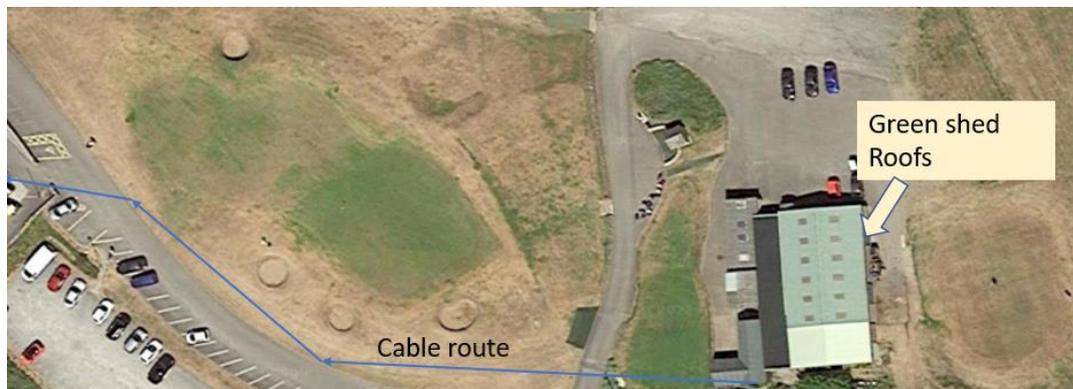


**SEASCALE GOLF CLUB
NEWSLETTER
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Golf Club Going Green

At the EGM on 7th March, members voted unanimously in favour of a scheme to install solar panels on the green shed roofs. The swingeing increases in electricity tariffs due in the coming months has brought forward the club's plans to improve on the efficient use of energy, which has been brought even more into focus with the turmoil in global energy markets. The scheme could see a third of the club's electricity being met by solar power, enhancing its green credentials, helping to reduce its carbon footprint, and meeting the government's desire to boost alternative energy sources. The roofs will take a new lease of life, improving their appearance and the environment.



Aerial View of Green sheds and surrounding area.

Project lead Andrew Wallace said 'We were warned at our annual meeting that our electricity costs were about to go through the roof, and I voiced my opinion that the golf club would benefit from investing in solar both for energy saving and carbon footprint, and that my experience of domestic solar installation was very encouraging and hassle-free. I was tasked with a feasibility study of a kind to find out more and maybe run with the project, which we are now ready to get on with.'



In parallel with the solar power project the club is conducting an energy audit aiming to identify further energy efficiencies and savings. Another scheme coming to fruition is the creation of a borehole to provide a steady supply of water to greens and tees – desperately needed after three years of draught. These are key environmental projects and investments that will improve sustainability while achieving financial savings against rapidly increasing costs, perhaps supporting a strategy that pays to go green.

Winter Programme Delivered

Despite some diabolical storms and wet weather this winter our greens staff have worked really hard on improvements, while keeping the course in great condition. We have had visitors to the club remarking how lucky we must feel to have such a course available to us all year round. Below we have selected a few photos to show the progress made this winter, building on the year-by-year improvements at Seascale.



The much-improved path from 7th to the 8th Tee.



Stephen our bunker and carpet specialist.



Kyle and Will - Joined up path from 6th Blue Tee all the way to fairway.



Refurbished 15th bunker.



Refurbished 12th fairway bunker.

Rugby Starlet



Our starlet Naomi Brennan has been making a name for herself in the rugby world as well as in golf. The above photograph was taken after the final whistle of the England v Scotland Women's Under-18 International at Tynedale on Sat 18th Feb. Naomi came on as a replacement in the second half and played in the centre. England beat the auld enemy on this occasion.

Dad Paul says she attended an England training camp at the weekend, Fri to Sun 18-20 March in Birmingham and then the team for the home nations tournament in Edinburgh in early April will be announced. If selected she will play Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France over 10 days.

Naomi was back for half-term in February and was delighted to be playing the links and watching the six nations in the clubhouse. She is continuing to play golf whilst studying in Gloucester - if nothing else it reminds her how lucky we are to have the course we enjoy here at Seascale.

Coronavirus Response

Government scrapped all covid restrictions in late February despite continuing high infection levels. There has been a big bounce back in cases and hospitalisations since, but serious effects are much lower than in the early stages of the pandemic. Despite our preference for maintaining some level of protection or safeguarding, most members are ignoring this. In fact, we have visible proof that close social contact is rapidly spreading the virus after at least 10% of attendees at a packed function in the club ended up catching it. We have returned to normal face-to-face meetings but are cagey about dropping all safeguards. Our staff have discussed the precautions that protect them and would prefer to keep them in place for now.

Carl Pettigrew

Members were shocked and saddened by the death of Carl Pettigrew at the early age of 55. Carl was a popular member of the Club for around 25 years, and always up to tricks with his great mate Floyd Hewitson. This past captain well remembers their 'bombing' his presentation of trophies back in 2017 (Carl on right). We hope to hold a competition in his memory later in the year.



Paddy's Night with The Jam Shed

There was a good crowd for our second entertainment night after the Coronavirus restrictions. The Jam Shed, a three-piece band with members from Weathered Rock and Five and Dangerous - not a rock band, not a Jam tribute band but a very diverse blend of all kinds of music - kept the audience swinging all night. Pity that Covid reduced numbers a bit.



Borehole Project



Drilling in operation.



Well capped.



Will starts digging the trench to the pump house.



Guy with our own Air2G2 machine on 5th Green injecting compressed air into the root zone.

We received the quote in December for the work to provide a working borehole with potentially more than enough capacity to cover our current needs and possible future enhanced irrigation. We will need consents and an abstraction licence which the project engineer deals with. Adam worked closely with the consultant to achieve this project before the dry weather kicks in.

The borehole was drilled just above the storage tank to the left of the 16th green. It reaches about 75 metres down to a sandstone aquifer, and all the records and surveys indicate good potential for flows well in excess of the 20m³ limit on unlicensed extraction. Geocore Ltd started the drilling at the end of January and by mid-February the aquifer was successfully reached. They encountered some issues with the depth of sand/gravel and had to go quite far through the sandstone to reach the aquifer. The hole is now capped off and has been pump tested, this is to monitor the yield and suitability of the water. The pump ran for two days, and pressure was still high which points to us having plenty of water down there. The samples are still with Yorkshire Water, and we await their findings on ph etc. Initial basic taste testing is positive, but there is no truth in the rumour that Adam is bottling the water as Seascale Spa Special.

Welcome to New Members

The following members have joined us since Spring 2021. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you see your game go from strength to strength.

<i>Rob</i>	<i>Adair</i>	<i>Jonathan</i>	<i>Easthope</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>McEwen</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Rooney</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>Addison</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Edgar</i>	<i>Eva</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Rita</i>	<i>Rushton</i>
<i>Brian</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Jake</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Skinner</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Blackburn</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Gilmore</i>	<i>Dion</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Stainton</i>
<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Blackwood</i>	<i>Clive</i>	<i>Hetherington</i>	<i>Alan</i>	<i>Outen</i>	<i>Leslie</i>	<i>Taylor</i>
<i>Jamie</i>	<i>Bohannon</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Hodgson</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Perkins</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Thompson</i>
<i>Bobby</i>	<i>Borrowdale</i>	<i>Philip</i>	<i>Hodgson</i>	<i>Adele</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Callum</i>	<i>Tinnion</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Bostock</i>	<i>Maria</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Colin</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Gareth</i>	<i>Trevaskis</i>
<i>Gary</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Tom</i>	<i>Jeffery</i>	<i>Gareth</i>	<i>Pugh</i>	<i>Richard</i>	<i>Unsworth</i>
<i>Garry</i>	<i>Chilton</i>	<i>Rudi</i>	<i>Jewell</i>	<i>Zac</i>	<i>Raynor</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Whitfield</i>
<i>Mike</i>	<i>Cummerson</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Kane</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Richards</i>	<i>Carolyn</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Curnow</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Keenan</i>	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Rigg</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Winder</i>
<i>Henrietta</i>	<i>Dhillon</i>	<i>Scott</i>	<i>Kiggins</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Wroe</i>
<i>Jonathan</i>	<i>Dunn</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Lace</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Helen</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Stephen</i>	<i>Dunn</i>	<i>Oscar</i>	<i>Mackie</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Roddis</i>		

Going green over red diesel

Inflation and increasing costs are having a profound effect, making us think of ways to contain our costs. Take the practice field – it's a bit like a parkland golf course, a grass factory. The 15 acres must be cut once a week in the playing season and the balls are picked up 2/3 times a week which takes about 120 litres of diesel. This wasn't a problem when the price was 50p per litre but at £1.50p it will be a massive financial burden. If we assume 25 active weeks, that amounts to £4,500 (an increase of £3000/yr) to keep the practice ground trim and balls picked up. Simple conclusion would be to cut less ... or is there a greener option? Might we not consider getting in the four-legged grass-cutters to do the job for us? It would mean some interesting workarounds, but it would certainly be greener (but probably also browner).

We propose exploring the possibility of erecting a fence approx. half the way up the field running west/east leading to the ditch at the far end. The fence would also run parallel to the first fairway OB line dyke, meeting the farm fence in the corner. We could put a gate into the neighbouring field and graze sheep, putting the dog round them and locking them back in the field on comp days etc. We wouldn't need to fence the top end or down the far end ditch. It will tidy up all the hedge backs and rough areas and will most definitely be greener ... but the greenkeepers may not want to put balls through the washer if they have sheep stuff on. Council agreed to the proposal and to improvements to the practice ground and facilities.



Thoughts and ideas are welcome. We are also thinking of ideas to cut our fuel consumption on the course, without detracting from the quality of the playing surfaces. These issues have been instantly thrust upon us with the current inflated prices.

Members stepping up

Our thanks go to Rodger and Shirley Temple for painting the OB posts up the first and Alex Johnstone for fixing the outside toilet door after Storm Arwen had whipped through.

Buggies Policy

The Club policy on buggies has been communicated to all members, and anyone with a buggy or using a buggy should by now have signed on to that policy and committed to abiding by it. Also, buggy owners should have demonstrated that they have adequate insurance. Just to be clear.

- No new buggies should be taken onto the course unless the Manager has agreed that it is acceptable.
- Stay clear of tees, greens, and their approaches – observe white lines, avoid impacting sensitive areas.
- Comply with wet weather guidance.
- The manager is empowered to suspend use of buggies to protect the course and for safety reasons.

Qualifying Competitions

We start our qualifying competitions on Wednesday 23rd March, kicking off our regular season with a Medal from the Yellow Tees. All scores will count towards your handicap.

Please note that Mats will be off from this date and **Preferred Lies in operation**. See the Local Rule for this on notice board.

All bunkers will be back in play apart from the front right of 15, where the new turf still needs time to knit in.

Many of the winter ropes will be coming in, buggy/trolley users must still use common sense and not cross any of the white lines that keep the approaches/walk off areas free from extra compaction.

Hope you all have a good season

Scorecard not Returned

Your Competition / Handicap Team needs your assistance with returning your scorecard in Club Competitions. We cannot close the competition until we have accounted for all the players signed into the competition against scorecards returned.

Missing scorecards are a problem for the team. We have to dredge through all the cards to see if we can find it. If the card cannot be found, we have to call the individual to find out what happened to the scorecard.

Under the WHS your pre-registered score counts towards your average of 20 scores. Therefore, if a player pre-registers a round he/she should enter the gross score into the PSi for all completed holes. The software will calculate the adjusted score for those holes not completed or started.

Please note the Competition / Handicap Team can apply a Penalty Score to a player's handicap record for not returning a pre-registered score.

Automation of penalty scores following creation of a score intent

After receiving a number of reminders, if a player pre-register their intent to return a General Play Score using the MyEG app or the club software and they fail to return the score, **they will have a penalty score applied to their handicap record.**

Penalty Score: Course Rating + Course Handicap.

Did Not Play / No Return

You may have noticed when entering your score into the PSI that if you put a score 0 a message appears asking was this score a **Did Not Play** or **No Return**.

To try to explain the difference between Did Not Play and No Return and how this could affect your Handicap Index if marked incorrectly on your scorecard:

Hole Not Started (DNP):

(Net par or net par +1)

There are various circumstances that may result in a round not being completed and some holes not being played. For example, due to fading light or bad weather, player injury or illness etc. Players need to ensure that they clearly mark their card when a hole has not commenced. Please enter DNP (did not play) on your scorecard for any hole that is not played.

Hole That Has Been Started, But Has Not Been Completed (NR):

(Net double bogey: Par of hole + 2 Strokes + Any strokes the player receives on that hole)

A player must ensure that they mark on their card any hole that is not completed in a Stroke Play round. This can be by writing NR, a dash or zero for the hole but must be able to distinguish between this and a hole not played at all.

Mixed Tee Competitions

We will be playing our mixed tee Wednesday competitions starting from April using the blue, white, yellow & red tees. This allows our members to select the tees that best suit their golfing ability to allow them to enjoy their game of golf and be able to compete.

The following adjustments apply in a **Medal** competition for the tee selected:

Red: 0 Yellow: 1.8 White: 3.4 Blue: 4

A player chooses to play from the white tees. Handicap Index: 12.4, Course Handicap: 14, 95% = 13.30 + Adjustment 3.4 = 16.70 rounded = Playing Handicap 17

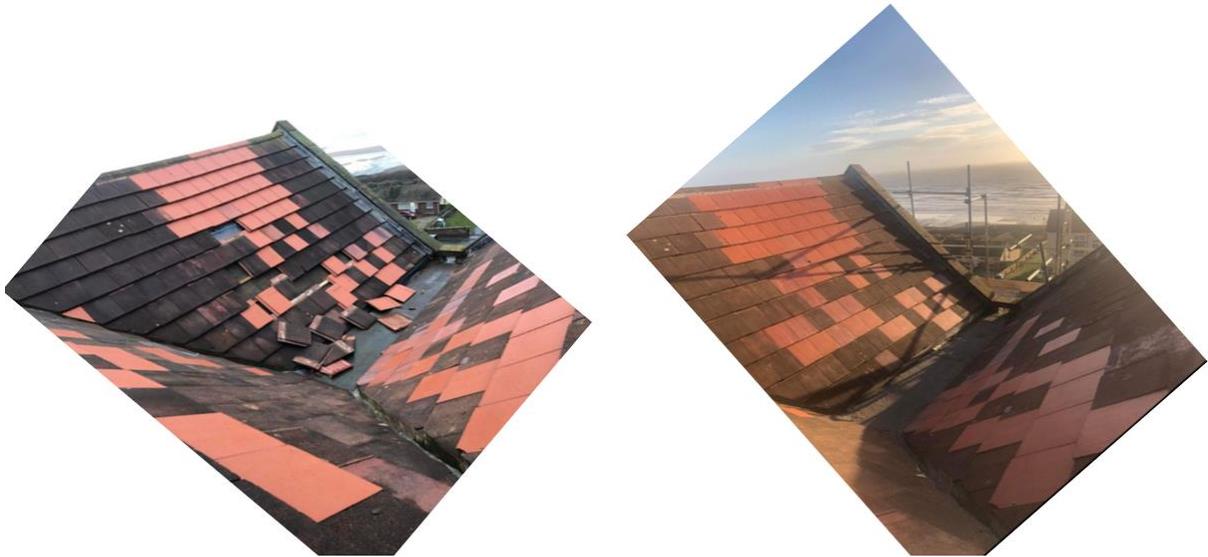
The following adjustments apply in a **Stableford** competition for the tee selected:

Red: 0 Yellow: 1 White: 3 Blue: 4

A player chooses to play from the white tees. Handicap Index: 12.4, Course Handicap: 14, 95% = 13.30 + Adjustment 3 = 16.30 rounded = Playing Handicap 16

Please note if nobody plays from the red tees the adjustments will change using the yellow tee as the default marker.

Storm Franklin Whips Through



We weren't spared when Storm Franklin whipped through Seascale earlier this month with our westerly facing roof getting a battering. Luckily, we were quick on the ball and did the necessary fix within a day.

Seascale Golf Club

Open Texas Scramble
Mixed 4-Person Texas Scramble
Saturday 30th April
Visitors £12.50 | Members £6.00

Seniors Open 4BBB
Gents Senior Four Ball Betterball
Tuesday 7th June
Visitors £12.50 | Members £12.50

Golf Week Open: Texas Scramble
Gents and Ladies 4-Person Team
Thursday 28th July
Visitors £12.50 | Members £6.00

Golf Week Open: Kennedy Cup (Mixed)
Mixed Four Ball Betterball
Friday 29th July
Visitors £12.50 | Members £7.50

Golf Week Open: Men's Stableford
Gents Singles Stableford
Saturday 30th July
Visitors £20.00 | Members £15.00

Golf Week Open: Men's 4BBB
Gents Four Ball Betterball
Sunday 31st July
Visitors £15.00 | Members £10.00

Ladies: Open Team Event
Ladies 3-Person Team
Saturday 13th August
Visitors £12.00 | Members £12.00

Seniors Open 4BBB
Gents Senior Four Ball Betterball
Tuesday 6th September
Visitors £12.50 | Members £12.50

Trophy Presentations

Council members considered the issue of failure to attend and believed we should try to retain this part of the Club's tradition. They agreed to advise members that the club would add an additional £5 to each trophy prize taking most trophy wins to £35 plus £5. The winners to be advised that their prize money would be paid after the prize-giving and was dependent on their coming forward to accept their trophy at the annual presentation. The presentation would be held following a shot-gun start competition played for a 'presentation day trophy' with meal for attendees. The full prize money of those not attending without a convincing reason would be paid to the Captain's charity. (a panel would decide on whether reasons are acceptable).