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## COMING EVENTS

Quiz Night - Friday 16 October - 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm

McGonagall Night- Friday 23 October - 7:00pm

PC's Outing & High Tea - Date to be confirmed.

Annual Dinner Dance-Friday 6 November -6:30 for 7:00 pm

Christmas Dance - Friday 18 December - 7:00 for 7:30 pm

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## CAPTAIN'S COMMENT

2009 is fairly flying past, and nearing the end of the normal playing season. Despite the rain in July and August (honestly, not my fault), the course has been in great condition, and only a few competitions were cancelled or postponed. There are new menus in the Clubhouse, and we anticipate some exciting social events in the Autumn and Winter. The course layout has been changed for a 3 month trial period, with a final decision to be taken by members at the AGM in December. My thanks to everyone for your encouragement, support and help during the year. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Club, do your best to persuade them. There are now attractive new membership incentives available; see the Secretary for details.

John Henderson

**SOCIAL-** On 16 October is another ever popular Quiz Night. These continue to frustrate and confirm in equal measures how little we know or can remember. Following this on 23 October is a second McGonagall Night and if you missed the first do not miss out this time. The Annual Dinner Dance is on 6 November and the final social for the year is the Xmas Dance on 18 December.

Full support from the members will ensure all are successful nights. It is a case of 'use them or lose them!'

Throughout the winter we intend to reintroduce the Sports Nights so look out for details on the noticeboards.

**HOUSE** - No decision yet on the proposals to renovate the Gents Locker rooms but depending on our funds at the turn of the year a review will follow.

**LADIES SECTION-**On Finals Day in the Championship Sharon Mitchell beat her namesake Maureen Mitchell to improve on runner up position last year while Jean Smith beat Betty Connor in the Seniors Championship. The Patrick Cup was won by

Alison Hood beating Mary Deas and Christina Hammill beat Sandra Kerr for the Handicap Trophy. Subsequently Winnie Chung won the Hornby Cup beating Alison Forrest with 2 other finals still to be played shortly.

Jane Alexander has won the Centenary Salver (played over 4 competitions) and the ladies won the South Side league title by a single point for the first time in years. Well done to all who played in the matches.

The Ladies chosen charity (Radio Lollipop) has benefited to the tune of £1600 while Erskine Hospital benefited by half of the £336 raised in the raffle at the Mixed Open (the other half went to Radio Lollipop) Thanks to all contributors.

Despite foul weather the Ratho Park outing was a success. Jean Smith won with 38 pts with Isobel Kerr second with 37 pts and Liz Omand won the 12 hole competition.

The Invitation Greensomes attracted 52 players and nett 66 won the handicap prize for Maggie Jamieson and Elspeth Hartley (Ratho Park) while Irene Harper and Joyce Flanigan (St Regulus) won the scratch with 91. A raf-

fle raised £230 for the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

All the recent new members are settling in, obtaining handicaps and are invited to join in the Winter Ball Games starting 7 October (see noticeboard)

**JUNIORS** - The Junior Championship has been delayed but will finish before the end of September.

In the Junior Open Greg Scrimgeour of Whitecraigs won the Scratch Trophy with a score of 72 with Jack Brown and Scott McGraddie 2nd and 3rd with scores of 73 while the Handicap Trophy was won by David Comerford of Renfrew G C with a nett 66. Grant Boyle came 3rd with nett 67. In the Under 15's section Jonathan Shaw won the Scratch prize and Craig Middleton the Handicap prize.

Also Caitlin Bell won the handicap section of the GGU Junior Competition at Ralston and was 2nd in the Scratch section. Also at Ralston Gregor Falconer won the Scratch and was runner up for the Handicap prize in the Friends in Trust Competition.

Well done to both Caitlin and Gregor !

CATHCART CASTLE GOLF CLUB

Newsletter - Season 2009

**MEMBERSHIP — Currently applicants can expect immediate entry for all grades of membership at attractive rates - contact the Secretary for full details of the special terms available at this time.**

**VISITORS.....No apologies for again repeating this message.** Our course is in good condition and a fair test for all golfers. Guest fees remain modest - **£6 per visitor** at all times except weekends and public holidays when the fee is **£10** and each member can bring up to **24 guests in a year** with **no guest** being introduced **more than 6 times**. Remember your visitors have full use of the Clubs' catering and bar facilities before and after their game. **To encourage individual and corporate membership brochures are available to advertise the merits of the course and club.**

**EASE YOUR WAY AROUND THE COURSE...** The **2 single seater buggies** are available to all members but as previously the first priority is members and visitors having difficulty walking the entire course to enjoy their golf. Rental charges are **£7 for members (£10 for 2 rounds), £10 for visitors** and members are reminded that they require to register their intention to use a buggy with the **Secretary** which is a very straightforward formality. Buggies can be hired **at the Professional's shop. Give them a try!**

**CLUBHOUSE...The Clubhouse facilities are available to all Members on application to the Secretary for private family parties and celebrations or for Corporate Days? Book early to avoid disappointment.**

**XMAS 2009 ... Bookings are being taken for this year's dinner in the clubhouse — contact Linda for details.**

**GREENS** - The course has been in excellent playing condition due largely to the sterling efforts of our **Greens staff** led by **David McLaren** and guided by **Greens Convenor Billy Gould** and **Alan Macartney**. Their efforts will continue through the autumn / winter to ensure the quality is maintained next season. Remember we all have a role to play assisting them by **using the sand /seed materials on tees, replacing divots on fairways and repairing plug marks on greens** particularly in wet conditions.

The **order of playing the course** has been changed for a **trial period** culminating in a vote at the **AGM in December** on whether it shall remain or we revert to the order played for the past 10 years. **Make sure you try it then turn up at the AGM and vote for your preference.**

Our many garden areas greatly brighten up the course but are maintained largely by **volunteers** and **well done to the ladies** who have done a great job with the areas around the **1st tee. If you can contribute some of your time please contact the Greens Convenor or Secretary Graeme Sutherland.**

**COMP'S & HANDICAPS** - The **Invitation Day** competition was won by **David Evans** and his guest **A. Stirling** of **Sandyhills**.

**Johnny McLeish** retained the **Championship** beating **Stuart Henderson** in a well contested

final and all members should note they played all **30 holes in under 4.5 hours**. In the process **Johnny** hit **14 birdies** in the **30 holes** played while **Stuart** also hit his share.

Previously **Bill Edgar** beat **Captain John Henderson** to win the **Seniors Championship** trophy for the first time.

Other winners are **Gavin Wiseman** beating **Billy Gould** to win the **McSorley Trophy**; **Fraser Martin** won the **Robertson Trophy** beating **Davie Milligan**. **Steve Lawrence** and **Per Oszadlik** beat **Brian Telford & Stephen Gray** for the **Millenium Trophy**; **John Smith** won the **Walker Quach** beating **Ian Grant** and **Willie Mathieson** the **JC Burt Trophy** also beating **Ian Grant**. The **Inverleith Trophy** was won by **Charlie Ferry & Marie Kelly** beating **Billy McColl & Val Gray** while the **Richmond Trophy** and the **Inverleith Consolation** competition finals have still to be played. The **Victory Cup** also has to be settled after the first attempt was abandoned due to excessive weather conditions and the **Cleuch Trophy** final also has still to be played.

The **Senior's Open** was abandoned midway thro' the day due to flooding after torrential rain but it was ever popular and well run thanks to **Ronnie Clark** and his team while **John Grant** and his team successfully got the **Mixed Open** played with an im-

pressive **86 couples** competing. Both **Scratch** and **Handicap** prizes went east to **2 Dunbar couples** and the **best Cathcart** performances were **2nd** place for **Andy & Winnie Chung** with a nett **66** and **6th** place for **Jim Halton & Alison Hood** with nett **67.5**.

The **East Renfrewshire Trophy** Competition was called off on the day due to heavy overnight rain. Despite this thanks go to **Tom Gray** and his team for all their work setting it up.

**PROFESSIONAL** - The **Pro Day** competition run by **Stephen** was another success with the **overall winners** being the **Gents** team of **Fergus Arnott, Jim Rodgers, Gerry Heneaghan** and **Gavin Wiseman** with a score of **121 on countback**. The winning **Ladies** team was again **Jane Alexander, Pat Arnott, Fiona Scott** and **Val Gray** with a score of **133** and a team of **Scott McGraddie, Jack Brown** and **Andrew Robertson** shot **121** to win the **Junior** prize. The lively evening auction on behalf of **Ward 24** at the **Royal Infirmary for Cancer** raised a total of **£1250**. In the raffle the top prize of a set of **Callaway irons** was won by **Davie Anderson**.

**Still having problems with your game?** Practice over the winter or lessons from **Stephen** might help. Also give **Stephen** the chance to **BEAT** or **MATCH** other prices in the area.