



Seascale Golf Club

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A great location for a special occasion



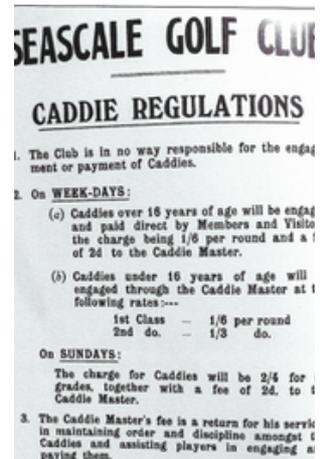
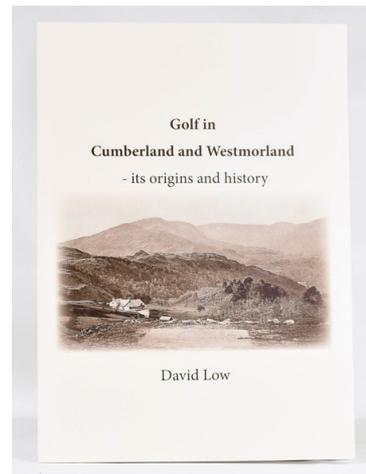
Members and visitors could be forgiven for thinking that they had landed in Las Vegas last month. Celebrities such as Freddy Mercury, Amy Winehouse, Frank Sinatra and Dame Shirley Bassey had arrived to celebrate Harry and Janis Paterson's Golden Wedding.

They all had a great time, in a well-decorated setting courtesy of Sam, with fantastic food served up by Kirsty, Lynn and staff, with an endless supply of drinks. Well-led by Queen's Freddy Mercury, they kept hitting the high notes until the early hours.

If you have a special occasion or event coming up, give Kirsty a call on 019467 28202 to have a chat about your requirements or email SGC.bar@gmail.com



Seascale Early Days



From David Low's 'Golfing in Cumberland and Westmorland' available for sale, £10 donation to the author's chosen charity. See Secretary for details ... See more history in...Seascale website/ Club / History

Seascale was THE place to go for golf 120 years ago. In the days of the horse and trap and early motor cars, businessmen from Whitehaven and further afield made a b-line for this great new sporting attraction. But it quickly became a game for working men as well. Local lads flocked to the course to caddy for members and visitors at weekends and during holidays. A caddy master kept them in line and made sure they were aware of golfing and caddying etiquette, and the rate of pay was pretty good too for pocket money (1/6d a round and 2/4d for the weekend - equivalent today £10/ £15). I suppose these lads could be looked on as our first Junior Section.

We could certainly do with some keen Juniors and members and parents keen to see them develop into the players of the future.

Spring Greens Report



Firstly, I would like to express thanks to Guy, Steven, Will, Kyle and Sam for their continued hard work over the last few months in very difficult conditions, their hard work is much appreciated.

I am sure we can all agree that the weather has been atrocious, with heavy rainfall resulting in saturated grounds and flooding which unfortunately has forced us to close the course on occasion. This is something nobody wants and we fully understand some members' disappointment and the financial implications for the club. The MET office has released data confirming England and Wales have suffered the wettest March in over 40 years, with England having the third wettest since records began in 1836, this was on top of an extremely wet winter. Earlier this month, myself and Guy carried out a review of our course closure arrangements in reflection that our main competition season was upon us. Moving forward the course will not shut unless for serious safety concerns, if the weather is extreme we may need to operate a temporary green or two if certain holes continue to flood but we will return to the greens as soon as flooding recedes.

With this in mind, the team are keen to carry out investigation into our drainage, especially in problem areas such as the approach to the third and ground between the ninth and tenth greens. After investigation and subject to Council approval, if any remedial work is required it will be carried out after the main competition period is over leaving us better prepared for next winter. We want to ensure Seascale remains the premier club for year-round golf: attracting visitors, increasing revenue and providing exceptional value for our members.

Guy and the team have continued installing new winter tees and renovating bunkers which I am sure you will agree look fantastic. The attention to detail such as the bunker faces being softened a little to be less severe and more playable where appropriate is appreciated. The work on the winter tees to help provide year-round golf enabling qualifying competitions for longer periods will also hopefully help with some handicapping issues experienced since the new handicap system was introduced.

Unfortunately, the greens still have a leatherjacket problem despite the best efforts in recent years to treat and control. The team will continue to treat with the recommended chemicals and monitor closely, Guy is confident he can repair the damage. The staff are working hard to improve the playing surfaces which unfortunately have suffered due to leatherjacket damage and ongoing wet and cold conditions continuing into April. Hopefully you will have noticed the fescue overseeding and topdressing being applied to the greens, with topdressing having been applied twice by the team. The long-term plan for the greens is to treat for leatherjackets, overseed the fescue and topdress regularly alongside other applications to help improve the putting surfaces and speed, the overseeding with fescue will be carried out again in the Autumn.

Let's hope the relentless rain is behind us and the temperature warms up soon.

On behalf of the team, we wish you a very successful season.

Scott Mahaffy, Chairman of Green



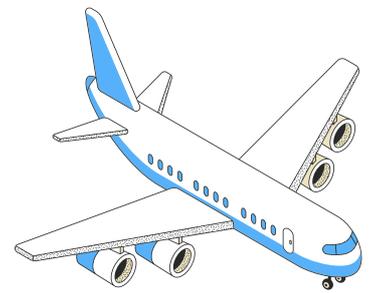
Bunkers by the 6th green complex re-modelled and renovated to an exceptional standard, excellent work by Guy and the lads.



One of many new winter tees recently installed to help provide a full qualifying course through winter while most importantly protecting the competition tees.

Work ongoing to provide a new winter tee on the 2nd hole which will provide a safe full view of oncoming pedestrians alongside the 2nd fairway. Rest assured measures will be made to enable safe operation, work is not complete.

Bon Voyage, Millie



Millie meeting local MP, Trudy Harrison

Millie, who many of you will recognise from our staff team, recently completed her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at Seascale Primary School. Millie met Trudy Harrison during National Apprenticeship Week, where they chatted about her apprenticeship journey.

Millie has been busy combining her work at Seascale Primary with her studies at Gen2, alongside being a valued member of the team here at Seascale Golf Club. Millie is now looking forward to a Camp America placement in New Hampshire this summer, and we wish her good luck!

Recent Feedback



"In an era where everyone is happy to criticise, I would like to say that Amy and Martin today were brilliant. The club bar was at capacity and they were brilliant." Mick

What a great venue we have for such events! I was so happy to see the Club benefit from our night full of fun and great memories." Harry

"I would just like to say how impressed I was by a member at Seascale Golf Club, who went over and above to help me get my round of golf today...The said young lady was a credit to Seascale Golf Club..." Jill



If you have any feedback you would like to share with the team, please email the office at seascalegolfclub@gmail.com or go to our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/seascalegolfclub



Captains vs Vice Captains Match



Saturday 1st April

The Captains team were well beaten by six matches to three by the Vice Captains team. In the top match, Captain and partner Alan Jardine, registered an early win over Brian and Simon O'Kane in a close game but momentum quickly switched to the Vice Captains team. There were several close matches however, and everyone enjoyed the excellent pie and peas provided by the Clubhouse team.

Thanks to everyone involved over £200 was raised towards the Captains' charities, West Cumbria Hospice at Home and West House who provide care and support for adults and children with disabilities.

Ladies Golf at Seascale Golf Club



The adverse weather conditions have meant that our Ladies team haven't had much opportunity to get out playing golf this year. However, they're looking forward to making the most of better weather conditions over the coming months. You may remember we mentioned that this year is our Ladies centenary year at Seascale Golf Club, and we are hoping to attract more women to come along and have a go at golf and see if they would like to join our club.

Just before World War 2, in 1938, we had one hundred and ten women members at the club.

Keep an eye out for some exciting ideas coming soon from the Ladies team!



Members' Golfing Photos

We would love to see your photos taken while out playing golf on our beautiful course.

If you have any photos of the course or you enjoying yourself in the Clubhouse, please email them to Giselle at seascalegolfclub@gmail.com

With your permission we would like to share your photos on our social media pages and future newsletter.

Jobs at Seascale Golf Club

We are currently looking for a full-time General Assistant to join our friendly hospitality team in our busy Clubhouse.

The position includes bar work, front of house and assisting our catering team.

Hours are from 25 to 35 hours per week.

To apply for this role, please submit your CV to Kirsty at sgc.bar@gmail.com, message our Facebook page or call 019467 28202 and choose option 1, for more information.

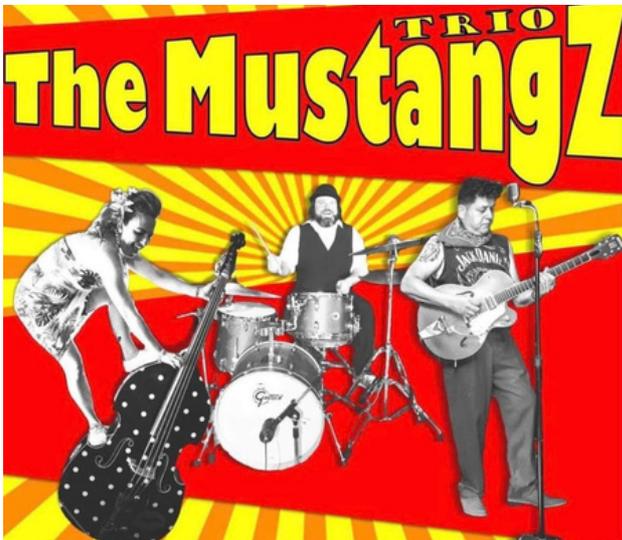


Summer BBQ Bonanza

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our BBQ Bonanza on Saturday 22nd July.

We'll have a BBQ all day, followed by music from Douglas Decker and later on, MustangZ Trio will be making a welcome return.

Details about ticket sales will be shared soon...



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