



Gents' Section Report 2020

In what can only be described as unprecedented times we made a late start to our Gent's "competition" season. Despite this we managed to play almost all our usual events and I was delighted to see participant numbers remaining high, averaging over 50 in each competition. No surprise really with our membership on the rise.

Each player must be thanked for their cooperation and flexibility coping with the many revised conditions and rules forced upon us due to the Pandemic and despite the "goalposts" moving regularly it was evident that the members displayed their usual flexibility and understanding.

Early in our season, before national junior events had resumed several of our juniors were welcomed into our gents' section. The feedback I've received on their standard of play and conduct is a credit to them all. The immersion in our competitions is essential to their development and I'm sure I'm not alone in welcoming them into the Gents section and wishing them great success.

Moving onto our seasons results (full list attached), well done to all our winners but worthy of particular mention are Dave McGinival for winning the McLaren trophy and James Barrett for successfully defending the Tullihasset cup and a special congratulations to Lewis Seath for winning the Kidd Rosebowl.

Unfortunately, pandemic restrictions prevented any external team competitions being held so sadly no results to report on however some individual county events went ahead, and congratulations go to Alex Turlik who won the Perth & Kinross County Gents Championship - a very impressive result.

Congratulations to all prizewinners and competitors for the excellent standard of play this year but I think overall, we should all just be thankful that we had any season of golf this year. I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that at several points early in 2020, I wondered whether we would back playing at all.

I would like to thank Paul and the greens staff for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year, Steve and pro-shop staff for ensuring the smooth running of competitions and the excellent choice of stock in the shop. Thanks also to our secretary Jonny for his endless efforts in the office, to the bar staff, our board of directors, advisors and Scott for his culinary prowess, which I'm sure we will all miss greatly.

My final and most hearty congratulations must go to our army of volunteers who despite the weather or task always answer the call to pitch in, dig out, clear away, mow down or build up any tasks that are asked of them, without them, our club wouldn't be the place we all know and love, we are all eternally grateful.

Looking forward to 2021 I'm sure like the rest of the world, we are all hoping that next year will be more 'normal' and we look forward to another successful gents' season.

In the meantime, we wish everyone an enjoyable winter of golf, Paul is determined to keep us on full greens and fairways again this year, but this is only possible if we repair any pitch marks. This is even more important in the off-season when the ground is wet. Please also replace any misplaced divots as you walk around the course.

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