

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 2018

COURSE & GROUNDS

Activity on the **course** has been adversely affected by wet weather but the greens are showing considerable improvement after hand-seeding, with growth being encouraged by weekly cutting and fertilising. The grass on tees is being lowered. All the hard work from Jim Livingstone, Billy McKay and Ewan Groat paid off with the course in excellent condition for the Ladies Open on 15 September.

Our **Greens mower** is nearing the end of its useful life. The purchase of a new machine is being explored.

Sale of a very small parcel of land to MacDougall Contractors adjoining the eastern-most edge of their yard is now complete. The agreement reached, worth just over £5000, was a package of payment and work in kind. The latter includes a new fence at the entrance to the Club which should be in place within the next six weeks.

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks have agreed to make **wayleave payments** for the 13 poles across the course. This will give the Club some £390 each year in future and we are pursuing back payment for previous unpaid years.

FINANCE & FUNDING

Under the lead of Lily McKay, Vice-Captain, we have raised almost £2500 in **sponsorship** this year. Our sponsors include the Ben Cruachan Inn, the Tarbet Hotel, the 'Pink Shop' at Benderloch and the Green Welly Stop. Many thanks to them and all others! Scottish Golf and Oban Rotary awarded us **grants** at £500 apiece for eight sets of clubs and bags for use by our Juniors and Adult Beginners during coaching. Many thanks to them too!

ONE CLUB

Dates for your diaries – **Texas Scramble at Captain's Day on 21 October** and **Annual Prizegiving on Sunday 28 October** with fun golf beforehand (weather permitting) and pies and beans for lunch. More information to follow on both events.

Approaching the end of the season, we have **105 members**; 44 Full, 9 Life/Honorary, 17 Country, 4 Adult Beginners, 12 Social, 2 Youth and 17 Juniors.

Coaching this season has been very successful and if there is demand, indoor sessions will continue in Dalmally Community Hall over the autumn/winter. There was a well-attended **Flag Competition** on 25 August and most of our **Juniors** attended the Isle of Seil Open on 16 September with Lewis and Andrew MacMillan doing particularly well. Thanks to coaches, Janet Buchanan and Colleen Brown and to Junior Convenor, Isobel Sutherland for all their efforts.

We were successfully present at the **Dalmally Show** with a stand and Club members on the gates. We hope to be more prominent next year.

SCOTTISH GOLF LTD

At a special General meeting to be held on 4 October, SGL will ask member-Clubs to agree to a rise in their affiliation fee from £11.25 to £14.50 per member. This fee will be frozen until 2022. After careful consideration, the Committee agreed to submit a proxy vote in support of this rise.

PLANNING FOR 2019

Looking ahead to next year, the Committee will hold a planning meeting in mid-November. Discussion will include what lessons we can learn from our experiences and results in 2018 and what our priorities should be for next year. Ladies Captain, Ann Colthart and Gents' Captain, Billy McKay will be taking soundings from their respective Sections but if anyone would like to make specific comments, these would be very welcome. Please send these by 31 October to Sheila Tollan, Secretary – dalmallygolfclub@outlook.com