



# Club News

It's a long time between AGM's so the board thought you might like to be updated on what's been happening recently.

## Clubhouse

The ladies room and toilets have had a makeover with extensive redecoration and furniture improvements. Thanks to all the willing volunteers and their helpful menfolk.

A new roof has been installed and we are in the final stages of negotiation to put in solar panels at no cost to us but considerably reducing our power bills in the future.

As part of the roof replacement our aged air-conditioning system is to be renewed in the very near future.

We are investigating a better system for in house supply of chips and the like rather than the machine we have at the moment and also thinking of ways we can sell Susy's wraps and sandwiches in the shop as well as the clubhouse.

## Pro Shop

Our pro shop with Paul King in charge has been very successful and to accommodate an increased range of golf and allied sales we are going to expand it into the "storage area" behind and to the side. We hope to provide you every golfing need from a better selection of clubs to an already expanded range of ladies clothes.

This should be happening over the next three months but in preparation for this a good deal of decluttering has to happen first.

If you think anything that belongs to you has been "stored" in this area you would be well advised to claim it now, as the tip run is imminent.

The shop has been an integral part of our income recently and our volunteers are vital to its continued success.

We need volunteers to help out for occasional half days or even just couple of hours at busy times. If you already have a RSA (for selling alcohol) or are willing to do the simple on line course to get on Geoffrey Grayson would be pleased to hear from.

To invite your friends for a game is even easier now with a number of new hire club sets.

## Surrounds.

The “new cart shed saga” is ongoing, with difficulties with nearby power lines a major problem. We are working on it, but it looks like a bit of a long haul at the moment.

We negotiating with our neighbour on the ongoing maintenance of our joint boundary fence adjoining 16th 17th and 18th tees. It looks like we can save some money by contributing labour so if there any members out there with fencing expertise please make contact with Geoffrey or Mick Rogers.  
([mrogersgolf@gmail.com](mailto:mrogersgolf@gmail.com))

Success brings its problems and one of them is car parking. Our present car park is falling apart. We have made ongoing repairs but will also have to look at longer term solutions.

Our membership and numbers of visiting golfers playing our course is increasing steadily.

Apart from hire carts going from the under club garage to their daytime gravel storage area in front of pro shop, we are trying to stop any other cart traffic in front of the club house for safety reasons. Please follow the signs and route your cart to the rear of the clubhouse when accessing first tee and when moving from ninth green to tenth tee.

## Course

We have made an ongoing commitment to upgrade and create new cart paths. The second hole is almost finished thanks to all our volunteer labour. We will be doing approximately two pours of concrete a month .which is considerable financial investment but the intrepid band of members are doing a great job.

It's heavy work but many hands make light work so any volunteers are encouraged to call gangmaster Richard Parker 0418731398.

The increasing use of carts does have a damaging effect on grass so we are gradually trying to encourage members to use prescribed cart routes where the damage done has less of an effect on the playing area.

Following the building of new back tees on 2nd and 8th hole, the next project will be upgrading the 11th tee followed by the 1st tee and surrounds.

After many years of little tree management we have had to do fair amount of tree surgery in the last few months . We are also planning ahead with new plantations on the 15th ,16th and later around the back tee on 15th.



The new 17th green apron is now almost complete. We hope to have it in play in the spring just as soon as the new turf knits.

In the meantime, Please stay off this area (except to collect any balls) and if you do so exercise caution on the sloping banks . All balls on the road on the left hand side of the green and any on the GUR area should be dropped in the dropping zone on the left hand side of 17th Fairway .

Terry, our Greens Director has suggested we could name the holes on the course in true Scottish tradition. Examples could be the “Road Hole” on the 1st and the obvious “Thistle” on the 9th. Any suggestions to [Terry\(t.adcock@hotmail.com\)](mailto:t.adcock@hotmail.com).

With a bit of grant assistance we have bought a defibrillator. We hope never to have to use it but if you are unlucky enough to have cardiac arrest we have the technology and twelve of us have had instruction on its use.

It is quite easy to use and has full instructions (both written and aural)  
It should be installed in the next week or so in the ground floor hallway.

We are now approaching our Vets “Week of Golf” Its a busy and important time for us both in terms of income and raising the profile of the club.  
Enjoy your golf and please tell us how we can do better.

Maclean Golf Club Board of Directors