

Match Secretary Report

Another season is over and while we had a weather affected season I'm sure you'll agree the course was in great condition and we're all looking forward to the 2012 season.

We have no success to report for the league teams this year. Both our Greensomes teams and our Pennant team finished second and mid table and I'm sure both will be hoping for a more successful 2012. The Greensomes team as ever was extremely well supported and while the Pennant team was better supported than 2010, it was still a struggle for some matches and any new players would be more than welcome. We must mention the Ladies team however, who managed to win the Bennachie Ladies League for the first time and we pass on our congratulations to all involved.

Unfortunately we did have to pull out of the Abercrombie cup when we could not raise a team for the away match to Peterhead – discussions on our participation in 2012 will take place prior to the new season.

The Club Championship was again contested by some of our lowest handicap players this year and I feel the format for the match play side of this should remain.

However, the Strokeplay Club Championship does concern me as I feel this competition has is still being devalued and is not being supported as it should be given it is the main strokeplay event of the season. As such a revised format will be presented at the AGM which will have been agreed by the council beforehand.

The 2 options which will be discussed are all 4 rounds a draw, or rounds 1 & 2 open play, rounds 3 & 4 a draw. This would enable us to have the leaders out together on the Sunday and differentiate this from a standard medal. The consecutive weekend format will remain.

The draw would mean selecting a time period when you wish to play and the draw would then be published. It is the Club Championship and as such the committee feel it should be given the relevant stature. To be clear however, it would be the matchplay champion who represents the club at the Champion of Champions.

We as a committee are open to any other suggestions to change the format of this competition and would like them submitted prior to the AGM to allow us to formulate a proposal.

The BRS booking system has been a success during the 2011 season and will remain unaltered for the 2012 season. We are aware however of a few people still not using the system as it should be used and this will be monitored and addressed during 2012. Areas that will be monitored are the failure to show on medal day and the Blocking of tee times i.e. a time is locked and then no transaction is made.

The Centenary season was a successful one for the club with numerous events being held throughout the year and a big thanks to all involved in the organising of these.

Finally, the knockout cup competitions. Can I once again re-iterate that it is the responsibility of both players to arrange these ties in a timely manner. If for any reason this cannot be done, then the club or match committee must be contacted. Failure to do so or failure to play the match by the allotted date will mean both players (or pairings) will be disqualified as I unfortunately had to do again this past season, albeit less than 2010.

Hope you all enjoy your golf this year and we look forward to our Centenary season.

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