

Captain's address to the 2020 AGM

It has been a great honour and privilege to be the Captain of Prestwick St Nicholas Golf Club, a very enjoyable year that has passed extremely quickly!

Working closely with all sections of the club from Grant Hood, John MacLachlan and Eddie Prentice has been a great experience and I thank all of them, with their teams, for their professionalism and commitment to our great Golf Club.

Last year's decision to reduce the size of the main committee has been implemented and sub committees have been formed where required eg Junior, Marketing and House. Social media is one area which hasn't progressed as quickly as some members would have liked. However the redesign of the website is now a priority and the management is actively seeking a member who is knowledgeable and interested in developing our social media.

This year the plan was always to be one of consolidation with no major expenditure apart from completion of the ladies' locker room. On the links, with the new tees constructed and the course officially re-measured the stones will be repositioned with the updated yardages and indexes in place.

Although originally planned for last year (but postponed to concentrate on improving the condition of the fairways) it is still planned for this Autumn to improve and define the out of bounds around the edge of the quarry adjacent to the 8th green.

This time last year our links were still suffering from the effects of the dry summer of 2018, and fortunately for the course, but maybe not to the liking of the members, the summer of 2019 allowed the course to recover. Moving into this season we're in a much better position, although some parts of our irrigation system are approaching 40yrs old and need replaced. To enable costings to be achieved a company has been commissioned to draw up a detailed plan to replace the existing system and after consultation with the membership funding can then be decided.

Financially the club remains in a very stable position which is primarily down to our Managing Secretary keeping a close control of expenditure. The office would not be able to operate without the day to day administration by Margaret Low and Margaret Dalziel. My thanks to all three whose vital work goes mostly unnoticed by the majority of the members.

My appreciation also to the outgoing Committee members for their valuable input to the Club and a special mention of Annette Patterson, who after serving many years on both Ladies and Main Committees, becoming the first Lady Captain in our history, can now happily retire from all duties.

Lastly my thanks to the membership of this great Club for your support over the past year and I wish Neil Foggo and his new committee continued success.

Stuart Millar
Club Captain

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