

# CRAIGIELAW GOLF CLUB

## MEMBERS LIAISON COMMITTEE

SATURDAY 11 November 2017

**Present:** Duncan Thomson, Gordon Smith, Derek Scott, Sylvia Mclean, Chris Lannin, Iain Smith, Iain Clark and Hector MacLean.

**Apologies:** Martin Andrews.

### 1. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### 2. Club Update:

#### a) The Course:

- Derek stated that there would be verti-draining commencing on fairways and greens.
- Course 'management' had started and roped off sections were in place and more would be added or ropes would move as conditions changed over the winter. Members were asked to respect these ropes (Jonathan to put a gentle reminder in the next newsletter).
- Bunker work would be undertaken over the winter to include: repair, revetting, scooping out and re-lining and, perhaps, shallowing (see item #3: SSS Appeal).
- Derek stated that some good quality topsoil was becoming available and there were thoughts that this might be used to allow some structural changes around the course (for example, a 'lip' at the back of the 15th green).
- All the drains on the course had been 'cleared'.

#### b) The Clubhouse:

- Ann has had to meet a big challenge over the summer. The clubhouse has had a very busy summer plus she has had to put a new team in place in front of house. In quieter times over the winter months, training sessions for staff were planned.
- Derek stated that there were some changes needed in the Gents Locker Room and these would be done in the new year (for example, showers).

#### c) The Lodge:

- Regular maintenance would be carried out (painting, pat-testing, carpet cleaning, etc) over the winter months.

#### d) Catering:

- The Christmas menu was about to be introduced.
- Craig Burn had joined the team in the kitchen.

### 3. SSS Appeal Update:

- Derek stated that he has had an acknowledgement of receipt to the Club's comprehensive appeal to have the SSS increased. This includes the statistics from medals, etc. SGU would examine this document and would then visit the course before a decision was made. He was hopeful to hear from SGU by the end of the calendar year with their findings.
- A lot of the things that may have to be done when the outcome is known are in the hands of CGC. This includes: width of fairways, run-offs around the greens and bunkers (number, size and depth). Derek stated that there would be no fundamental changes to the bunkers until the findings of the SSS Appeal were known.

### 4. Wishart Legacy/Trophies:

- A bench has been purchased with the monies raised in the memory of the late Jimmy Wishart. A trophy would be purchased and added to the club's trophy cabinet (the competition it would be allocated to is yet to be decided).
- In addition, the Wemyss estate will donate a trophy (competition to be decided).
- Derek stated that Craig Imlah had donated a 'long nose brassie' to the club to be used as a trophy in a competition.

**5. Fixture List:**

- Derek and Jonathan were reviewing the calendar for next year and were discussing which events to keep and looking at other events that might be introduced. For example, should the Invitational Greensomes become a fourball event? and should there be intra-club challenges?
- Gordon suggested introducing a scramble where teams were made up from the different segments of the club (a junior, man, lady, senior). He thought this would help integration within the club.
- The 'Super Six' competition had not been as popular this year, but it was observed that unfavourable weather conditions on the day(s) were a contributing factor.
- Gordon asked if the fixture list for 2018-19 could be published on-line or on the notice board ahead of the renewal process? Derek stated that he hoped the fixture list would be completed by late February so that should be possible.

**6. Action Log:**

Visitor tee times at peak periods:

Generally, tee times were allocated to visitors and/or people staying in the Lodge after 11am on a Saturday. There may be the odd exception if, for example, there was a flight to catch or some other reason that required an earlier tee time. Every effort was made to avoid squeezing tee times for members (for example, starting at 10).

If a group was 'squeezed in' - the 10 minute gap between tee-off slots allowed some 'space' to be created - then the Pro Shop would communicate this with members following behind.

**7. Date of next meeting:**

Gordon and Derek to discuss and meeting dates to be announced thereafter.