



# Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club

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# NEWSLETTER

## #03

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## Welcome

Welcome to the seasonal newsletter for the Autumn of 2023 keeping you up to date with the latest news and developments at Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club. As always we welcome your feedback.

### CHARITY DONATION FROM THE AGGS 2023

The **Avoch Gentlemen's Golf Society** continues to flourish at Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club and on the **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, we had the **26<sup>th</sup>** playing of our annual competition which was won by John Jack (this being second time John has won the event).

As a society, we do try to raise funds for charity on the day and this year was no exception! We received news that that **Graeme Souness** was involved in a charity swim across the English Channel to raise awareness and funds for **Debra UK**. This charity assists children with a rare skin disease and with the young lady, **Isla Grist** from **North Kessock**, fronting an interview on BBC TV this was too much for us to resist, so we decided to make this charity our main target for 2023.

We are pleased to report we raised an excellent **£2,800** for the cause which was very pleasing to all involved. Our thanks go to everyone involved in raising money for such a worthy cause – **Keith Patience** (AGGS).



Pictured from left to right (back row) – Arthur MacArthur, Keith Patience, Rachel Grist, Lewie Patience, Andy Grist. Front & centre – Isla Grist with a cheque for £2,800.



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## The Club Captain's Report

As we are now coming to the end of the main golfing season, it is probably a good time to update members on some of the Club Council's activities over this summer.

Firstly, it was decided that, given the Club's increasing revenue over the years and the ever-increasing number of regulations to which we are subject, the Club's management needed to be put on a more formal footing. It was therefore agreed that we should appoint a General Manager to who all staff would report and who would be responsible for the day to day running of the Club. This position was offered to Mike MacDonald our current Club Secretary as he has effectively been performing the vast majority of the tasks involved in the running of the Club for many years and a part-time administrative assistant has been appointed to assist him as he takes on his additional responsibilities and also to provide much needed holiday cover.

It was also apparent that most of the green's machinery was coming towards the end of its useful life and that there was no replacement programme in place. The financial uncertainties over the COVID period had effectively placed a three-year moratorium on major purchases. George and the Greens Committee have drawn up a schedule for replacing these machines over the next few years to ensure that we have a rolling replacement programme going forward. The first two machines were bought this year and have already had a significant impact on the productivity of the Greens staff and I am sure that you will agree that the course has been maintained in fantastic condition to our thanks go to everyone involved.

As most of you will be aware, Alyson Gibb (the 19<sup>th</sup> restaurant) will be giving up the Catering Franchise with their last day being on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and the Council, following an advertisement and interview programme, have appointed a new Caterer who will start during the first week of November. The restaurant will be known as Braid's so look out for new menus and opening times on the club website, through e-mails to members and the in-house menus. We hope that as members of Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club that you will all support the new catering franchise. It was agreed that the members discount on advertised prices will be increased to 15% but you must have your members' card with you at the time.

Finally, as we approach the AGM, we will be looking for new Council Members. It is important to the Club that we get new ideas and new perspectives on the Council and so I would urge you all to consider becoming member. It is not an onerous position and if you would like to find out more, please speak to any Council member.

**Cathryn Field, Club Captain**



## THE WORLD HICKORY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO THE LINKS NEXT YEAR!

We are delighted to announce that the **World Hickory Open Championship** will return to the Links at **Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club** next year given how successful it was when we hosted the team event in 2022. The feedback from hosting the last event was really positive so we will now be hosting the **individual** Championship event from the **8-10 October 2024** with the tournament being played on a rotational basis with other clubs in the area. The tee will be booked out in effect for each day from 10.00-11.30.

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, from Asia, 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 15<sup>th</sup> oldest club in the world, that has a resonance with us.

There are various categories used at the Championship which include:-

**ANTIQUE HICKORY SHAFTED CLUBS:** This category is for equipment whose club heads were made prior to 1935.

**MODERN AUTHENTIC HICKORY SHAFTED CLUBS:** This category is for equipment made to replicate, as nearly as possible, clubs that were made prior to 1935.

**RETRO FITTED CLUBS:** This category is for clubs that were made in 1935 or before and at the time of their release were available with both wood and steel shafts.



At the conclusion of the Championship, we will have a World Hickory Professional champion (gross), an amateur scratch champion (for ladies and gents), an amateur handicap champion (for ladies and gents) plus senior champions for both gross and nett categories.

**World Hickory Open Championship website:** <https://www.worldhickoryopen.com/>



## Congratulations!

### THE LADIES ST. ANN'S QUAICH FINAL 2023

The Ladies St. Ann's Quaich Final took place on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (an event sponsored by Tomatin for the four finalists) and the 2023 winner was Fiona Byrnes after returning a score of 34 points (better last six holes) playing from a handicap of 26.

Fiona won a bottle of 12-Year Old Tomatin Single Malt Scotch Whisky.



Pictured before teeing off in the final from left to right are Fiona Byrnes, Elizabeth Fraser, Loraine Nixon and Marina MacCulloch.

### THE GENTS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Congratulations goes to Lewis Reid (pictured on the left) who won the Gents Club Championship Scratch Section for the fifth time after beating Allan Cameron in the final by the score of 4 & 3. The Handicap Section title for 2023 went to Johnston Bellshaw after he beat Kenny Gattens in the final on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

### THE SENIOR GENTS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Gary Moore was the winner of the Senior Gents Club Championship for the third time after he beat George Paterson in the final by 2 holes. In the Senior Gents Club Championship Handicap Section, we had a first time winner with Lee Blackmore defeating William M Jack at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole.



Lewis Reid (left) and Johnston Bellshaw (right).



### JUNIOR COACHING

Our Eleven volunteer coaches (Calum MacLennan and Alastair Ferns are not in photo) gave tuition to 29 junior golfers over six 40 minutes sessions from June to September this year.

The junior ages ranged from 6 year olds to 16 year olds. Our thanks go to the youngsters for being so enthusiastic and responsive to the lessons provided by the team and a big thank you goes to the coaches for their willingness to give so freely their own time for the benefit of others.



# CLUB NEWS

## UPDATE ON GREENS – THE LATEST REGARDING COASTAL EROSION AT FORTROSE & ROSEMARKIE GOLF CLUB

Please note that the Club are extremely concerned at further deterioration to the edges of the course at the first and second fairways in the main. To keep you up to date, the Club, over recent months have been engaged in discussions with the key parties involved with Scottish Water (they have a sewer pipe running parallel to the 1st hole and 2nd holes) and the Highland Council. So far, attempts to raise funds for the Golf Clubs preferred protection measure which would be the installation of rock armour, have been unsuccessful however, our local MSP Kate Forbes has been hugely supportive and continues to do so.

Given the recent events over the weekend, the Club have contacted Scottish Water and the Highland Council and we expect to meet with them at the earliest opportunity with regards to the sewage outflow pipe which is exposed once again although this time even further down the course than before which is a real concern. There is also the issue with the core path (which is no longer there) with regards to the Highland Council as we have lost land as a result of the extreme weather conditions experienced of late.



## BOOKING GOLF ONLINE THROUGH BRS

### AN UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

From Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, if you are booking a tee time online, you will be able to do so, **14 DAYS IN ADVANCE**. This will replace the current **7 DAYS** in advance booking process for members.

**AS A REMINDER**, if you are booking a tee time online and you are unable to make it, **YOU MUST** cancel this at the earliest opportunity so that other players/members are able to book a tee time. This will be monitored! If you are booking your golf 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).

## WINTER TEES & BLUE POSTS/STAKES

Please note that the **blue posts/stakes** are now out on the course from **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** where the **WINTER TEES** will also be in operation.

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

**MATS WILL BE COMPULSORY FOR THE OFF-PEAK SEASON UNLESS YOU ARE PLAYING FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BLUE STAKED AREAS WHICH WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED BY THE GREENS STAFF ON EACH HOLE. IF YOU ARE PLAYING FROM INSIDE THE STAKED AREAS, YOU MUST USE A MAT. THIS IS COMPULSORY!**

The fairways, and in most cases, the first cut of rough really needs to be protected during the off-peak season so we would like to thank you all for your understanding during this time.

### WINTER MATS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PRO SHOP AND AT THE BAR

If you do not already own a mat, then you can purchase one from the Pro Shop or at the Bar for a price of £12.00 each. Please note that there is a limited stock of mats so you will be able to purchase one if needed from the start of November 2023.





# CLUB NEWS

## GOLF ON THE LINKS DURING THE OFF-PEAK SEASON – KEY DATES

### NOVEMBER 2023

- **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** – **The Ladies Winter Eclectic** competition will begin.
- **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – **The Gents Winter Eclectic** competition will begin.
- **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – **The Gents Winter Sweep** competitions will begin.

Instructions and guidance for the winter eclectic competitions are now on the relevant notice-boards in addition to the club website: <https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/competitions/club-and-open-competition-draws/>

- **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Played from the winter Tees – teams of **FOUR** (ladies, gents or mixed teams) – **YELLOW Ball Multiplier Fun Competition**

### DECEMBER 2023

- **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – **The Annual Club Prize-giving and Race Night** – starts from 18.30.
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – **The Club Annual General Meeting** – starts from 19.00.
- **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – **The Ladies Christmas Cracker Fun Competition** – starts from 10.00.
- **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023** – **The Gents Turkey Tourney – Stableford**
- **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – **The Gents Last Blast – Stroke Play**

To keep up to date with all of the club and open competition fixtures for 2023 and also for 2024, please click onto the link: <https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/fixture-book-2024/>

## DRAWN CLUB COMPETITIONS 2024 – A REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS (LADIES & GENTS)

For the 2024 season at Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club, we will continue to run our **CLUB COMPETITIONS** for the **LADIES** and **GENTS** as a mixture of **DRAWS** and **BOOK YOUR OWN TIMES**.

**EVERYTHING WILL BE BOOKED ONLINE FOR 2024 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO COMPETITIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE AN ENTRY SHEET TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE RELEVANT NOTICE-BOARD/S.**

Please refer to the **FIXTURE LIST LINK BELOW** which has been updated to include the 2024 fixtures so that you know where there is a **DRAW** taking place and where you can **BOOK YOUR OWN TEE TIMES**.

<https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/fixture-book-2024/>

As has already been stated, when you book **ONLINE** for any individual **DRAWN** competition (which will generally open up for entry purposes one month in advance of the competition date) whether that be individual Stroke Play or Stableford, you will only be able to add in your own name within a specific time-zone (morning or afternoon) however the time you book online will **NOT APPLY 100%** as we want to **MIX** the draws as much as possible so that we have members playing with different people. The tee time you book online will then be taken into account when the draw is made and you would then get a tee time as close as possible to the time you booked online. This process is also encouraging for new members to play in our club competitions especially for the members who may not really know anyone.

Where a **DRAW** is mentioned as taking place just after 09.00 as stated **BELOW**, you will be unable to book online after 09.00 or add your name to the sheets as they would be taken down so a late entry fee would apply.

The opportunity to play on the Links with your normal playing partners can be done at any time whether this be a bounce game, when putting in 'general play rounds' or in the Wednesday Sweeps. We hope all members are aware of draws published on the notice-boards and also on the club website as per the links below which also includes a link to our results page:

**DRAWS** – <https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/competitions/club-and-open-competition-draws/>

**RESULTS** – <https://fortrosegolfclub.co.uk/competitions/club-news-and-results/>



# CLUB NEWS

## OPEN AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS 2024

OPEN TEXAS SCRAMBLE	30 March
THE BLACK ISLE OPEN FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP (36 Hole Qualifying – Saturday) The Top 4 Scratch & Top 4 Handicap Qualify for the Sunday Matchplay Stages	20 & 21 April
THE LADIES BLACK ISLE PAIRS BETTER BALL OPEN	4 May
THE OPEN MIXED GREENSOMES	5 May
SENIOR GENTS STABLEFORD OPEN (50+)	16 May
THE 3-BALL BETTER BALL OPEN	25 May
OPEN TEXAS SCRAMBLE	29 June
THE 3-LADY TEAM OPEN	16 July
SENIOR GENTS STABLEFORD OPEN (50+)	18 July
MEN'S BLACK ISLE OPEN (36 Holes)	27 July
THE GENTS KINGSMILLS HOTEL PAIRS BETTER BALL OPEN	10 August
THE 24 <sup>TH</sup> GENTS KELLY OPEN FOURSOMES	11 August
SENIOR LADIES STABLEFORD OPEN (50+)	13 August
SENIOR GENTS STROKE PLAY OPEN (50+)	15 August
GENTS STROKE PLAY OPEN (18 Holes)	7 September
LADIES STROKE PLAY OPEN (18 Holes)	14 September
OPEN TEXAS SCRAMBLE	21 September
GENTS 18-HOLE STROKE PLAY OPEN	5 October

For more information and to enter [click here](#)

## LADIES CLUB COMPETITIONS ON A TUESDAY

The draw will take place just after **09.00** on the preceding Friday and appear on the website and notice-boards not long after – late entries and withdrawals **MUST** go through the **Pro Shop** and not by writing your name on the sheet on display on the notice-boards where you may see a space.

## GENTS/LADIES CLUB COMPETITIONS ON A SATURDAY

The draw will take place just after **09.00** on the **Wednesday** of that week and appear on the club website and notice-boards not long after – late entries and withdrawals **MUST** go through the Pro Shop and not by writing your name on the sheet on display on the notice-boards where you may see a space.

## GENTS/LADIES DRAWN CLUB COMPETITIONS ON A SUNDAY

The draw will take place just after **09.00** on the **Thursday** of that week and appear on the club website and notice-boards not long after – late entries and withdrawals **MUST** go through the Pro Shop and not by writing your name on the sheet on display on the notice-boards where you may see a space.

Please also note that once a draw has been made and displayed, an alternative time cannot be granted. The Match and Handicap Committee and staff members at Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club would really appreciate it if you could follow these guidelines and that you are also aware of how the **DRAWN** Club Competitions will work which is then fair to everyone. Thank you.

## A REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS

- If you book online for a club competition during the **early part** of a time-zone, we will get you a time as close as possible to when the draw is made.
- The same will apply if you are booking a time for a club competition **mid-morning** or **afternoon** and/or **later** in the morning or afternoon.
- Please remember to sign-in via the touch screen for individual stroke play and/or stableford competitions once you pay your entry fee in the pro shop and please remember to put your score in afterwards via the touch screens **regardless** of your score. (There is one located outside the pro shop and one upstairs in the bar).
- If you are experiencing any issues, please e-mail the club secretary with a photograph of your scorecard at the earliest opportunity.



# News from the Clubhouse

## Annual Prize-giving night

On **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023** (18.30 start), our **annual prize-giving night** will take place in the clubhouse. This will be followed by a **race night** (see below) from approximately 7.30 pm. If you are **UNABLE** to make the prize-giving and you are on the list of members from the published sheets who has won a prize, it would be appreciated if you could e-mail [secretary@fortrosegolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fortrosegolfclub.co.uk) as early as possible. In the past we have had prizes sitting there ready to be collected on the night and no-one has notified us in advance that they would be unable to attend.

We hope that you, as a member will come along to support this evening and you are most welcome to take along any guest/s with you for the prize-giving and/or race night.

## RACE NIGHT

To coincide with our **Annual Prize-giving Night** for the Ladies and Gents (starting at 6.30 pm) in the Clubhouse at Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club we will also be running our annual **RACE NIGHT**. This will start at approximately **7.30 pm** where we will have **8 HORSE RACES** taking place and one **FINAL** race for each of our kind and generous sponsors of each race.

Member/s and their guests are most welcome to attend this fun evening in the clubhouse. Proceeds from the race night will be donated to a local charity/cause which will be communicated to members at the end of November.

## Braid's Restaurant

**Linus Batavicius (Braid's Restaurant)** will start to cater for members, guests and visiting golfers at the Club from Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Social memberships are available from £30.00 where you will also receive a membership discount/loyalty card in your members pack which provides you with a 15% discount on catering purchases and a 20% discount on bar purchases made whilst at the Club.

If you would like to book a table in advance at any time please contact the Club on 01381 620529 (option 2).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Festive Quiz Night

The festive quiz night will take place on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**,

**19.30 pm** start! It has been requested that participants wear a Christmas jumper if possible.

Team entries (teams of four) will go through the bar so please telephone 01381 620529 (option one) if this is of interest to you.

**£40.00 for a team of FOUR.**



### Club Lotto

This continues to operate on a fortnightly basis. You can purchase your ticket/s from the bar at £1.00 per grid of 20 numbers. Select three numbers from numbers 1-20 and you will see the results published on our X (twitter) page once the draw is made from 17.30 every second Friday. [@FortroseGC1793](https://twitter.com/FortroseGC1793)

## Bar opening times

From 7<sup>th</sup> November

- **Monday to Thursday**  
11.00-20.30
- **Friday and Saturday**  
11.00-22.00
- **Sunday**  
11.00-20.00



# LADIES SECTION

## CONGRATULATIONS...

A huge well done is extended to several of our ladies who were victorious in some of our more prestigious competitions over the last month or so. Special mention should be given to Hayley Lewis for winning the Order of Merit for 2023 over 13 specified competitions.

The 2023 Ladies Club Championship Scratch section was retained by Lynne Fraser after she defeated Diane Rawlinson in the Final with the Handicap section title also being retained by Marina MacCulloch who beat Cathryn Field in the final, pictured right.

Another special mention goes to Anne Sangster who won the Handicap section of our Individual Ladies' Open as well as the Stuart Cup. Congratulations also go to Fiona Byrnes for winning the St Ann's Quaich Final and to Ruby Bellshaw and Marina MacCulloch for winning their respective sections of the Medal Final.

Finally, congrats go to the winners of the Young Trophy, Aileen Wilson and Annette McArthur, as well as our winners of the heat for the Daily Mail Foursomes, Helen Morrison and Jacqui Phillips. Helen and Jacqui will now represent Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club in the national competition so we wish them the very best of luck!

Another special mention also goes to Elda Morrison and Marina Webster who won the Sandy and Joan Young & Alec Duncan Memorial Greensomes Trophy. This was one of several competitions which provide the opportunity for men and women to play together on our superb links and we look forward to many more in future seasons.



Lynne Fraser (left) and Marina MacCulloch (right). Well done to everyone playing in the finals!

## END OF SEASON OUTING – 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

A group of 21 ladies enjoyed our annual outing which this year was to Boat of Garten Golf Club. Sue Evans, our Vice Captain, did a super job in ensuring the event was a great success and we all enjoyed the challenging golf and the post-golf get together.

## CLOSING MATCH – SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

Our three lady Closing Match was, as ever, greatly enjoyed by all who participated. Some superb scores were recorded. It was fantastic to see a great turn out and particularly to see some of our newer lady members who shone on the golf course [one even scored a 5 at the 4th! Wow!]. Golf was followed by lunch which everyone enjoyed.

## SEASONAL FRIENDLIES

Committee member, Helen Morrison, did a superb job over the season [and several before that!] of organising our 'friendly' matches. Helen initiated a new friendly with Nairn Dunbar this year which everyone loved and this will now be a permanent fixture within our golfing calendar. Helen is resigning from her role as Friendly Co-ordinator and will be a very hard act to follow. Thank you, Helen!

# News from the Greens team

Winter is fast approaching this year with lower temperatures being experienced recently than we have done for a good few years. Nonetheless, we have the seed in the ground on several fairways in addition to the main greens and winter greens. Looking forward, the winter programme will in the main see us concentrating again on re-vetting around a dozen bunkers with the possibility of adding a couple of new fairway bunkers at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> holes. Our new fairway spiker will be out loosening the soils on our much trampled fairways which are in a much better state this year as we have had some decent rainfall figures since the early part of July.

## Other projects include:

- Cutting and collecting all tall roughs
- Spraying fairways with Calcium/Magnesium Nitrate/Iron mix
- More whin bush trimming during inclement weather
- Creating another couple of whin gaps along the 1st bank
- Aeration work to greens, tees and approaches as required with either slitting and/or spiking
- Add a couple of natural swales/grassy basins in the roughs either side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole where the grass and contours are poor at present
- Marram plant sections on the ridge at 13<sup>th</sup> where the whins were removed
- Mono block the 1st hole path area beside the tees
- Install an additional water tank for the irrigation system
- Machinery servicing work and general upkeep of furniture etc.

## A REMINDER ABOUT THE GOLF COURSE – PLEASE READ THIS AS A PLAYING MEMBER OF THE CLUB!

It is your course so **PLEASE** look after it – I am sure the greens staff will really appreciate this too as we go through the season.

- **REPLACE** Divots.
- **REPAIR** Pitchmarks. There seem to be a lot of pitch marks on the greens of late so please take the time to repair your own pitch mark and any others if possible.
- Please use the **GOLF TEE BINS** which are clearly visible on each tee to dispose of broken tees including the bottom end of a tee which may be still in the ground after breaking – other golfers are using the teeing grounds after you in addition to the greens staff who will be cutting the teeing grounds each morning/afternoon.
- **RAKE** Bunkers **PROPERLY** after use.
- **PACE OF PLAY** – Remember there are others playing behind you so please let them through if you have lost a clear hole on the group in front of you!
- If you are asking the group in front if you can play through (especially if they have lost ground on those ahead), please do so **POLITELY AND COURTEOUSLY**. I am sure that would be appreciated by everyone.
- **READY GOLF** – as a Club we have adopted a policy of ‘**READY GOLF**’ – it is not a race but please be ready to play when it is your turn!
- In the interest of **SAFETY** if the greens staff are working on the course/greens **PLEASE WAIT** until they wave you to play on.
- 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).
- **BUGGIES** – The greens staff have requested that members who do use a buggy **DO NOT** drive through the fescue/rough when out on the course.





## AUTUMN & WINTER UPDATE FROM THE PRO SHOP

November 2023

Rob Douglas – PGA Professional

Winter is a busy time in the Pro Shop and we are still open **7** days a week. Gavin and myself are always available to help with anything you need. You may also have noticed that we have two much younger models helping us on a part-time basis. Ewan Cuthbert and Jack Mann are doing a few days to gain experience and they have both been received very well by members and visitors alike.

Coaching packages of **FIVE** lessons are currently available for the price of FOUR. I often find that during the winter months, this is the best time to make changes to your game so you can hopefully enjoy it more through the summer months. Five lessons will cost £136.00. I am still teaching on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday with spaces still available on Saturday mornings. Please enquire within or e-mail me on [fargolfltd@gmail.com](mailto:fargolfltd@gmail.com)

If you are looking to change equipment or if you have a question on whether you have the correct equipment to suit your game, please get in touch and we will be more than happy to assist. The off-peak season is also a great time to look at the condition of your current equipment. We have a huge range of grips in stock and can turn around new fittings usually on the same day. We will be having a clothing and shoe sale during the month of November so keep your eyes peeled for that one.

At the Pro Shop, we will a Christmas promotion on Childrens golf clubs this year. The Mkids package golf sets are the best quality currently on the market and I am pleased to say that I have secured an offer for half-sets which includes all of the clubs your children will need to start inclusive of a really nice bag for £180.00. The sets need to be ordered before the end of November with payment not required until collection which will be before Christmas. They come in **SIX** different sizes for anyone 4-14 years of age.

Thank you again for all your support this year, it really is most appreciated. We have a great set up at Fortrose & Rosemarkie Golf Club and we look forward to another great year in 2024.

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