

Golf Centre Newsletter – January 2012

New Year

Happy New Year to all Kingsfield members and friends. I hope you had a good festive period and are looking forward to the forthcoming golf season. I just wanted to write to you all and give you an update on our plans, a short review of the AGM and pay tribute to a couple of very special people who meant a lot to Kingsfield.

Firstly, my close friend and Kingsfield professional, Adam Hunter sadly passed away in October. Adam worked with us for a number of years and as you all know had been battling cancer. We would like to wish his wife Caroline and his close family our condolences. He will be sorely missed at Kingsfield and by the Scottish golfing community. During this season we will be raising money for Leukemia research and I will keep you updated on the events that we have planned.

I would also like to mention the passing of my mum Helen. She was the life and soul of Kingsfield and was the driving force in partnership with my sister Jane of the Tee Caddy. The Arkley family would like to say thank you to all those who attended the funeral and for all the messages of support. My mum will be greatly missed by all those associated with Kingsfield but she would want us to move on positively and continue driving the business forward.

Ladies section

The Ladies section enjoyed a very successful 2011. It was the first year of the Kingsfield Ladies Golf Club and they hosted eight competitions plus the Club Championship. There are currently thirteen members of the Golf Club but the committee are keen to grow this number in 2012. Please contact reception if you would like to find out information on how to join.

Kingsfield would like to give a special mention to Liz Davie who won the first ever Ladies competition and Gill Scott for winning the Ladies Club Championship. We would also like to say thank you to Anne Wheatley, Elaine Thomson and Alison Dickson for all their hard work and organisation in setting up the Ladies Golf Club. Without their patience, dedication and effort this could never have been achieved. We are looking forward to helping them grow the ladies section in 2012.



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Gents section

2011 was a very successful year for the Kingsfield Golf Society and we now have 52 members. We had a total of 19 competitions which included a Captain v Vice Captain team event and the inaugural Katie's Cup charity competition which raised £3,400 for SANDS.

On Friday the 13th of January we hosted the second Kingsfield Golf Society AGM and Prizegiving at the Black Bitch in Linlithgow. We would like to thank all those who came along to give their support and provide their feedback and input. The evening was well received and enjoyed by all. Kingsfield would like to give a special mention to John Walker, Jimmy Byrne and Neil Pitcairn. John successfully defended his Club Championship and Neil and Jimmy both collected a treble of prizes. This was a very impressive effort by the three golfers. Finally, we would like to thank Neil for his special note of thanks and his kind words about Kingsfield and the people behind the scenes that run the business.

In 2012, we will be hosting more competitions starting on April the 7th and running until the end of October. If you have not yet joined the Kingsfield Golf Society but would like to find out more please contact reception.



Kingsfield Golf Course

Lee and the team are looking forward to the new season. They have been busy over the past month taking the rough off the course and ensuring that it will be in top condition for April. We are sure that all the members would like to join us in saying thanks to the team for keeping the course playable in the winter months. Not many courses in the area have been on full greens and this is something that we are extremely proud of.

Lee and I are currently in discussions about making some interesting changes to the course. We will be able to provide more details over the next couple of months. Lee will also have a new piece of machinery this year, a Greens iron. The purpose of this piece of kit is to increase the speed of the greens.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention again to the on-going issue of unrepaired pitch-marks. Last year we communicated to all members about this problem having an adverse effect on the condition of the greens. Could we please ask you all to make the effort to repair pitch-marks when you arrive on the green? As mentioned previously, we are very proud of the condition of the course but we must make sure that the standard is maintained and we are looking for our members to help us achieve this in 2012.

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Kidz@ Kingsfield

Kidz@ Kingsfield is a coaching programme designed for children of all ages and abilities. PGA Professional, and 5 times Ladies European Tour Winner, Jane Connachan runs these classes during the year. Children can join the lessons from the age of 5 upwards. The next group of lessons are:

Dates & Times of New Classes

- Thursday Evenings (4 week block)
- Saturday Mornings (6 week block)
- Sunday Mornings (6 week block)

To join either of the above classes or find out more information please call us on 01506 671607 or email info@kingsfieldgolf.com



Adult Coaching Classes

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to attend our adult coaching classes. These classes cover all aspects of the game:

- Set up & Swing, Long game (long irons, metals and driver)
- Short Game (short irons, bunker play)
- Putting.

New sessions are starting on the following dates and times:

- Thursday Evenings (4 week block 1 Hour per Week)
- Thursday Mornings (4 week block 1.5 Hours per Week)
- Saturday Mornings (4 week block 1 Hour per week)

For more information please contact us on 01506 671607 or ask at reception next time you are in.

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Membership

This season a full membership at Kingsfield will be £378. The slight increase on last year is due to the inclusion of golf insurance. All members, guests and visitors will be fully covered when they play on the course.

In 2012, we have opened the membership up to 200 people. This will be on a first come first served basis and will include the following benefits – Discounts on the golf range, short game area and buggy hire as well as invites to a number of events we have planned for the year.



Kingsfield Golf Professional Team

Firstly, we would like to introduce you to the newest member of our Golf Professional team, David Patrick. David enjoyed a fantastic career as an amateur and was a member of the 1999 Walker Cup team which included Paul Casey and Luke Donald. He turned professional in 2001 and spent seven years on the European Tour and Challenge Tour including a Challenge Tour win. He has helped numerous elite amateurs and professionals to improve their game and is looking to help golfers of all abilities achieve their goals.

Former Ladies European Tour pro Jane Connachan's coaching classes started in January. These includes Kidz at Kingsfield, Ladies Group lessons and Mixed Group lessons.

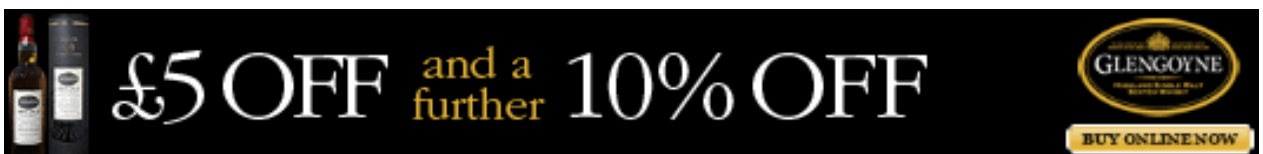
European Tour coach David Burns and Mark King have extended their great value six lessons for the price of five offer until the spring.

The Tartan Tour's all time highest earner, Colin Gillies, is back teaching at Kingsfield. He has introduced a fantastic Early Season offer which provides **UNLIMITED GOLF LESSONS** for **£150** until the end of February 2012.

For more information on any of these offers or our Kingsfield Golf Professional Team please contact reception.

Stephen Gallacher

Stephen travelled out to the Middle East this week for the start of his 2012 European Tour season and will be competing in Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship. Everyone at Kingsfield would like to wish him all the best and as always we will keep you up to date on his progress. The first 3 tournaments on his schedule include Bahrain where he finished in 4th place last year.



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TaylorMade

Kingsfield are very pleased to inform you that we will again be an Official TaylorMade Fitting Centre in 2012. This is a great accolade for Kingsfield and we are very much looking forward to continuing our on-going relationship with Joe and the team. There is a real buzz in the golfing industry about the new TaylorMade products but I will update you in more detail once the official announcements have been made.



Glengoyne

We would like to welcome the newest member of the Kingsfield sponsorship stable, Glengoyne. The whisky is the new Official Sponsor of the inside bays and we are proud to be associated with one of Scotland's premium brands.



Gordon Ford, OBE

The team at Kingsfield would like to say congratulations to Kingsfield Golf Club and committee member Gordon Ford who received an OBE in the recent Honours List.

