



Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club

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NEWSLETTER

#01

WINTER 2022

Welcome

Welcome to this, the first, seasonal newsletter in a series which we hope will improve communication with members, keeping you up to date with news, opportunities and current affairs within Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club.

We live in a rapidly changing, digital world and, while we plan to send out our newsletter each quarter, it will also give us the opportunity to increase the frequency or to use it as a landmark for key events in and around the Club. We welcome your feedback and very much hope that you enjoy this new initiative.

A very special place

As you might expect, this first newsletter is packed with news and updates about what's happening in the next few weeks, but we thought we'd start by sharing a link to Jack Hirsh's experience of playing our lovely course, as published in *Golf Magazine* – enjoy!

[Read more](#)

If that's not exciting enough, take a look at the new course flyover of the links.

Our new course flyover is **now live** on the club website but members can view the piece of drone footage by [clicking here](#)

The same course flyover will also be playing on the television screen in the bar area for members, guests and visiting golfers to view.



Jack Hirsh/Golf



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WORLD (1793) – IAGTO OUTSTANDING
SERVICE AWARD 2021

NO. 47 – SCOTLAND'S TOP 100 GOLF
COURSES – GOLF WORLD. A SCOTTISH GOLF
CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE

NO. 30 IN THE TOP 100 FUN GOLF COURSES
IN GB & I (OVER 2,000 COURSES IN GREAT
BRITAIN & IRELAND)

SCOTTISH GOLF TOURISM AWARDS – VOTED
BEST GOLFING EXPERIENCE 2017 & 2018
(VALUE FOR MONEY)





Annual prize-giving and race night

On Saturday, 3rd December 2022 (6.30pm start), our annual prize-giving will take place in the clubhouse. This will be followed by a race night to raise money for junior coaching.

If you are unable to attend the prize-giving and you are on the list of the members who has won a prize, please email the club when possible once the list has been sent out highlighting you as a winner or runner-up. In the past we have had prizes sitting there ready to be collected on the night and no-one has notified the Club in advance that they would not be attending.

We hope that as a member that you will support this night and you are most welcome to take along guests with you for the race night following the prize-giving which will start at approximately 7.45pm.

Email: secretary@fortrosegolfclub.co.uk

2022 World Hickory Open Championship



Anyone with an interest in the game will know just how far technology has improved the length and accuracy with which we can (sometimes) strike the ball but it hasn't always been this way. The Hickory golf is a variation of golf played with old-fashioned hickory-shafted golf clubs. There are active groups in the USA and Canada, throughout Europe

and, of course, in the UK that conduct national tournaments, as well as the World Hickory Open Championship.

Part of the attraction of playing with hickory clubs is that they reintroduce 'feel' to the golf shot. Proponents also claim that Hickory golf allows golfers to play classic golf courses as they are meant to be played and, as our Club is the 15th oldest club in the world, that has some resonance with us.

This October, a number of players from 14 different countries took part in the team and individual championship to compete for the Archie Baird Trophy. This unique competition was co-hosted by Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club, together with Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Castle Stuart Golf Links and Nairn Golf Club. 104 players played in total at each venue and when we hosted the team championship on Monday 10th October 2022, the winning team came from Japan, with Sweden following a close second. The picture above shows the winning team who went on to be presented with the trophy at the Kingsmills Hotel at the official dinner/presentation night on Thursday 13th October.

Hickory golf cannot help but create memorable moments and the photograph below of Truls Anestam from Sweden taking the opening tee shot that day, gives a sense of the atmospheric memories that these teams will have taken home with them. We look forward to welcoming them all back soon.



CLUB NEWS

WINTER TEES & BLUE POSTS/STAKES

Please note that the **blue posts/stakes** are now out on the course.

The **winter tees** are also currently in operation.

IF YOU WISH TO PLAY FROM INSIDE THE BLUE STAKED AREAS WHICH WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED BY THE GREENS STAFF ON EACH HOLE, THEN YOU MUST USE A MAT.

If you do not already own a mat, then they have been sourced by the club and can be purchased from the pro shop – price £12.00. Please note, we have **limited stock**.

PLEASE NOTE – the fairways, and in most cases the first cut of rough, really do need to be protected during the off-peak season.



BOOKING TEE TIMES ONLINE

A REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS

If you are booking a tee time online and you are unable to make it, please ensure that you **CANCEL** the time at the earliest opportunity so that other players are able to book.

When booking online please ensure that **ALL** names are included as part of the booking whether this be a 2, 3 or 4 ball (not just one name).

CLUB FIXTURES: 2022–2023

The fixture list for the 2023 playing season is now **LIVE** on the club website.

You can access all information on fixtures by clicking onto the link:

<https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/fixture-book-2022/>

THE LADIES & GENTS WINTER ECLECTIC COMPETITION 2022–2023

Ladies Eclectic – started on Tuesday, 1st November 2022.

Gents Eclectic – started on Monday, 7th November 2022.

THE GENTS WINTER SWEEP COMPETITION 2022–2023

The Winter Sweep competition for the gents started once again from **Sunday, 6th November 2022** (please play from the yellow tees for the first competition and from then on, you will play from the winter tees). None of the competitions played as part of the winter sweep will count for handicap purposes!

The entry fee is £2.00 and is to be paid in the pro shop prior to going out onto the course. Remember to sign in before and put your score in afterwards!

Details the dates and handicap allowances for each competition played through the off-peak season can be found on the website.

KEY DATES

The Ladies Christmas Cracker Competition – Saturday, 10th December 2022 (10.00–11.00)

Entry Sheets will be on the ladies notice board

The Gents Turkey Tournay – Stableford – Saturday, 17th December 2022 (08.50–11.50)

The Gents Last Blast – Stroke Play – Friday, 30th December 2022 (08.50–11.50)

Entry sheets are now on display on the gents notice board and you can choose your own playing partners for both competitions by selecting a tee time from the entry sheet.

AGM date

FRGC Annual
General Meeting will
take place on
14th December 2022
at 7pm.

News from the Greens team

WINTER PROGRAMME

Over these winter months, the Greens team will concentrate on 'revetting' of around ten greenside bunker faces. This will involve repairing some fairway bunker banks with a mix of revett and Marram grass planting for a more rugged and natural look. The aim is to reduce the need for continued revetting in years to come, as it is a very labour-intensive process and will free up time for other projects.

These projects include:

- Plant Marram in sections along 1st bank
- Slit tine aeration of fairways, tees and greens
- Whin bush management during inclement weather
- Install sprinklers to high wear walk on areas approaching 2nd and 3rd tees
- Turf over worn areas around course
- Build up a more natural mound back right of 7th green
- Add another sand scrape left hand side of 4th fairway
- Add a couple of natural swales either side of the 3rd fairway where the grass and contours are poor at present.



News from the Clubhouse

Bar opening times – from 1st November 2022

Monday – Thursday: 11.00–18.30hrs

Friday & Saturday: 11.00–22.00hrs

Sunday: 11.00–21.00hrs

These times are not set in stone and may be subject to change depending on demand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo night

This will take place in the New Year with meals being served on the night too. Further information will be e-mailed to members in due course.



Craft Fair
Saturday 3rd December,
10.00–14.00hrs

Club Lotto

This will start again in the New Year and will be drawn fortnightly. Further information will be e-mailed to members in due course.



Watch out for various raffles from behind the bar. Lora will have all the details.

NEW YEAR EVENTS – throughout January, February and March '23.

Dates to be confirmed – but watch out for bingo nights, quiz nights, Valentines dinner and more!

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LADIES SECTION

We've enjoyed a full and exciting season with our lady golfers performing exceedingly well both at home and away. We hope for more of the same next year when we will be offering a fantastic fixture list of events, both competitive and social, for all to enjoy. In season 2023 we will be operating two divisions [0-22 and 22-36] with handicaps limited to 36 in all counting competitions. We constantly strive to make our competitions as fair and equitable as possible and we hope that this small change will ensure everyone has a chance of earning some valuable prize money... or even a trophy!

The weather has been very kind to us but, with winter approaching, things may be about to change! However, our Ladies are hardy and we have some exciting events coming up:

The **Ladies Winter Eclectic Competition** started on November 1st and runs through until the middle of March. Details are available on the Club website. We would strongly encourage ladies to 'roll up' to our reserved tee times every Tuesday from 10.00-10.45am to ensure we have a lovely social mix of lady members.

The **Annual General Meeting of the Club** is to be held on Thursday 14th December and we would strongly encourage as many ladies as possible to attend.

The **Ladies' Annual Dinner and Prizegiving** will take place on Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm. Our Lady Captain, Cathryn Field, will host the event and will issue trophies outstanding of the main Prize Giving which is to be held on Saturday 3rd December. It's a very busy weekend!

On December 10th we have our **Annual Festive Foursomes**. We hope that this event will have a different spin on it this year but more news of this later!

Our Ladies' Committee comprising Cathryn Field, Sue Evans, Aileen Wilson, Anne Sangster, Helen Morrison, Loraine Nixon and Susan Belford has worked exceedingly hard to ensure a very successful golf season. We thank them sincerely for their efforts. They have been strongly supported by both lady and gent members who have served as Starters and Desk Team. We are indebted to you all! We are very pleased that Susan Belford has agreed to resume her role as Captain of the ladies' section for the forthcoming season. Several of our Committee have served for years.... and they are keen to retire! If you think you now have some time to devote to make our season 2023 as successful as past years, we would love to have you on board! Please speak to Susan or any of the current committee. They might kiss you!

Finally, but very importantly, the **Ladies' Welcome Day** will take place on March 21st, with a lunch being provided for all of our lady members but particularly those who are new [-ish] to the Club. This is quickly followed by our Opening Match on Saturday 25th March which next year will take the form of a team match play event. Again, more news later!



Photograph courtesy of Elizabeth Fraser



Christmas Menu
is now available!
Contact the
19th Restaurant
for bookings.

The 19th Restaurant

Opening Times:

Monday – Thursday 10.00–16.00hrs
Friday and Saturday 10.00–20.00hrs
Sunday 10.00–19.00hrs

The 19th Restaurant is also offering
a 'High Tea' offer for the month of
November, running from:

Monday – Thursday 14.00–16.00hrs
Friday and Saturday 16.00–18.30hrs

'High Tea' includes tea or filtered coffee,
toast or bread, main course and a cake.

All for £11.95!

Full details can be obtained from the
19th Restaurant

AUTUMN & WINTER UPDATE FROM THE PRO SHOP

November 2022

Rob Douglas – PGA Professional

Winter is still a busy time for us in the Pro Shop so we are still open 7 days a week. Myself and Gavin are here to help with anything you need.

Lessons are still available 3 days a week, and I currently offer coaching on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the last lesson at **3.00pm** due to light.

Coaching Packages are still available with a block of **FIVE** lessons costing £120.00

Vouchers for lessons are also available to purchase for Christmas Gifts.

Correcting a few aspects of your game this winter could be easier than you think.

In my opinion

Coaching is unlocking a person's potential to maximize their own performance. It is helping them to learn rather than teaching them.

We have recently opened up the Swing Studio in the Pro Shop and this will be available to use for coaching when weather conditions change.

We have a large range of second-hand clubs available so don't miss the chance of picking up a great deal.

Please pop into the Pro Shop for a bargain!

Winter is a great time to look at your Golf Equipment and your Golf Grips can be changed on the same day. We have a superb range of warm clothing and accessories for winter golf so please come in for a look to see what is on offer.

Buy any Footjoy Shoe and receive a FREE pair of Footjoy Socks whilst stocks last!

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THE PRO SHOP

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WE HAVE SOME GREAT OFFERS IN STORE AT THIS TIME!

UNDER ARMOUR GOLF SHOES - £69.00



TAYLORMADE 8.0 CART & STAND BAGS - £85.00



TAYLORMADE TP GOLF BALLS

£35.00 PER DOZEN



CLUB LOGO SHOE BAGS

£29.00



THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS & CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS SEASON AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR!