gibbons	Edward	Norton	Patrick	Wood

### Great Year for Seascale Teams

The Inter-Club Strokeplay Tournament at Seascale was a good indicator of Seascale's potential with several players in contention for the main trophies and John Rushforth succeeding in winning the County Seniors Trophy (good luck to John representing Cumbria at Woodall Spa this week). It was looking very good for the Scratch League Teams right up to the line with our 'B' Team emerging victorious in the West League, and our 'A' Team so very nearly breaking into the lead, but in the end coming second in Northern Premier League. Seascale B will join the A-team in the NPL next year. Well done to Simon Young our Club Champion 2018 for managing our successful Scratch Teams.

Our Seniors Team – the Kestrels really laid it on the line in their games against the other Cumbrian Clubs. They won 12 of their 16 games, drew 3 and lost only one. A fantastic performance all round, and probably their best ever.



**2018 Champion Simon, Captain and ?**

## **Juniors Getting into Golf**

Nearly fifty youngsters from Seascale and surrounding districts had the benefit of fantastic sunshine for some full-on golf tuition during the mid-term holidays, taking part over two hours in various golfing challenges under the watchful eye of Bev and Adam. There was some really good talent on show from some very enthusiastic youngsters ranging from three to early teens. Some of the Club's junior members were on hand to pass on some of their experience and there were several golf club members there to supervise activities and help with tuition. A full range of golf equipment was available and thousands of golf balls used to give really good hands on practice. Some of the youngsters had never held a golf club before, some had swung a club previously but all progressed with their driving, chipping, and putting. Bev was delighted with the response saying, 'it was great to see such a great turnout of all ages at our Seascale Golf Club Junior Taster day and thanks to all the volunteers and our Seascale junior 'ambassadors' who helped make the day so successful. Fantastic support from everyone at the club.'

The Seascale Club is keen to foster new junior talent and PGA Coach Bev is already developing a growing number of local juniors with teaching sessions and one-to-one coaching on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Adam, who had just put in a full

weekend hosting the County Strokeplay Championships, said 'It's great to see the hard work that is put in by our volunteers really pay off with such a successful, well-attended event. The future is bright at Seascale Golf Club and local youngsters are encouraged to join the club and will be welcomed into our great game.'



**Golf Rocks assembles**



**On the driving line**



**Natural talent from a 3-year old future star**

## Seascale Ladies Results

Our Ladies have had a tremendous year as well.

Best nett at the One-day Team Event at Silloth were S. Cavanagh, M Temple, S Temple, A Ridley and S Pilcher. Photo includes fantastic caddies too.



In the County Championship at Appleby, our two juniors Abby Roper and Naomi Brennan played brilliantly. Abby won the County Junior Girls' Champion with 75 gross. First nett in the strokeplay went to Naomi with 134 nett and she also won the County Junior Girls nett trophy with 69. Both went on to represent Cumbria in the County Match week along with Marion Glassbrook (County President) where Cumbria came second, their best ever result.



Our silver shield teams have played well and the A Team have been promoted to Division 1, but missed out on the Division 2 title on a count back to Kendal. Well done to everyone who played, pic

above is of the winning team that played Kendal at home.

## Our Winning team away at Windermere



Captain v Vice Captain was a fab day with lots of fun and team colours throughout - little bit to do with Captain and Vice Captains love of football we think. The Red team came out on top.



Lady Captains day was blessed with sunshine and enjoyed by everyone. Shirley Temple won with nett 70, followed by Salli Pilcher and Sara Baker.

## Late News

**Well done Abby Roper in coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in England's Champion of Champions (Junior) recently at Frilford Heath, Oxfordshire.**

## Entertainment

Weathered Rock returned for another gig on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August – raising the roof once more. As well as a successful Mid-summer Madness, we had the Holborn Hill Billies in May and well-attended Beer ‘Festival’ in mid-June. In April we held another Race Night raising funds for the Junior Section.

Coming soon is our Casino Night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and our ever-popular Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## On Course

Well, we knew we would have to pay for all that glorious sun and heat during our summer of 2018 – and we did, with the fairways rather resembling African grasslands rather than the lush grass we have become used to. On the other hand our greens seem to have held up very well and seem to be getting better and better. Although the rain and cooler temperatures have repaired a lot of our fairways and well-trod areas, there are some that need help to recover. The Club hired in an overseeder for the second week in September and hopefully this will get us back on track.



John Overseeding 14<sup>th</sup> Tee

## Greens Staff

Kurt and Will our keen young greenies are now embarking on apprenticeships with Myerscough College and will be mentored and tutored at Seascale. I'm sure everyone will agree that it is great to see such enthusiasm with our young lads. Alec Hennis moved at the end of August to take up the role of greenkeeper at Dunnerholme GC and we

wish him well. Interviews are currently taking place for a replacement for Alec.

## Golf Rules 2019

Copies of the new edition of the Rules of Golf are now available to all members from the Foyer. The main changes are as follows:

- Dropping procedure: When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop. (
- Measuring in taking relief: The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area.
- Removing the penalty for a double hit: The 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. (*Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 included the existing one-stroke penalty*).
- Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions

Major proposals introduced in 2017 that have been incorporated into the modernised Rules include:

- 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 areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., 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.
- 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 estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video 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); affirmative encouragement of “ready golf” in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

## Multi-Tee Competitions

Despite some problems members seem to be happy with the concept of multi-tee competitions. Statistics show a fairly consistent 25% Blue 50% White and 25% Yellow from the available

competitions during this season. There was some frustration caused by conflict between booking and sign-in on the CSI software causing default to yellow, but we fed back our observations to CSI and we believe that their recent software reissue does address the problem.

## Driving Bays

After taking advice from the planning officers, we submitted plans to Copeland Council in March for the erection of covered driving bays on the driving line of our Practice Ground. Following two rounds of consultation with neighbours and a visit from the Council Planning group the Council made their decision to grant planning approval at their Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August at which Adam represented the Club’s position. The Whitehaven News reported on the decision and quoted the planning officers as saying the scheme ‘will enhance the existing community facility, and will not have a significant demonstrable harm on the amenities of the neighbouring residential properties. It will also help improve the viability of the facility and will be accessible to all users.’

We are keen to progress the scheme, but although we hoped that this would be realised in our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it may be next Spring before we see it completed.

## Greenkeepers Welfare Facilities

One of the projects that we were keen to realise this year was improvement to our greenkeepers welfare facilities. Major work on replacing the flooring has been completed (well done Terry) and we are on the way to upgrading the toilets, installing a shower room, improving the drying facilities, providing better office and messing facilities, and kitting out a better store-room.



## Fish Cuisine on Course for Success



**Cumbrian foodie Alan Spedding gave Seascale Golf Club's first 'Fish Night' under new chef Craig Niven a perfect score.**

Alan says 'When I was invited over to Seascale Golf Club to experience a seven course 'Fish Night', I have to admit that it sounded like a bit of a strange location for such an event. However, as soon as I found out who was going to be doing the cooking, everything just fell into place.

Craig Niven is the newly appointed chef at the Golf Club, so I knew straight away that Craig and fish are a match made in heaven. Formerly Craig was the brains behind the amazing fish menus at The Inn at Ravenglass, which had such a good name for itself diners were known to travel from Manchester just to eat lunch there. When Craig left, so did the customers and Cumbria's only fish restaurant was left as a happy memory.

Seascale Golf Club has only recently seen new management taking over the day to day running of the business. Craig, being a golfing fanatic went straight in for the role of Head Chef, knowing full well there was the potential get straight out on the award winning course in between lunch and dinner service. Word soon hit the West Cumbrian streets that Chef had been appointed and within no time at all, the waters were being tested and a fish night launched as a regular, seven course seafood extravaganza.'

Read more on - <https://cumbriaguide.co.uk/fish-night-on-par/>

**SEASCALE GOLF CLUB CHRISTMAS MENU**

**Starters**

- Black Pudding Stack**  
Black pudding topped with streaky bacon, Duck Egg & Peppercorn Sauce
- Garlic Mushrooms**  
Mushrooms in a rich creamy Garlic sauce – served with a crusty Bread roll
- Soup of the day**  
Homemade Vegetable Soup served with a crusty Bread roll
- Brie Wedges**  
Deep fried Brie Wedges served with a Cumberland Sauce

**Mains**

- Roast Turkey**  
Roast Turkey served with Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing and all the Trimmings
- Roast Beef**  
Roast beef & Yorkshire Puddings
- Salmon**  
Salmon fillet served with a Homemade Hollandaise Sauce
- Celebration Roast**  
Vegetarian flavoured roast with lentils, Sultanas, Pumpkin seeds and Millet  
Finished with a spiced Brambly apple and pomegranate glaze

**Desserts**

- Sticky Toffee Pudding**  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Vanilla Ice Cream
- Apple & Blueberry Crumble**  
Apple Crumble served with a hint of cinnamon served with Custard
- Christmas Pudding**  
Rich fruit cake soaked in a Brandy Sauce
- Cheese & Biscuits**  
Selection of Cheeses Served with Chutney and a variety of Crackers

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£18.95 for Three Courses  
£15.95 for Two Courses  
£11.95 One Course

**Seascale Golf Club**  
**Fire Lit at 6.15pm**  
**BONFIRE NIGHT**  
**Saturday**  
**3rd**  
**November**

**Hot Dogs, Burgers etc available**  
**All welcome**