

## **HADDINGTON GOLF CLUB** **AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER**

### **Course Update**

Mr. Norman Wood - Norman is currently still undergoing treatment and we wish both him and his family well.

My thanks go to Stephen Smail and all the green keeping staff for all their efforts in maintaining the course in superb condition, in Norman's absence. With the continuation of good weather it should remain in excellent condition throughout the autumn and into the winter.

River Tyne - the removal of some silt and gravel close to the weir at the 15<sup>th</sup> hole has now been started. This will hopefully lessen our risk of flooding in future years.



The club have recently purchased a new grinder, which was purchased as an essential piece of equipment necessary to keep the course maintenance equipment in good condition.

Proposed Changes to Course layout – A written presentation by one of our members, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, to alter the course layout was considered by the Management Committee. I would wish to take this opportunity to thank Neil MacFarlane for the time and effort made in preparing his proposal for the consideration of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee decided that Neil's plan merited serious consideration and decided to hold a week-long trial, probably in Mid September 2010 when the altered course layout will be available for play. I have asked our Course Management Convenor to arrange for the written proposal and layout plan to be e-mailed to all members for their consideration prior to trial play. I would welcome written comments after the trial play period. Thereafter,

if members are favourably disposed, the management committee will arrange to finance the changeover hopefully attracting sponsorship assistance for new tee markers etc. prior to the new season.

Dog Walkers – Would members please ensure that they keep their dog on a leash when walking through the golf course. It should also be noted that reports of members playing golf whilst their dog was roaming free have been made, such behaviour is not acceptable.

### **Linton Hotel**

The Linton Hotel in East Linton is offering our members, on production of the attached voucher, a 50% discount on their first meal at the hotel. We hope that our members take up this very kind offer.

<b><u>THE LINTON HOTEL</u></b>		
Come and relax at The Linton whilst our award winning chef prepares you a delicious meal made from locally sourced produce.		
Members receive a 50% discount off their total food bill when presenting this newsletter on arrival.		
Lunch – 12noon - 2pm		
Cream Teas - 2pm - 5pm		
Dinner - 6pm - 9pm		
OPEN ALL DAY SUNDAY		
3 Bridgend	East Linton	EH40 3AF
Tel: 01620 860202		

### **Volunteers**

We are always looking for willing volunteers to help with the running of the club. No matter how little time you can spare, your help would be appreciated. Clubgolf and the Junior section need some additional volunteers to help spread the load. Juniors are our future members. Please contact the office for further information.

## **Scottish Seniors Golf Society**

The above society has been granted the courtesy of the course on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th August 2010. The course will, therefore, be closed to members until 1pm on both of these days.

## **Kirkcaldy Golf Club and Minto Golf Club**

I would welcome comments from those members who have taken the opportunity to visit and play Kirkcaldy Golf Club or Minto Golf Club as part of the reciprocal deal whereby a Haddington member can play for the price of a member's £10 guest fee.

I would remind those that have yet to visit either of the courses that further information regarding these clubs is available at [www.mintogolf.co.uk](http://www.mintogolf.co.uk) and [www.kirkcaldygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.kirkcaldygolfclub.co.uk)

Members **must** contact John Sandilands, to arrange their visit.

## **Open Competitions**

Several spaces for the following Opens still exist:

**Seniors Open – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Open Greensomes – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Autumn Open – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Please contact the office on 01620 823627 or [info@haddingtongolf.co.uk](mailto:info@haddingtongolf.co.uk) for an entry form and further details regarding these competitions.

My thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the organisation of the various Opens held at the club. Numerous positive comments regarding the course have been received from visiting competitors.

## **Ladies Section News**

The ladies have enjoyed a very good season, with only one Wednesday evening call off, to date due to bad weather. Our last full round takes place on Wednesday 18 August and thereafter we go to "SHORT HOLES" which are fun competitions.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Matchplay Finals Day is on Sunday 26 September, please support our finalists.

The Ladies General Meeting will be held in the Club on Wednesday 6th October when the new Lady Captain and Committee will take over.

We are looking forward to our reinstated Match against the Juniors on Monday 18 October, when hopefully we can give the Juniors a bit more of a challenge!!!!

During the winter the Ladies do not “sleep”, but have “turn-ups” on a Monday and Wednesday morning – we also try to have the tee booked on a Saturday at 12.00.

On Saturday 4th September, and thereafter the first Saturday of every month is usually our Medal or winter competitions. Check the Board for details, and hopefully we will see some of you there.

Finally, as Ladies Captain, I would wish to re-iterate Andrew Douglas’ thanks to all who have helped with Open Competitions, and specifically all the men who were such a great assistance at our very successful Mixed Open.

### **Future Events:**

The **Annual Presentation Dinner Dance** for trophy and medal winners will take place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**.

Once again the **Sportsman’s Dinner** has been organised and this will take place on **Friday 26 November**. Guest speakers have been contacted. Anyone wishing to attend either or both of these events please contact Scott McMillan as soon as possible.

**Steward’s Day** – this will take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> September 2010** in the form of a shotgun start. I understand that a Live Band will perform for the benefit of those who remain in the clubhouse thereafter. Scott McMillan will be providing this entertainment and also complimentary food and drink for participants.

Andrew Douglas  
Captain