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Royal Montrose Mercantile

August 2024 Newsletter

Juniors Visit the Home of Golf



Last month, twelve Junior members along with their parents, convenors and a supply of goodies boarded headed by bus for a fun day out at St Andrews.

A team of eight Under 18s competed against St Andrews GC Under 18s for the Johnny Laing Quaich on the Strathtyrum course. This match is played annually and will be held at Montrose next summer. Though runners up this year, you can tell by the broad smiles that they had a great time!

Not to be outdone by their older pals, four RMMGC Juniors enjoyed the opportunity to play in an Under 12s match on the Balgove course.

A huge thank you to our Junior Convenors, Keith Norman, Gus Watson and Tony Williams and all other helpers for making this fantastic experience possible for our youngsters.

We would encourage any parent with youngsters who are Junior members and season ticker holders to come along to our coaching sessions on Tuesdays after school and on Sunday mornings. You never know what it might lead to!

Monthly Prize Draw



Prize Draw Winners

This month's winners, drawn at a recent Board meeting are:

1st prize – £100 – Alistair Serrels 2nd prize – £50 – Jamie Pert 3rd prize – £25 – Duncan McNaught

Congratulations to the successful winners!

If any member wishes to join the Monthly Prize Draw, please reply to this newsletter and we will contact you.

Finals Day



Given the weather recently, you could be forgiven for thinking summer has yet to arrive but Sunday 18th August was Finals Day.

A big thank you to Alan Mercer, Club Match and Handicap Secretary, for his work behind the scenes and to all those who helped by refereeing matches on the day. Thanks also to everyone who came along to support our finalists.

Finals Day is the culmination of many matches won and lost over the course of the season and a big 'Well done' to all who participated. Of course, there can only ever be one winner and this year they are:

Adelaide Cup: Alan Mercer (runner up, Mark Valentine) Coronation Cup: Bert Mackie (runner up, Neil Paterson) Foote Miller Cup: Jeff Strachan (runner up, James Sharp)

Gents Club Championship (handicap): David A. Clark (runner up A. C. Barclay)

George Lloyd Trophy: Kevin Craig (runner up, Mark Rennie)

Handicap Cup: Andy Eadie (runner up, Jonathon Duncan)

Ladies Bronze Medal: Debbie Findlater (runner up, Jan Petrie)

Ladies Club Championship: Doreen Leask (runner up, Edna Wallwork)

Lindsay Trophy: Jimmy Young (runner up, Kevin McGeachy)

Congratulations to you all!

NB: Please note, a new date for the Gents Club Championship (scratch) match will be confirmed in due course.

Welcome to our New Members



We say, "Hello" to three new members this month.

Junior: Jack Milne Intermediate: Ben Coull Associate: Jean Stewart

A warm RMMGC welcome to you all! We look forward to seeing you on the course and/or in the clubhouse.

Pastures New

This month we say a sad farewell to two young members who are both moving on to pastures new.

Finn Coull, a valued member of the RMMGC since he was four-years-old, is off to the USA to begin a scholarship in Golf and Business Studies at Morningside University, Iowa.

Murray Ruickbie, a popular and hard working staff member, is headed for the University of Edinburgh to study Psychology.

We wish them both every success and look forward to hearing how they're getting on.

Social Events and Fundraising



Just a wee reminder that that staff are having a 'bit of a Do' for Murray this coming Friday, 30th August from 5pm, to which all members are welcome.

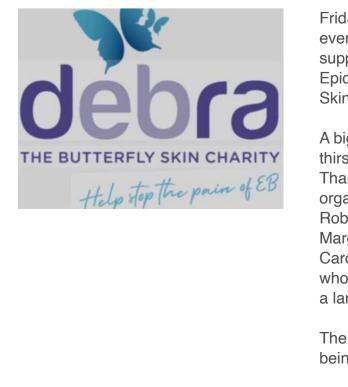
A huge thank you to Debbie and her staff who treated more than 50 members to a delicious Afternoon Tea earlier this month. Sorry you missed it? No problem! There will be a Festive Afternoon Tea in December. Date to be confirmed.

We are still actively fundraising so please do come along and support your Club at any of the following:

14th September: live music with The Tickets.
19th October: live music with Remedy
25th October: wine tasting evening
9th November: live music with Strawberry Bank
7th, 13th, 14th and 21st December: Christmas Party
Nights

We will also be having a Children's Halloween Party on Sunday 27th October.

Adana Day Charity Event



Friday 23rd August was Adana Day, our annual golfing event in aid of Debra UK. This is a national charity which supports patients and their families living with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), also known as 'Butterfly Skin'.

A big thank you to Debbie and her staff for ensuring our thirsty and hungry golfers were very well catered for. Thanks also to Alan Mercer for his exemplary organisational skills, to Graham Robb and 'Butty' Robertson for acting as Starters, to Gladys Keir, Margaret Stewart, Marian Pyper, Malcolm Watters and Carol Lyon for manning the desk, and to Ian Johnston who did a great job selling Butterfly Gin and dispensing a large percentage of 4000 bottles of tonic!

The total raised has still to be confirmed but it looks like being another record breaking year!

The Club was buzzing with golfers and non-golfers, all keen to support this very worthy cause. A huge thank you to you all!

And finally...

Congratulations to our men's team who won 4-2 against Ladybank at home yesterday. Well done, Gents!

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