

## Captain's Report

It seems a long time since I have updated this section and I offer my apologies.

This year just seems to be running away at a tremendous speed and due to personal circumstances I am finding this particularly true.

As you know, there have been no social events for some time. This decision was made because it was decided that during the Spring and Summer months, golf would be the top priority of most members. The Social side of the Club will hopefully be rekindled once more in the autumn.

I hope that the Summer is kind to all of us and that as many as possible will be on the fairways and in the Clubhouse as much as possible, keeping both the sporting and social side of Kilspindie as lively as ever.

To keep you up to date with club matters, you will be pleased to hear that plans for the Car Park have now been submitted and we should have news on that front fairly soon.

Many of you will possibly be aware that we can once more enjoy our refreshments outside the Club House. All we need now is some sunshine as we enjoy our drinks and snacks while watching the golfer's final putts on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green.

On a sad note, we will soon be bidding farewell to one of our green-keepers. Andrew Dunleavy is leaving us to join the Fire Service after 11 years of sterling service to the Club. We shall miss him but on behalf of the Board, the Management and all the members, we wish him every success in his future career.

I would also like this opportunity to offer my thanks to Paul and Andrea who do some sterling work behind the scenes. The efficient and helpful manner in which they carry out their duties ensures that the Club is run with clockwork precision. They are hugely responsible for the increase in visitor fees this year which has in turn ensured that your fees are kept at a very desirable level. Their attention to visitors and members combined with the high standard of our catering makes Kilspindie a Club to be envied in the Lothians and further afield.

As Club Captain, I would formally like to offer my congratulations to the winners of the recent Championships.

Bob Humble achieved a personal best when he beat Duncan Hamilton on Sunday. It was his 19<sup>th</sup> time as Champion. He has been Champion many times over in the last 5 decades – the 70's, 80's, 90's, noughties and now 2010's. A wonderful achievement and one which will be hard to beat.

My commiserations go to Duncan who along with Bob played some wonderful golf in extremely difficult conditions. On the day there can only be one winner and it was an extremely hard fought game played by two really sporting gentlemen.

Congratulations also go to the Jim Kinross – the winner of the B Section who beat Colin Stirling. This match went to the final hole, culminating in a nail biting finale.

Our Lady Champion was Lynn Fortune who has already set a formidable winning record. This is her 16<sup>th</sup> time as Lady Champion. The runner up was Fiona Talcott and my commiserations go to her. She did herself proud under very difficult conditions and can congratulate herself on her standard of play.

Our Junior Champion was Calum Morrison who beat Mark Owenson on the day. Congratulations and commiserations to both of them for an exciting Junior Final.

Also congratulations and sincere thanks to the referees and camp followers who braved the elements on what was a cold and pretty miserable day weather wise. The Camp followers were pretty thin on the ground but hopefully the weather was the culprit.

Today, as I write, I am preparing to attend the County Cup at Luffness and am hoping to add a post script to this update – preferably another congratulatory one – after the final on Saturday.

Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy your golf during the Summer Months and I also hope that you will continue to participate in the “social” side of the Club in the restaurant and bar during the Summer.

There is one event, I would like to commend – namely the Ian Russell Memorial Tournament on 9<sup>th</sup> July. This is being run by Leith Rotary Club in memory of a much loved and respected member both of this club and of Rotary. All proceeds are to go to Charity. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at this event. Further information can be obtained from Ian Webster, 10 Beresford Gardens, Edinburgh, EH5 3ES

Meanwhile, have a great golfing summer and enjoy our wonderful golf course

George Grandison  
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