

SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER Spring 2019



Captain v Vice-captain

History is in the making after 126 years at Seascale as for the first time our captain-elect is a lady. Captain, Robert Temple and Vice-captain Christine Graham presided over a very equitable match with the highest turnout for many a year played in very calm weather. The 64 players in the 16 matches, many of them mixed, continued the equality aspect by delivering an eight-all draw. After the match the players enjoyed a meal courtesy of the Captain and Vice-captain, and a raffle was held to raise funds for this year's charities, cystic fibrosis and meningitis.



L-R Fiona Kirkby (Lady Captain) Robert Temple (Captain) Christine Graham (Vice-captain) and Stirling Graham.

Lotto Members Required

Mark Jacques is the new Lotto organiser and is aiming to raise the profile and membership. Got to be in it to win it!

Kestrels Flying High



Last year was a great year for the Kestrels, our over-55 seniors' team, their best season ever. Steve Palmer the organiser is keen to repeat this success and is always on the lookout for fresh talent ready to play at home and away on Tuesdays. It really isn't the winning – it's the taking part that most of the Kestrels really enjoy – and they are proud too of the welcome that they and the Club extend to our visitors, which helps cement Seascale's reputation. Their Tuesday matches are busy events providing a good income stream. The visiting players pay for their meal and are treated to drinks by their Seascale playing partners - and this is reciprocated by the other Clubs. Steve Palmer is the current organiser and Alan Cliffe acts as Treasurer and administrator. Both are keen to see more members getting involved. So if you are 55 or over and fancy some regular social golf with a bit of an edge, please get in touch with them –they will be delighted to hear from you.

The 19th at Seascale Golf club

Completed ahead of schedule, our new restaurant facilities are ready to go. Designed and project managed by Amelia Wilson of Amelia Wilson Interiors Ltd, there has been a complete transformation of our dining room and annexes. What was shown graphically at the AGM where members approved the initiative has been surpassed in reality, and thanks are due to all those involved in the execution and delivery of this project.

Easter Saturday 20th April will see the facilities open for members and guests with light refreshments and the bar available. Easter Sunday will be our first main event for 'The 19th', with the restaurant progressively building on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday dining.



Course Improvements

Our greenkeepers have done a splendid job once again with their winter programme. 7 Bunkers have been renewed, 3 tees have been remodelled and replaced and astra-turf paths have been laid. All this and routine maintenance has given us what are superior greens right through the winter season. Our Head Greenkeeper John Whitham who has been with the Club for nearly 20 years has taken the opportunity of a full-time job with Cumbria Fire Service and left us at the end of February. Our Manager, Adam is now spending 50% of his time on the course leading the greens staff as they seek to consolidate Seascale as the best in the West.



Another remodelled revetted bunker at 17th



Raised and re-laid 12th medal Tee



The new launch-pad on the 16th medal tee.



The raised medal tee at 4th – following the sleeper theme.



The young guns of the greenkeeping team, not forgetting John and Stephen who also worked their socks off.

Staff Changes

With the delivery of our new dining facilities we also have a new chef in Christopher Bridge who has worked in several major restaurants in Cumbria and elsewhere. Christopher will work closely with Adam and Kirsty in developing our new restaurant in line with customer demand. Kirsty has also taken on a new role as assistant to Adam, looking after administration and customers while Adam is on-course.



Competition Savvy

Competition season proper is with us again, and it is worth pointing out some do's and don'ts which help keep things running smoothly. You will have seen on TV how what might seem like trifling little infringements end up in penalties and disqualification for the world's best players. We all play to the same rules – and even local rules – so best not to get caught out. You will find the Seascale Rules for Competitions on the notice board and on the website (members area Club/Rules and Constitution/Rules for Competitions) – competitors should familiarise themselves with these. It is worth emphasising too that a lot of the rules and guidance involve the etiquette of the game which we all have to learn – it doesn't just come naturally. Above

all else it is your own integrity that counts – if you make a mistake – don't hide it – own up and show that you have penalised yourself.

Please Don't...

Forget to tell your playing partner(s) and the Club if you withdraw from a booked tee time.

Leave your partners high and dry – by attempting to move to another tee time.

Change your booked tee time – stick to it unless you are clearly helping others get their game.

Please Do...

Ensure your card is signed by player and marker. Penalty disqualification.

Record on the card the correct gross score at each hole. Penalty disqualification.

Ensure your correct handicap is recorded on the card. Penalty disqualification.

Put the card in the competition box. Penalty disqualification.

Enter your individual score via the PSI Touchscreen. Penalty - Potential suspension from comps.

Golf Mark & Golf Foundation

Seascale is well on the way to accreditation under the Golf Mark scheme. This demonstrates that the Club has everything in place as far as management, sustainability, safeguarding, and business planning and strategy are concerned. The R&A and Englandgolf are the sponsors of the scheme and a particular focus is on juniors and bringing them on in a safe and secure way. Brampton is the only other Cumbrian club with accreditation currently.

The HSBC sponsored Golf Foundation aims at bringing youngsters into the game and is based on numbers, taster sessions, action plans, good

coaching and supervision. Financial help is available to clubs which are proactive in encouraging participation. Bev New, our dedicated professional coach and Adam have worked hard to secure Seascale's future in these schemes.

Junior News

Seascale Juniors attend coaching twice a month on Saturdays. They also have a junior competition once a month for all standards and ages.

We played a friendly junior match against Cockermouth during the Easter holidays at Cockermouth, all ages and all standards. 10 juniors travelled to Cockermouth on the day and represented Seascale and they all had a great time. This week we held a drive, chip and putt challenge just like they have at the Masters during a junior coaching camp.

We are holding a 2-hour FREE taster day on Easter Monday 22nd April.

In early June we are hosting the tri-golf festival for the junior schools in Copeland, this will be a great opportunity to show the schools what we have to offer at Seascale Golf club, and it promises to be a very busy day.

Steve Pritt and his adult helpers are starting this season's junior golf nights after Easter on Mondays and possibly Fridays.



Never too Young at Cockermouth



Seascale Golf Club

Monday 22nd April
Easter Monday
2-4pm

Come along and enjoy some
GOLF COACHING and
GAMES

FREE

Golf Taster Session

for all girls and boys
ages 4-17

All equipment provided

PGA Advanced Professional
Bev New



Welcome to our New Members

Graham	Best	Jonathan	Lymer
Shaun	Bostock	Scott	Mascoll
Mark	Bradley	Niall	McAteer
Laura	Brown	Joseph	McBain
Freddy	Bryce	Rob	McBride
Isaac	Eastwood	Hadyn	McCourt
Scott	Fowler	Finlay	McCourt
Michael	Fox	Richard	Mewse
Chris	Gardner	James	Morgan
Stan	Giel	Jim	Morrison
Tim	Goddard	Liam	Moynes
Joshua	Hamand	Jake	Nicholson
Luke	Hamand	Andrew	Poyner
Alexander	Hodgson	David	Ray
Jack	Hunter	Bryn	Roberts
Leon	Hutton	Dave	Stubbings
Jacob	Isherwood	Jack	Stubbings
Tony	Jones	Sue	Weston
Sam	Kelly	Harry	Whitfield
Daniel	Law	Des	Wilkinson
David	Lowe	Michael	Wowk

Captains' Charity Presentation



Seascale 2018 Captains Christine Fawcett and Tom Oliver nominated Hospice at Home, Lewy Body Dementia and Seascale GC Junior section as their charities for 2018.

At a reception held at the Golf Club just before the AGM a cheque was presented to Hospice at Home West Cumbria for £5,268.30. This together with a presentation to the Charity in the summer of £1,500, means a total of £6,768.00 was donated to Hospice.

A cheque for £1,000 was given to Lewy Body Dementia Society and £700 was presented to the Junior Section funds of the club. This will help provide tuition and support to young persons wishing to start golf, or for those already in the Club, to improve their skills

The attached photograph show Captain Tom Oliver and Lady Captain Christine Fawcett handing over the cheque to Richard Stout from Hospice at Home West Cumbria.



Bonfire Night keeps on growing year by year.