

# SEASCALE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017/18

## Bonfire and Fireworks

Once again Seascale Golf Club's Bonfire and Fireworks display was a real crowd pleaser. And what a crowd – well over 1000 spectators from far and near watched from various vantage points as John Whitham and his fire service support team gave them a 15-minute non-stop spectacular display. Christine, Kirsty and co kept the crowd well-fed and watered, and the stewards did a great job of controlling everyone on what turned out to be a lovely night. The Clubhouse was full of happy faces after the display and customers were well-entertained by Avalon who played well into the night. We had lots of comments from villagers and visitors thanking the Club for laying on another great night.



## Merry Christmas Everyone

*ps If you have any nice Christmas decorations you don't want – bring them to Adam.*

## Wine tasting

Vice-captain Tom Oliver ably assisted by Mike Magee laid on an interesting evening sampling some nice whites and reds from various suppliers. Of course you are only supposed to sip and taste – but if it tastes good who's worried? – and even if it doesn't taste good who's worried? There were a few bottles left over – but Adam had no problem auctioning them off. Next tasting night may well be Belgian & German beers and I don't think we will be sipping.



**A glass or two.....Not all for Doreen.**

## Kids Halloween Party

Trick or treat with loads of little monsters, skeletons, zombie and vampires – that was what was on offer at an enjoyable Kids Halloween Party on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## Captains' Presentations

Club Captains Harry Paterson and Joan Atkinson didn't have far to look for their good cause this year. Adam's wife Lisa had shown them the way with her previous amazing fund-raising for Breast Cancer Care – so it was a cause that the Club could really get behind. And get behind it you did right from the start with the James Bond Christmas bash. There followed a Burns Night, an Elvis Presley Night, St Patricks Night, Race Night, various Band nights, Wine Tasting, Casino Night – but to top it all was a few moments of Midsummer Madness in July. Adam did his sponsored 12-hour golf challenge, raising over £500, Barry Goodwin ran round the course in his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday challenge raising about £1000, and Lisa and her friends walked all the way from Wasdale to the golf club raising a fantastic £2,300 – in all £4000 in one mad day.

Both Captains were delighted to be able to hand over cheques on behalf of the Club at a presentation evening in the Clubhouse recently. Captain Harry presented a cheque for £9000 to Lisa who represented Breast Cancer Care, Lady Captain Joan presented a cheque for £700 to Hospice at Home West Cumbria Vice-chairman Richard Stout, and Harry presented a cheque for £400 to Rob Blythe on behalf of Alzheimers Care.



## Casino night

It might not have been Las Vegas, but there was certainly plenty of action on the card tables and roulette wheels. Despite Kirsty being off on her well-deserved holiday our 'two amigos' managed to serve us some tasty grub – especially Pauline's scrumptious braised steak. Our thanks once again go to Ian Pattinson the casino master and to all the croupiers.



## ClubV1

After a month of operating the new Clubsystems ClubV1 we are finding that it will be a big improvement and capable of giving the Club and its members a more comprehensive and responsive experience. On the competition front we are steadily increasing the number of team events that can be made available online and through the PSI – and during our winter period we have brought in the winter handicap system and allowed tee booking for up to four in our stablefords or medal. This is already helping by allowing more players to participate in the shorter winter days.

Like any new system it will take time for us to make full use of the facilities, and we will be trying things out in the winter – especially on the team competitions – so it will be new to us and to our members and we would ask you to be patient if we don't always get it right first time. One aspect we are looking at is competitions set up to play from different tees. The new system is capable of handling these, but signing-in will be a bit different as will the results presentation. We would hope to have this tried and tested before the new season commences.

Another area of change is on Texas Scrambles. The new system has standard mixed Texas Scrambles set up which takes account of ladies handicapping issues and allows the team handicap allowance to be set at 10% or 12.5% or any other factor – but it does not determine a maximum allowance per team which up until now Seascale has applied. So we are investigating the removal of those limits.

### Ready golf

With more members keen to play it is important that we all address 'pace of play' issues. A simple change is to play 'Ready Golf' on the course and on the putting green.

Allowing players to play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the "farthest from the hole plays first" stipulation should be encouraged, except during match play games. Examples of ready golf include playing when

someone in your group is assessing a tricky shot, shorter hitters playing first if longer hitters have to wait and hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball. Another is putting out as long as you are not on someone's line.

Being ready to play should be very easy and considerable time will be saved if players do these things efficiently. For example, if each player in a four-ball that shoots 80 each takes an average of five seconds less to play each shot they will save over 26 minutes (80 shots x five seconds x four players).

**& Remember keep up with the group in Front not in front of the group Behind.**

Come on guys let's make a point of applying this at Seascale.

## BRS Coming Soon

By early December Seascale should have in place the BRS system of tee booking and payment. This is a natural partner for ClubV1 and is something that members and visitors have been asking to be available. We will be using it for booking into and paying for Open Competitions and for visitors to book and pay their tee times. We will not initially use it for members tee-time booking because we feel our members value the facility of walking on to the tee without booking. The Worldpay module will also allow members to pay their subs etc online, modernising our transactions.

## Winter Programme on the Course

The main focus this winter is using our extensive stock of artificial turf to improve both buggy paths and revetted bunker faces. Our chipping green bunker has been revetted using "Hockey Pitch" style turf and the Greens Committee agreed that this was the way to now build the bunker faces on the course. This would cut down on maintenance costs for the future upkeep of our Links bunkers. The bunkers will be built from the older "Hockey" style turf and the buggy paths from the newer "Football 3G" material. The prioritising of work this winter will be liaised between Adam and John and the emphasis will be on completing one job before moving to another to minimise visual disruption.

**Hole 1:** Fill in lower single bunker near the 150 yard marker and create new bunker up towards the gorse next to an existing bunker. This will look better from the tee and is a blueprint for how our holes will look going forward. Carry to fairway, wider landing zone without hazards, narrow in and create hazards further up fairways – more risk v reward.

Thin out half of the gorse plantation on left hand side to encourage regeneration of gorse. Agreed we would cut down the top half of plantation towards the green so front half would look natural next season. Front half to be cut down next winter when the rest has flourished.

**Hole 3:** Resurface tee path with new 3G artificial turf and use existing Hockey pitch path to reface bunkers.

Reface front greenside left hand bunker.

**Hole 4:** Raise comp tee and increase square yardage.

**Hole 5:** Create new 3G artificial path from tee to green – if time allows.

Reface middle greenside right hand side bunker.

**Hole 6:** Thin out half of each gorse plantation allowing regeneration.

Extend green directly behind existing putting surface to create six new pin placements. Cut and fill operation using existing turf and material.

**Hole 8:** Reface right hand side bunker

**Hole 9:** Lower left hand dyke and use material to re contour right hand side of the path going down the hill towards 150 yard marker. This will help players hitting from comp tee see their ball down on left hand side of fairway and create fairer lies near the path.

**Hole 12:** Reface greenside left hand side bunker

**Hole 13:** Make comp tee bigger using sleepers to create more square yardage and improve visual

impact. We will be buying dwarf rye turf to lay, similar to 3<sup>rd</sup> tee.

Resurface the shell paths with 3G artificial turf.

Create sleeper wall in the beck where banks have eroded near to shell path.

**Hole 15:** Reface fairway bunker

**Hole 17:** Returf Ladies tee with dwarf rye.

Fill in narrow shell path leading up the hill with old turf.

**Hole 18:** Create new 3G artificial path from hill leading up to 18<sup>th</sup> tee from 17<sup>th</sup> green right through to the semi rough at beginning of fairway.

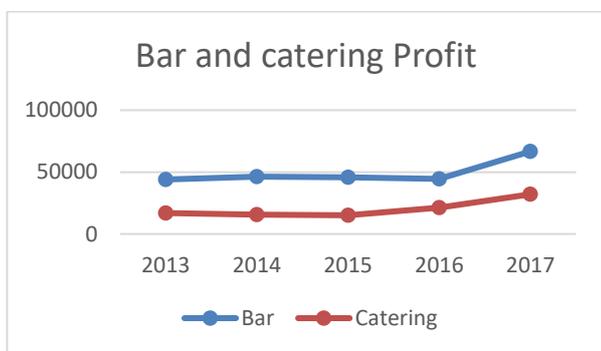


## Knocking the 6<sup>th</sup> into shape

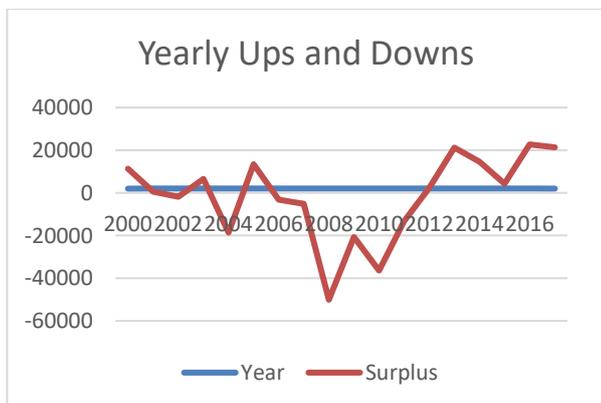
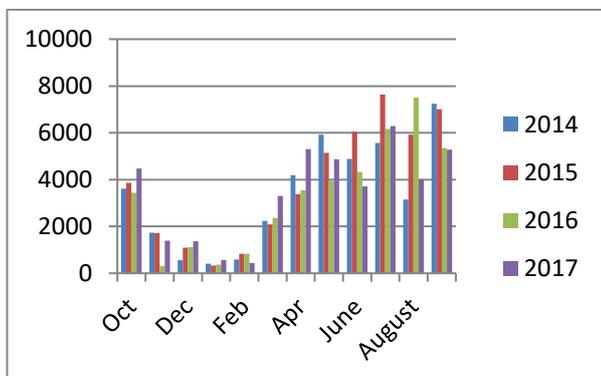
## What's On

08-Dec	Christmas Dinner Dance
18-Dec	Children's Christmas Party
26-Dec	Boxing Day @ The Clubhouse
Jan	Ladies Event
09-Feb	Moulin Rouge Murder Mystery
16-Mar	St Patrick's Night

## How Are We Doing?



## Greenfees Yearly Comparison



## Junior Development

Seascale Golf Club Professional Bev New and Adam will be taking Golf into the local primary school for the Spring term. They will be focussing on teaching the fundamentals to years 5 and 6 within the assembly hall before taking lessons outside and hopefully onto the course. Junior development is one key area that Adam and Bev want to improve during 2018. Bev is also working towards “Golf Mark” accreditation for Seascale along with the “HSBC Golf Roots” programme which is so popular for clubs.

## A Captain's Lot....

....is mostly a happy one (even when accosted by the Hewit-grew Texas Scramblers. I'd just like to say how much I enjoyed my year as your Captain – and thank you all for your support.



**AGM Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
7.45pm. Hope to see many of you  
there.**

**Have a Merry Christmas & a  
Prosperous New Year.**

**Captain Harry**

## New Members

We are delighted to be able to welcome lots of new members who have joined us in the last couple of months. Many are already taking part in our competitions and it is great to see new faces and familiar faces in the Clubhouse. We hope that you enjoy your golf and our facilities and please don't hesitate to give us feedback on how we can help you get the most from your membership.

Steven	Ball	Elizabeth	Norton
Nick	Blair	Louisa	Norton
Alex	Bland	Brian	O'Donnell
Kyle	Brown	Ronald	Palmer
Graeme	Campbell	Mike	Parr
Conor	Campbell	Allan	Pascoe
Graeme	Cowen	Sean	Rickerby
Michael	Dunne	Ruth	Rinaldi
Karen	Eddy	Erica	Robinson
Stephen	Fyfe	Mark	Rooney
Benjamin	Gwilt	Graeme	Rose
Barry	Gwilt	Ellie	Savage-Pritt
Denis	Gwilt	Michael	Smith
June	Hardisty	Peter	Smith
Ian	Hay	David	Stamp
Keith	Henderson	Kenny	Tait
Brian	Hexter	Callum	Tinnion
Mark	Hodgson	Irene	Todhunter
Mark	Jones	Ned	Toole
David	Kelly	Anne	Wear
Vivienne	Kendall	John	Woodend
John	Lightfoot	Gary	Wroe
Gerald	McClusky	Jackie	Wroe
John	Mellor	Helen	Young



**SEASCALE GOLF CLUB  
CHRISTMAS  
DANCE**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH 7PM

TICKETS £20  
INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL AND  
ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets available from the bar or  
phone 019467 28202  
seascalegolfclub@gmail.co.uk




**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
- Kirsty's Apple & Blueberry Crumble**  
Apple Crumble served with a hint of cinnamon served with Custard
- Christmas Pudding**  
Rich fruit cake soaked in a Brandy Sauce
- Wee Doc and Doris**  
Dark chocolate, Coffee and Whisky Mousse with a Shot of Dark Chocolate
- Cheese & Biscuits**  
Selection of Cheeses Served with Chutney and a variety of Crackers

**019467 28202**

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

# Seascale Golf Club



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Then every Fortnight until April

Quiz starts 8.00pm prompt

All Welcome



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**Well-supported by Community – but need a few more Golf Club Teams.**

## **HOT NEWS:**

### **GOLF SOCIETY OF GB**

Seascale has become a member of GSGB and our members will soon be able to take advantage of a reduced rate GSGB membership and visit other courses such as Fairhaven at a much-reduced rate as well as being able to take part in GSGB events.

GSGB was founded in 1955. The Society is a non-profit making organization run by a formally constituted Executive, which is elected by its members and it is a requirement of membership that an applicant must be a member of a recognized golf club and have their application seconded by their club secretary. Each of our clubs offer GSGB members the facility to play at a reduced green fee and at its discretion, a Participating Club imposes a residential restriction of between 20 – 60 miles from the course and within this area the concession does not apply.

Seascale will impose a 40-mile radius which will be printed on the 2018 membership card. Our

members are asked to contact a Participating Club in advance of a proposed visit and make arrangements with the club where on arrival members expect to present their membership card for inspection. The cards are printed during March, in a different colour each year and must be signed to be valid. Each year our two-day society meetings, which involve 60-85 members, are held five times across Britain and each will include at least one Participating Club. Each club is visited at approximately seven-year intervals at which time it is our current practice to make a donation of £500 to the Junior Section of the club. Seascale should be included in 2020. To meet its aim of promoting amateur golf, the society currently supports each year, the running of six Junior Open competitions all held at Participating Clubs. We currently donate £400 to each of these events to cover the cost of prizes etc.

## **Fixture List 2018**

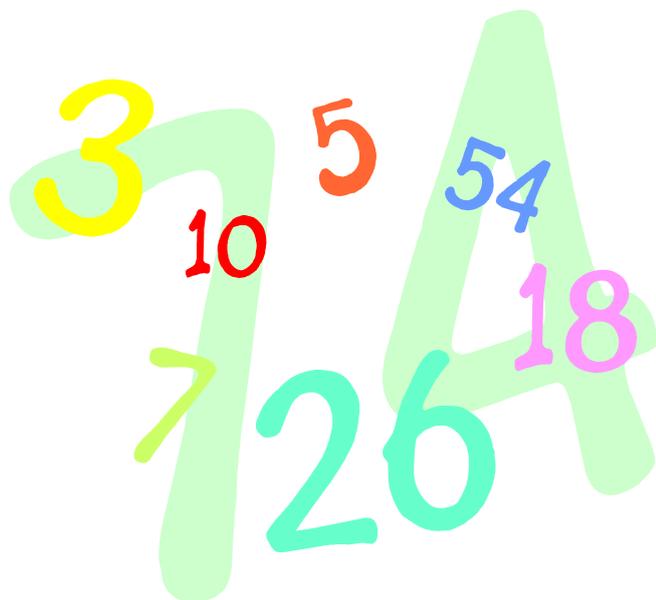
**2018 Fixtures List is available at Website Club/Competitions Calendar/2018**

## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

Lots of 1893 Clubs are holding events to celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> year. We will be having some events yet to be planned, but a main part of our celebrations will be a Golf Week Running from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July – there will be tee availability for members before 10.00am and after 4.00pm on those days. In years gone by the Seascale Golf Week was well-supported, and we hope we can repeat that.

Mon	23-Jul	Golf Week Open: 4 Person Team Stableford
Tue	24-Jul	Golf Week Open: Mixed Individual Stableford
Wed	25-Jul	Golf Week Open: Double Greensome
Thu	26-Jul	Golf Week Open: Texas Scramble
Fri	27-Jul	Golf Week Open: Kennedy Cup (Mixed)
Sat	28-Jul	Golf Week Open: Men's Stableford
Sun	29-Jul	Golf Week Open: Men's 4BBB
Mon	30-Jul	Golf Week Open: Junior 36 Hole Championship

# Seascale Golf Club Lotto '100 Club'



Council would like to encourage more members and friends to participate in the Club Lottery or '100 Club'. It has about 60 members at present.

The funds produced by the Lottery give us a ready pot to be ploughed back into the Clubhouse facilities, helping with TVs, offsetting payments for Sky etc. Since it started in November 2011 we have realised £12,000 for the Club and paid out an equivalent amount to prize winners. If you don't already participate, please get involved in this worthy venture – let's lift the numbers up to over 100 – it's all to your benefit.

£5 a month (£60 for the year) is all it takes to participate. You can choose to pay in cash or by cheque made payable to 'Seascale Golf Club 100 Club'. But a more effective way is by standing order – that way you will always be – 'in it to win it'. Please use the attached to get started.

*Robbie Blythe, Chairman SGC*

## SEASCALE GOLF CLUB '100 CLUB'

Please pay HSBC Bank, Whitehaven

Sort Code 40-22-16

Account No. 51255592

Amount

Amount in words

Date

Frequency – Monthly

No. of Payments – Until Further Notice

Reference No.

*Given by Secretary SGC*

### Debit Account Below

Name

Bank

Branch

Sort Code

Account No.

Signed

Date


## SEASCALE GOLF CLUB '100 CLUB'