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PENRITH GOLF CLUB

President: J Armstrong

Captain: J Latif **Vice-Captain:** N D I Scott **Past Captain:** W T Dean

Lady Captain: B Coy **Lady Vice-Captain:** J Doyle

Junior Captain: M Villadsen

Chair: L Balmer **Finance Chair:** S Johnson **House Chair:** R Hellon **Greens Chair:** G Oliver

Competitions Chair: Darren Whitfield **Comms & IT Chair:** G Gravett

Council Member: J Taylor

Club Welfare Officer: M Williamson

Trustees: C Malpas, J Young, K Bulman, M Clementson

Office: P Butler **Director of Golf:** T Dykes **Professional:** A Sowerby

Obituaries: Jonathon Weir, Barbara Hill, Jackie Thompson, Chris Currie, Steve Awde, Kevin Ostle, Bev Risman, John Airey, Harry Patrick

Business

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Committee's Annual Report and the Financial Managers Statement of Accounts.
3. Approval of Subscriptions for 2024.
4. To elect Officers and Members of the Council for the coming year.
5. Retiring Captain's remarks and presentation of the Captain's Prize and Mixed Foursomes.
6. Any other business.



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Proposed Subscriptions 2024

Membership Category	Annual Membership Rate
Full 7 day Membership	£735
5 day Membership – Monday to Friday inclusive	£675
5 day Off Peak Membership	£445
Seniors Over 75 Years of Age – Full 7 day	£600
Low or Modest Income – Full 7 day	£520
Intermediate in Education (18 to 25 years of age) – Full 7 day	£370
Intermediate in Employment (18 to 25 years of age) – Full 7 day	£500
Country	£500
Second Club	£400
Junior (under 18 years of age)	£50
Cadet (under 11 years of age)	£10
Social	£50



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Membership Numbers 30th September 2022

Category	Members
Full	407
Full Seniors 75+	65
5 Day	15
Off peak	23
18-25 years	11
18-25 years	8
Country	5
2 nd Club	30
Junior	33
Cadet	19
Life	4
Low & Modest Income	2
Social Member	11
Spouse of Full Member	7
Waiting	11
Staff	8
Total	659



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Chairmans Report

Following the AGM in December 2022 the management of the Club was passed over to a temporary new Council of Management which had the responsibility to run the Club until the 2023 AGM, and during the year, and as approved by the membership the Council carried out a major overhaul of the Club's Constitution which resulted in a new set of "Rules for the Governance of the Club" being drawn up, with those rules being approved in a membership vote during November 2023.

The new Rules for the Governance of the Club are now in place, and they will allow the Club to move forward into the future with a modern set of rules that are fit for purpose, and which are in the best interests of the membership.

There have been a number of changes and improvements made both on and off the course during the year, not least of which was the re-negotiation of the contract with Fairways Catering for our bar & catering services, and I would like to thank Ricki & Nicola for their hard work and commitment in working alongside the House Committee in achieving and maintaining a newly agreed level of service.

It wouldn't be possible for the Club to operate was it not for the help of our staff, so thanks must go to Pauline Butler for her work in the office, Robin Little and his green keeping team for their work on the course, Tim Dykes as our Director of Golf, Andrew Sowerby as our Club Professional, Amanda Eprgrave as our Clubhouse Cleaner and of course all of the members of the Fairways Catering team.

Thanks, must also go to our Un-paid volunteers, be they members of the Club Council, or be they one of the numerous members who selflessly offer their free time to carryout work in and around the Clubhouse, or out on the Course.

On behalf of the Council I would like to say a special thank you to Carol Slinger for acting as our minute secretary throughout 2023. I would also like to thank Javid Latif for his hard work and commitment as our Club Captain for 2023, and I hope that he found his time in the role to be both enjoyable and fulfilling.

Nigel Scott will be our Club Captain in 2024, and I'm sure that you would all like to join me in wishing Nigel every success as our Captain for 2024.

Finally, I would like to close my report by adding that in my opinion the Club is in an excellent position where it can move forward into a positive and successful future, something which can only be of benefit to both the Club and its members alike.

Les Balmer

Club - Chair



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Finance Report

It is very pleasing to see that the club had another successful year, making a surplus of £10,275 which is even more satisfying given the amount of work carried out in the Clubhouse and around the course over the last 12 months.

A rise of 9.5% in member subscriptions showed that we not only maintained our membership, but actually increased it which helped in no small part in giving us the funds to carry out some very overdue maintenance work together with ensuring that the club is now Fully compliant with its' health and safety and legal obligations.

The Finance Committee continued to make sound decisions when investing club funds, with Interest earned rising from £337 to £4,563. The club's cash on hand figure as at 30th September 2023:

NatWest Current Account £257,247

NatWest PGC Ltd Current Account £8,160

Cumberland Building Society £118,596

Catering

When the Council came into office in December 2022 the club caterers had handed in their notice and were due to leave on 2nd January 2023. The main reason for their decision had been, in their opinion, the unsustainable level of rent that they were contracted to pay. The Council set about looking for new caterers and did interview 3 applicants, including Rikki and Nichola, and it soon became apparent that Fairways Catering were far and away the best candidates.

The Council employed a specialist solicitor to draw up a new contract for the caterers and a new contract for the occupation of the flat, making sure that living in the flat was tied into working for the club, not something which had been done previously.

The new rent payable by the caterers was agreed and, unlike the previous arrangement, this has been linked to their turnover meaning that in busy summer months the club receives more rent, whilst in the quieter winter months the club receives less, so far this arrangement has worked well.

Creating these contracts has cost the club £5,190 & £1,607 respectively.

Capital Expenditure

Once again, this year capital expenditure was low, with the club purchasing a large leaf blower for £6,900. There were no equipment disposals.



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Outlook 2024

Many of you will remember last years' AGM where the proposed 10% rise in subscription rates was voted down and a proposal from the floor of a 5.3% increase, with a similar increase the following year, was approved. With that in mind The Council has set the attached rates for approval at this years' AGM.

In the coming year the Council is continuing to invest in the facilities the club offers, including £46,000 refurbishing the dining room and back bar, £16,000 for updating the ovens in the kitchen, £85,000 in new green keeping equipment.

The above investments together with the continuing pressure on costs such as wages, fuel and course supplies mean that the rise in subscriptions, is urgently required to meet the club's needs.

Acknowledgements

Having taken on the finance role, whilst still in full-time employment, has presented quite a few challenges. I have been helped and supported in meeting these by Pauline Butler, in the office, and Tim Dykes in his role as Director of Golf. They, together with Andrew Sowerby, have a wealth of knowledge and experience which the club is very fortunate to have at its' disposal. The club Council have worked incredibly hard in bringing the club forward from the difficult situation it inherited, I am privileged to be a member of the Council and thank all who sit on the Council for their support over the year.

Thanks also to Carol Slinger and Richard Hellon for their efforts in creating and organising the Eden Valley Mixed Golf Tournament which generated an incredible £9,845 profit for the Club.

Please submit any questions in writing by 3rd December to:

financialMgr@penrithgolfclub.co.uk.

Stephen Johnson - Finance Chair



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions		342,797		313,000
Competition Income (Net)		25,533		20,580
Buggy Hire Income	8,950			
Buggy Hire and Repairs	(10,918)	(1,968)		997
Driving Range		3,477		3,074
Bar Rental Income		11,214		20,320
PGC Ltd Recharge of Course Costs		12,600		12,600
Rent & Wayleave		141		141
Donations and Sponsorships		7,019		3,475
Snooker (Net)		60		(874)
Green Fees		377		-
Room Hire		95		627
Donations from Penrith Golf Club Ltd		115,559		123,159
TOTAL INCOME		516,904		497,099
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>				
Course Expenses	293,956		289,512	
Clubhouse Expenses	104,935		73,737	
Other Expenses	107,738	506,629	87,190	450,439
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR		10,275		46,660
<u>NON-RECURRING ITEMS</u>				
Gain on disposal of machinery	-		2,750	
TOTAL EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR		10,275		49,410



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
EXPENDITURE	£	£
Course Expenses		
Wages & NI & Pension	154,431	147,337
Maintenance of Course and Machinery	77,771	59,323
Water & Irrigation Charges	11,773	15,142
Depreciation - Implements and machinery	10,698	10,479
Lease payments	39,283	57,231
	<u>293,956</u>	<u>289,512</u>
Clubhouse Expenses		
Lighting and Heating	36,928	34,308
Less Solar Panel Feed in Tariff	(2,035)	(3,859)
Rates and Water Charges	5,248	5,571
Biomass Heating Lease Payment	2,202	-
Less Renewable Heat Incentive	(23,448)	(13,369)
Maintenance and Renovations	57,480	21,754
Depreciation of Furnishings	5,579	5,838
Depreciation of Property	22,981	23,494
	<u>104,935</u>	<u>73,737</u>



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	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Expenses		
Administration - Wages & NI & Pension	14,093	11,294
Professional's Retainer	19,000	20,103
Golf Management Retainer	19,867	13,200
Insurance	12,320	10,937
Postage & Stationery	1,477	1,211
Advertising	1,618	660
Accountancy and Computer Charges	2,347	2,342
Legal and Professional	11,914	2,134
Subscriptions and County Affiliation Fees	11,880	8,821
Telephone	5,351	5,484
Broadband & Website Maintenance	1,799	2,051
General Expenses	2,164	880
Depreciation of Office Equipment	329	(520)
Development Loan Interest	1,013	686
Bank and Credit Card Charges	2,270	2,387
Team Expenses	2,715	2,765
Contributions to Seniors and Ladies sections	35	-
Interest received	(4,563)	(337)
Captains' Allowance	2,109	3,092
	107,738	87,190



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BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	744,496	777,183
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	29,642	148,497
Cash at bank		257,247	102,560
Investment account		118,596	116,799
Brian Hanson bequest		724	717
Deposit account		35	35
Cash in hand		100	100
		406,344	368,708
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(115,855)	(110,724)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		290,489	257,984
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,034,985	1,035,167
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	5		
Development Loan		-	(10,464)
		1,034,985	1,024,703

REPRESENTED BY

	General	Hanson Bequest	Total	2022
Capital Account at 01/10/2022	1,023,986	717	1,024,703	975,292
Excess of Income over expenditure for the year	10,275	7	10,282	49,411
Capital Account at 30/09/2023	1,034,261	724	1,034,985	1,024,703

These financial statements were approved by the Council on the 20 November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

L Balmer
(Chairman)

S Johnson
(Financial Manager)



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
COST					
At 1 October 2022	1,099,496	80,089	44,968	1,645	1,226,198
Additions		6,900			6,900
Disposals					
At 30 September 2023	1,099,496	86,989	44,968	1,645	1,233,098
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2022	382,886	38,968	26,168	993	449,015
Charge for the year	22,981	10,698	5,579	329	39,587
Elimination on Disposal					
At 30 September 2023	405,867	49,666	31,747	1,322	488,602
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2023	693,629	37,323	13,221	323	744,496
At 30 September 2022	716,610	41,121	18,800	652	777,183

3. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
PGC Limited	22,530	134,209
Receivables - others	5,282	3,349
Prepayments	1,830	10,939
	29,642	148,497



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4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Development loan	10,976	21,700
Trade creditors	7,374	93
Accruals	13,292	15,176
Prepaid subscriptions	56,269	54,240
Creditors – HMRC	3,652	4,283
Creditors – Junior Fund	1,830	1,471
Creditors – Captain's Charity Account	1,103	2,083
Creditors – Eden Valley Mixed Open	11,766	-
Creditors – Ladies Comps	377	-
Creditors – Other	-	770
Competition Prize Fund	9,216	10,908
	<u>115,855</u>	<u>110,724</u>

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

Included within creditors falling due after more than one year is an amount of £Nil (2022 - £Nil) in respect of liabilities which fall due for payment after more than five years from the balance sheet date.

6. PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they accrue. The charge for the year was £2,941 (2022 - £1,160).

7. SECURED CREDITORS

The development loan is secured over the freehold property known as Penrith Golf Club, Salkeld Road, Penrith, Cumbria. The total amount of loan outstanding at the year end was £10,976 (2022 - £32,164).

8. OPERATING LEASES

At 30 September 2023 the company had aggregate annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 2 – 5 years	<u>25,269</u>	<u>25,269</u>



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PENRITH

GOLF CLUB YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the Club for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Council has decided that an audit is not required for this year, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the club is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with UK accounting standards and GAAP; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records;

Have not been met: or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Andrew Liddle ACA, Independent examiner
4 Mason Court, Gillan Way
Penrith 40 Business Park
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Course Management

Penrith golf club always suffers with very slow growth at the start of the season, this year was particularly cold and dry, February and March were the driest England has seen for 30 years. This together with cold conditions caused significant stress on the turf meaning that the greens were some way off where we would like them to have been even in July. The rain since then seems to have been relentless. Hollow tining greens in August had to be cancelled and again in September on both occasions it was due to the wet conditions which is another unfortunate set back which was completely out of our control. Rainfall in the period 1st November - 16th November totalled 150mm making course improvements virtually impossible.

Whilst all this talk of wet weather is extremely frustrating, I think that it is important to remember where we have come from. Thanks to the drainage work carried out over the last 3 winters, greens 18, 16, 15, 12, 9, and 8 are now free draining in all but the very heaviest of downpours. Greens 1 and 2 are still a challenge but we believe this is down to the levels of organic matter in the top 50mm of the profile, something which are trying very hard to reduce.

At the beginning of September, we had visit from the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) to assess the golf course and our operations. A report followed the visit (which is available to read on the club website). We were complimented on what we are achieving with our current level of resources, it was sympathetic of the climatic conditions and challenges here which causes the slow start to the season.

We have taken on 2 new members of staff, Dan Simpson who has replaced David Strong and Evie Black who has joined us as an apprentice to increase staff numbers. Both joined us in October and they have fitted in well with the rest of the team, they will be studying sports turf management at Myerscough college whilst working with us.

The STRI report made recommendations in machinery which included a disc seeder to increase the amount of bent grass in the greens. A Veemo scarifier for fairways, greens and aprons which will reduce thatch, improve water infiltration and encourage new growth. A combination frame with Sarrel roller and brush. The Sarrel roller is a piece of equipment to aerate the top 50mm of turf without disturbance, and a brush to refine the surface and brush in top dressing.

A new greens mower is also on the horizon for spring 2024, the current machine will be 5 years old then and will be used to cut aprons.



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Winter work on bunkers has begun but the weather is making progress very slow. Drainage work to greens 2, 3, 13 and 17 as stated in the winter work report will start as soon as possible.

Aims for 2024

Improve the sward on greens with regular surface aeration and over seeding with bent grass. Drainage work to help keep the course open as much as possible. Trying to create a more interesting winter course, some new winter greens have been created on holes 3, 5, 9, 12 and 17 for future use.

Gavin Oliver - Course Chair

Robin Little - Head Greenkeeper

Golf Management

Below are the increased green fee rates for 2023/2024 season.

Description	1 Player	2 Players	3 Players	4 Players
1 st October to 31 st March -	£30	£60	£90	£100
1 st April to 30 th September - Weekends	£55	£110	£165	£200
1 st April to 30 th September - Weekdays	£50	£100	£150	£180
Twilight (after 3pm)	£35	£70	£105	£120
Cumbria County Card	£30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Cumbria County Card Rate	£35	N/A	N/A	N/A
Guest Playing with a Member – Single Round	£20	N/A	N/A	N/A
Guest Playing with a Member – Full Day	£35	N/A	N/A	N/A

These will be advertised and publicised on the club website.

Green Fee Revenue and objectives

£148,000 was generated in visitor green fee, surpassing the previous year by £11,000 this was due in large to many repeat bookings. In addition to this we saw many new bookings from groups and individuals alike. The positive feedback we received on the golfing experience they had was overwhelmingly positive with many vowing to return. This was despite the unsettled weather conditions we experienced throughout the year and was testament to the robust nature of the Penrith course and the hard work of Robin and his team.

The objective set in 2022 of maintaining membership levels have been met and surpassed with 659 people on the books spread across all categories. This may be the highest



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figure Penrith Golf Club has seen and something we need to maintain having worked so hard to achieve.

With both key objectives being met this places Penrith Golf Club in a strong position entering 2024.

Tim Dykes - Director of Golf

Competitions Report

Despite some challenging weather in the latter part of 2023, we still managed to have a successful season of competitive golf with all board competitions being completed. Our challenging but fair golf course consistently produces realistic scoring and this is evidenced by the array of golfers who have been victorious this year. A list of competition winners is attached.

Particular congratulations go out to James Atkinson who claimed his first club championship here at Penrith, to sit alongside titles from his previous club, Kendal. James joined us two years ago having relocated to the area. He has also been an integral part of the scratch league team which won the league title for the first time in many years. Commiserations go to Kyle Humphrey who was runner up in a closely contested club championship final.

Finals day was a great success with winners being presented their trophies after play and refreshments on offer for the players. This is a format which was extremely well received and will continue next year so many thanks to all involved.

A new software system was introduced this year and despite some teething problems I think the benefits of this have now been seen by most members. A new live leaderboard in the clubhouse will further enhance this next season.

Once again our open events were a huge success in 2023, being extremely well attended and generating excellent revenue for the club.

Moving forward into 2024 the formats that worked well will continue and change to our events will be minimal. The qualifying for the America Cup continues to be a source of debate.

2024 sees Penrith host the men's county championship for the first time in 25 years and any volunteers to help with the event would be greatly appreciated, as is the case with the other prestigious events that we have the honour of hosting this year. Spectators would also be very welcome at these events.



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Finally I'd like to say a personal thanks to everyone who helped me this year, in particular to Andrew and Tim who's input has been invaluable in the scheduling and running of all the competitions we put on.

I hope you all have a prosperous 2024 and some new names can make their way on to the winners list.

Darren Whitfield - Golf Chair

Competition Winners & Runners Up 2023		
COMPETITION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Brian Thompson Trophy	Phil Carrick & Andrew Collin	M.Hodgson & Darren Mallinson
Inglewood Cup	David Forster	Stuart Smith
Pickering Bowl	Mike Dixon	Bret Digby
Mallinson Vets	Michael Barnes	Ken Reed
Blamire Trophy	Thomas Dixon	Marcus Dixon
Club Foursomes	David Taylor & David Coulthard	Peter Strickland & Barry Bell
Makinson Salver	Cormac Healy	John Thompson
Presidents Putter	Andrew Hodgson	William Crewe
Quarry Cup	Andrew Sinclair	Ben Brooksby
Mattinson Trophy	Archie Bell	Gary Oliver
Wed Medal OOM	Michael Brough	Thomas Holme
Wed Stableford OOM	Michael Brough	Mark Quinn
Lonsdale Trophy	Kevin Mitchell	Patrick Dobinson
K M Graham	Mike Dixon	Andrew Mitchell
Lowther Final	James Jacques	Kenny Maclellan
Fourball Foursomes	Ray Olive & David White	Mark Wilson & Rick Kay
Scratch Salver	Mike Parker	Darren Whitfield
Flimmin Trophy	Nigel Ellis	Kevin Mitchell
Father & Son	Mike & Freddie Dixon	Javid Latif & Jamaal Glanville
Alan Kitching Memorial	David Taylor / David Coulthard	P.Dobinson & P.Birkitt
Club Knockouts		
Joe Grinbergs	Patrick Dobinson	Chris Birtle
Mixed Foursomes	John & Rebecca Davidson	Margaret & Roger Cranston
Mid Amateur	Matthew Berrisford	Nick Scholefield
Club Championship	James Atkinson	Kyle Humphrey
America Cup	Mike Parker	Robert Armstrong
Captains Prize	Matthew Berrisford	Paul Butler
Church Cup	Rikki Lamb	Gary Broadhead
Sly Trophy	David Forster & Archie Bell	Tim Wilson & Ian Wilson

Holes in one

B Johnson, C Ingram, L Brown, T Holme, C Stables, N Birtle, M Wilson, J Airey, M Cranston



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Ladies Report

Captain: Liz Horlacher

Past Captain: Carol Slinger

Treasurer: Denise Crewe

Competition Secretary: Lesley Dobinson

Committee: Carol Ingram and June Doyle.

Vice-Captain: Bridget Coy

Secretary: Linda Young

Handicap Secretary: Ruth Coleby

This year saw the inauguration of a “Scratch” League in the County. It was decided that we would support this, but also trial having two Silver Teams as well as the Cecil Leitch team for the Bronze Players. I would like to thank the Team Captains and everyone who played for the teams for their support and commitment. We may not have had the successes of previous years, but I know that everyone who played gave their all and some of the results were very close, going to the final putt on the 18th on more than one occasion, so very well done all. The full results can be found on the Cumbria County Ladies website – cumbria-lcga.co.uk.

One lady achieved a ‘Hole in One’, Margaret Cranston. Congratulations Margaret, we enjoyed celebrating with you.

Our own Finals Day on the 3rd September was one of the highlights of my year and I would like to congratulate all the finalists. I was referee for the Ladies Championship, and it was a pleasure to watch such a high standard of golf being played. The presentation of the trophies to the winners and runners up after the matches had been played was another successful event. The majority of the finalists were able to stay for the presentation, which was a great celebration of their achievements.

The Ladies Section also held two very successful Opens this year, the Team of 3 in June and the 4BBB in August. Both of the events were very well supported and again a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped organise the events, ‘front of house’ and ‘behind the scenes’, without your help the Opens wouldn’t be the popular events they are.

We hosted the Cumbria Vets Bronze Team v Durham, but unfortunately, the match had to be abandoned due to the weather, which seems to have been a recurring theme all year. We also took part in the Jubilee Trophy, which was played at Appleby this year, it is an annual event played between ourselves, Appleby and Keswick. We came second. We also hosted the annual Tri-Golf competition between ourselves, Carlisle and Hexham.

The Ladies have also been very busy fund raising for several charities this year, namely Guide Dogs for the Blind, Breast Cancer and the local charity I supported, Hospice at Home



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Carlisle and North Lakeland. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped out and generally supported all the Fund Raising efforts.

This is a brief summary of some of the highlights of my year, there were more – Lady Captain's Day, our Away Day, Mr Captain's Day to name a few. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and wish LVC Bridget every success for the coming year.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year. We are the second largest Ladies Section in the County and should be very proud of our successes and achievements on behalf of the Ladies Section and PGC.

Liz Horlacher - Ladies Captain 2023



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Ladies 2023 Competition Results

Competitions	Winner	Runner Up
Club Championship	Kathryn Bulman	Rebecca Davidson
Club Knockout Silver	Sally Tomlinson	Lyn Dulson
Club Knockout Bronze	Denise Crewe	Yvonne Ramshaw
Club Knockout Div 3	Angela Edmondson	June Doyle
9 Hole Knock-out	Not Played	Not Played
Westmorland Cup	Ruth Coleby	Carol Ingram
Medal Final	Lesley Dobinson	Mandy Aldom
Par Final	Gail Gravett	Jenny Smith
Tynefield Trophy 4BBB Knock-out	Lesley Dobinson / Sue Nicholson	Joan Dent / Gail Gravett
Club Foursomes	Not Played	Not Played
Granny Cup	Angela Edmondson	
Nancy Peile Trophy	June Doyle	
Jefferson Trophy	Val Hetherington	
Simpson Yeates Rose Bowl	Sharon McIntosh	
Inglewood Bracelet	Sally Tomlinson	
Watermillock Brooch	Joan Armstrong	
Fields in Trust Trophy	June Doyle	
Golf Foundation Brooch	Joan Armstrong	
Points Cup	Lesley Dobinson	
EG Aggregate Comp. winner	Mandy Aldom	
Eclectic (1-20.4)	Kathryn Bulman	Margaret Cranston
Eclectic (20.5 -54)	Gail Gravett	Liz Horlacher
Eclectic (9 Hole)	Not Entered	Not Entered
Davidson Trophy	Not Awarded	
Reduction in Handicap	Mandy Aldom	
Autumn Meeting (Joan Savage Trophy)	Kathryn Bulman / Pat Varty / Liz Horlacher	
Mrs. Sharpe's Brooch	Cath Williams	
Winter Greensomes	Kathryn Bulman / Pat Varty	Bridget Coy / June



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Business Ladies Winter Greensomes	Lyn Dulson / Pauline Butler	
Competitions (Cont'd.)	Winner	Runner Up

3 x 4's (2022)	Liz Horlacher / Gail Gravett / Carol Slinger	
Birdie Tree – Div 1	Kathryn Bulman	
Birdie Tree – Div 2	Bridget Coy	
Grey Panther Trophy	Lyn Dulson	
Moda Salver (2022)	Not Played	
9 Hole Moda Trophy - Naworth Cup	Not Played	
Coronation Foursomes Winner – Quaich Trophy	Jenny Smith / Glenis Robinson	
Cecil Leitch '5' Club	Yvonne Ramshaw	
Past Captains' Cup	Ruth Coleby	
Derrick Mattinson Trophy	Cath Williams	
Lady Captain's Prize	Carol Slinger	
9 Hole Summer Trophy	Pat Mattinson	
Breast Cancer Brooch	Lesley Dobinson	
Charity Trophy – (Good	June Doyle	
Iron Lady Silver Winner	Not Played	
Iron Lady Bronze Winner	Not Played	
Hole-in-One	Margaret Cranston	



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House Report

House is responsible for the operation, maintenance and development of the clubhouse and the immediate surroundings including the car park. The House Chair also has oversight of all clubhouse based activities and works closely with our catering team to ensure the quality of the service they provide. We have had a very busy year and I believe that we have achieved a great deal in that short time. Where required, the maintenance and improvement work has been carried out by experienced and qualified contractors, but a great deal has also been achieved by willing and enthusiastic volunteers, to whom Penrith Golf Club is extremely grateful.

Maintenance

At the end of 2022 our insurers assessed our premises, resulting in a report listing nine separate items requiring urgent attention and a further five recommended actions. Some of these were statutory requirements, and all referred to either the integrity of the building structure and/or the safety of all those who use the facility. The work required to resolve these issues was quite rightly considered essential and urgent by the Council, and the initial work and the subsequent follow up actions have been carried out over the course of 2023, much of which has gone unseen by members, but has taken a great deal of time and effort from those involved to bring us back to where we need to be. Work regarding these immediate issues is now largely complete, but a plan of routine maintenance is now in place to ensure that we keep our clubhouse in the condition we would all expect, and further improvements will be made to the plan in 2024.

Work was also required on the westerly facing side of the building, which tends to catch the worst of the weather in winter. The main priority in the spring was to revive the existing dining room windows to avoid them having to be replaced at great cost. This was achieved with the help of a mixture of contractors and volunteers with the work eventually being extended to take in all the woodwork from the buggy park to the biomass boiler room. One window in the kitchen could not be saved and was replaced with UPVC, which we will now adopt as a policy if windows are to be replaced in the future. This work also included staining the buggy park fence, the fencing on the patio and the picnic benches on the practice ground.

Improvements

In January the House Committee was faced with the task of appointing new caterers following events during the latter part of 2022. Interviews were held, and following due consideration, it was decided to reappoint Fairways Bar and Catering who had previously held the franchise. Part of the previous contract had been for Fairways to carry out the



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regular cleaning of the club, but after discussion with them, the House Committee decided to carry out a deep clean of the clubhouse and appoint an external cleaning contractor. This was reviewed part way through the year, and it was determined that it would be beneficial to the club, both financially and from a practical point of view, if we employed a cleaner ourselves.

Training has been carried out for all golf club staff in First Aid at Work, and the staff who are based in the clubhouse itself have been trained as Fire Wardens. This training was carried out with staff from Penrith Golf Hub and a local manufacturing company which effectively subsidised the cost of training our own staff.

At the beginning of the year, it was fair to say that the kitchen in the clubhouse was tired. The fume extraction system required a long overdue deep clean as part of the requirements from the insurance report, and the electrical supply regularly tripped the breakers during busy times. These issues were able to be resolved quite quickly, and further changes to the layout of the kitchen and

the purchase of small, but key items of equipment have helped to improve things further during the year. After having addressed the immediate issues, the team spent a great deal of their time deep cleaning the area and improving the layout. We were visited by the Environmental Health Officer in April, who gave our kitchen and food hygiene management system the highest possible rating, and returned at the weekend, this time with her family, for a meal.

Following the recent purchase of new ovens and hot cupboard, we now expect to see a step change improvement in performance, especially when catering for larger groups. This project has taken some time to come to fruition as the limitations of the kitchen infrastructure have meant that the various options have been discussed with multiple suppliers before we were able to arrive at a suitably practical but cost-effective solution.

A great deal of work has also been carried out at the front of the clubhouse to improve the look of the main entrance to the building. This has included moving the designated smoking areas away from the main entrance, rebuilding and tidying up the flower beds and planting hanging baskets, mangers and the beds themselves. This work will continue in 2024, and again we thank the volunteers who have given up their time to make this happen.

Improvements have also been made in the main clubhouse, such as the replacement of light fittings in the main lounge and ladies locker rooms, which require less power than the old units and provide better light. Work has also been carried out in both locker rooms to improve the overall ambience, as well as fixing broken showers, locker doors and generally tidying the place up.

Further work



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Over the year, the House Committee has been discussing and planning a major refurbishment of the Back Bar and Dining Room, which as everyone agrees is long overdue. This has taken a great deal of planning, and we are conscious that we need to execute the plan to a high standard, whilst at the same time using the club's funds wisely. By doing this work we can provide an excellent space to tempt members and visitors to use the clubhouse more. As well as supporting golf related activities, the areas should generate more revenue for the club and can be used for meetings, dining and functions of all types.

We are already seeing an increase in the number of visitors using the clubhouse, and whilst this needs to be managed, it is planned that in 2024 we will introduce a new membership discount scheme, which encourages those non golfers who currently use the clubhouse, to become social members and take advantage of membership discounts on menu and bar prices, increasing turnover, and as a result revenue for the club.

The course itself is Penrith Golf Club's main asset, but the clubhouse is an essential part of the golfing package the club offers members and visitors alike. We have made great strides this year and achieved a lot in a short space of time, but there is still a great deal to do and any suggestions you may have are always welcome at house@penrithgolfclub.co.uk

Thank you to the members of the House Committee and all the Fairways staff for their support and valued input over the past 12 months. In 2024 we will continue to invest time and funds into our clubhouse to ensure that the building remains safe, secure and comfortable for everyone who uses it, that essential services are suitably maintained, that issues are resolved quickly, and work hard to guarantee that the quality of the welcome everyone receives is second to none.

Richard Hellon – House Chair

Seniors Report

2023 has been another very successful and enjoyable year for Dad's Army.

Our membership has continued to thrive and at the last count we currently have 160 signed up members. Competitions have been held on a weekly basis throughout the year with on average over 70 players regularly taking part and at the last count it's interesting to note that 156 different individual members had played in all the different organised competitions in 2023. Special thank you here to Peter Holliday who has stood down as Competitions Secretary after several years of outstanding contribution to the successful running of Dad's Army.

With regard to the individual honours David Harding emerged as a serial winner with 3 trophies to his name (and surely now requiring a stringent handicap adjustment!) whilst Alan Hall and Andrew Wharton picked up 2 each. The inclement weather we've recently



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experienced has unfortunately meant that the completion of this year's Order of Merit has had to be carried over to the start of the 2024 season.

Dad's Army has also played a series of inter club senior matches with somewhat mixed results on the results front but all played with golfing friendship. Because of the demands made on player's time and the club's capacity the number of proposed matches for 2024 has been considerably reduced with the hope being that those updated fixtures can be met with renewed enthusiasm.

In October we again successfully hosted our Senior Team Invitational event with ten teams from across Cumbria, southern Scotland and County Durham enjoying a wonderful day's golf followed by a great buffet provided by Ricki and his team. Hexham emerged as worthy winners. Special mention here also to Don Pamphilon in respect of all the effort he put in in order to make this event the success it was.

Junior Report

The junior section has had a successful year with a sustained attendance at junior coaching sessions which have been held on a Monday evening commencing in April and concluding in late September. It has been very rewarding to see the progress achieved by a number of junior members both with playing ability and reduction in handicaps. Some juniors have also entered senior competitions in both the Men's and Ladies section. Two juniors gained county recognition during the year with another also attending the county development squad.

A number of volunteers from the club will be assisting Eden Valley Sports Partnership to deliver the annual tri-golf tournament at Penrith Leisure Centre on 30th November 2023. This involves all primary schools in the Eden area and is a great opportunity to improve the profile of the club in the local community.

It has also been very encouraging to see the junior team again competing against other clubs. Matches were played against Workington, Brampton and Maryport both home and away resulting in three wins and three defeats. All juniors who were selected for the team represented the club with great credit. It is hoped that there also be matches with Silloth and Carlisle in 2024.

A junior fundraising event was held on Friday 19th May 2023. There was excellent support from members and the funds raised will help with the development of junior golf.



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The club Captain Javid Latif has also very generously indicated that any monies made during his Captains year will go to assist the work of the junior section. Thank you Javid for recognising the importance of junior golf and your donation will be put to very good use.

A number of other kind financial donations have also been made to the junior committee throughout the year which are very much appreciated.

A number of junior competitions have been held throughout the summer in different formats so that all juniors had an opportunity to play some competitive golf. Trophies were presented at the Junior AGM which was held on Friday 27th October 2023.

The Junior captain Ellis McAuley has enjoyed his year and can be very proud of the way he has carried out this role on behalf of the club. He had a successful captain's day which was well supported by the junior section. Ellis has also represented the County. He has also been very well supported by his family and thanks to them for this important help and guidance.

The incoming junior captain will be Magnus Villadsen. Magnus has been a member of the junior section for 3 years. He attends QEGS and is also a qualified football referee. It is hoped that he has an enjoyable year and he will be provided with continuing support from the junior committee.

Grateful thanks are extended to Club Professional Andrew Sowerby together with all the coaches, volunteers and parents/relatives who have provided support and encouragement to all the juniors.

A special thanks also to Rikki and his team for looking after the juniors so well after their coaching sessions. The food went down a treat!!



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Junior competition results 2023

Junior Championship-George Curry

Runner up-Ellis McAuley

Junior America Cup-George Parkes

Runner up-Joseph Tinkler

Charters Shield-Sam O'Hare

Runner up-George Parkes

Millar Cup-9 holes-Ben Clark-4 holes

Bob Sly Trophy-Leon Armistead

Richardson Trophy-Winner-Jake O'Hare

Runner up-Magnus Villadsen

Bell Trophy-Freddie Dixon

Runner up-James Cowling

Junior Captains Day-9 hole-Magnus Villadsen

Junior Captains Day-4 hole-Zach Bryson

Paraiso Cup - Leah Butler

Dad's Army trophy-George Parkes for commitment and enthusiasm in improving his golf. Managed to get his handicap to 6.2. Played in senior competitions and called up for county coaching.

The Louise Mayne trophy was won by Leah Butler-represented junior team, won a junior competition and has now played in ladies' competitions. Has attended county coaching sessions.

It was also great to see Freddie Dixon winning the Clubs father and son trophy with Dad Mike.

Phil Park, MBE

Penrith Junior Section-secretary