



## Special General Meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 19:30 in the clubhouse

An SGM has been arranged for next Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 19:30 in the clubhouse. There will be a single item on the agenda, which will be presenting the 2025 accounts for the approval by the membership. A finance summary, from Alan Finlay our finance convenor, and the accounts were sent out on Friday the 13th. All members are cordially invited to attend.

## Course

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March fairway mats will no longer be required to be used on fairways. Winter tees will be in play until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Purple & Green tees will be available for play on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and white tees will be on the course for the Captain v Vice Captain competition on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Please find attached course winter works review from Course Manager, Graham Burnett.

Please remember the following when playing on the course.

- Repair pitch marks on the greens
- Use a mat when on the fairway or in the first cut of rough – till next Monday
- Rake bunkers after playing out of a bunker
- Players should aim to keep up with the group in front of them. If a group falls more than a hole behind then they should allow the group behind to play through.

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- At the moment some of the bunkers on the course are classed as Ground Under Repair as there has been some renovation works carried out on them over the winter. The GUR signs which had been ordered have arrived and are in place. If your ball is in a bunker that is classed as GUR then please remove your ball and drop at the nearest point of relief. The bunkers that are currently GUR will be in play from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## House and entertainment

### Winter Opening hours

	Bar	Catering
Monday	10am-4pm	10am-4pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm	10am-5pm
Wednesday	10am-5pm	10am-5pm
Thursday	10am-5pm	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-7pm	10am-5pm
Saturday	10am-6pm	10am-5pm
Sunday	10am-6pm	10am-5pm

Last orders 15 mins before closing times.

## Grand National Event – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**£20**

**GRAND NATIONAL DAY**

**11 APRIL 1400-LATE**

**NAIRN DUNBAR GOLF CLUB**

COME JOIN US FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL WITH A TWIST. DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL BUT THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED ON THE DAY WITH LOTS MORE TO KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED.

**BIG SCREEN FOR THE RACE**

**INCLUDES**

**GLASS OF FIZZ OR BOTTLE OF BEER ON ARRIVAL**

**A HOT BUFFET**

**2 GAMES OF ROCK & ROLL BINGO**

Please see Clubhouse Manager, Holly MacBean to purchase your tickets.

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## Sunday Carvery's

Our next Sunday carvery's will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Menu's to follow.

Please see the bar staff if you would like to make a booking for the Sunday Carvery's.

## Dates for your diary



## Buggies

We have some incidents on the course recently where buggies have gone across greens and users have not been abiding by our Buggy Policy. As a result, all buggy users regardless of whether they are using their own buggies or hire buggies require to sign a copy of the Club's Buggy Policy agreeing to the conditions in the buggy policy. We would ask all buggy users to obtain a copy of the Buggy Policy either from the pro shop or office, sign the form and return it. Buggy users will only require to sign the form once.

## Disabled Car Park Spaces

We have recently converted the car park spaces in front of the Clubhouse which were reserved for Club Captain's etc into Disabled Car Parking spaces. This will give better access to the Clubhouse etc for people with disabilities.

## Charlie's Halfway House

Charlie's half way house will be open for the season starting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Jimmy Duncan has come forward with a proposal to run the half way house during the season. Jimmy plans to have Charlie's open 7 days a week from 10am to 3pm (these hours may vary for open competitions etc).

We have discovered that our current licence for selling alcohol did not include Charlie's and therefore we have applied for a variation to our licence. Unfortunately we will be unable to sell alcohol from Charlie's until the application for the variation in the licence has been approved.

## Members Loyalty Cards

All members must produce their own members loyalty card to the bar staff when placing orders in the Clubhouse. We have incidents recently where people have been using other members cards to try to obtain the 10% discount.

## Match & Handicap

### Gents Matchplay Competitions

In a change to our fixture list the entries for the Men's Matchplay competitions will be open on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and will close on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Entry sheets will be available on the noticeboard next to the locker room and entry fees of £2 per player per competition should be placed in the appropriate envelope and submitted to the main office.

### Captain vs Vice Captain (4th April 2026)

Entries for the Captain versus Vice Captain competition will open on 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and the draw will be made on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Captain versus Vice Captain fixture is open to both men and woman members and as per previous seasons soup & sandwiches will be served in the Clubhouse following the golf. There will be a shotgun start at 09:00.

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## Open Competitions

Our 2026 Open Competitions are available for booking via the link below.

<https://visitors.brsgolf.com/nairndunbargolf#/open-competitions>

## Ladies Section

The Ladies Section are holding a Season Kick off meeting on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the clubhouse. We would love to see as many ladies as possible there and in particular, our newer members. We are delighted we will be joined by our Club Captain Jim Docherty at the session. There will be a session on rules and lots of updates on what is happening over the season and how individuals can get involved.

## Finlay Cup – Nairn Golf Club

Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April

Entries will go live on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm and close on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April at midnight. The draw will be issued the following day.

Nairn Dunbar members can use the link below to enter, cost will be £30.

[www.golfgenius.com/ggid/dyhu79/register](http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/dyhu79/register)

## Meet Derek Bain, our new Junior Convenor



Derek moved to Nairn from Aberdeen two and a half years ago. After completing all the DIY tasks his wife had allocated to him (enthusiastically of course!), he jumped at the

chance to get back into golf and joined Nairn Dunbar in June last year. We have been on the search for a junior convenor for a number of years now and so we were absolutely delighted that Derek was prepared to take this rewarding yet challenging responsibility on.

His passion for coaching developed during his time at college. A PE teacher saw potential in him and asked one day if he would help out by joining the volleyball team as they only had five players and needed six. He gave it a go and never looked back. He took on a coaching role with a district team placed bottom of the second division and by the end of that season they had won the division. Within three years they had won the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and the prestigious Motherwell Trophy. He continued his success as a player/ coach and won the Volleyball British Championships, going on to compete in the European Championships in Helsinki and Paris. Once his playing days were behind him, he got back into coaching juniors in Aberdeen and took them all the way to the Scottish Cup final. We can't wait to see what he can do at Nairn Dunbar!

Derek's extensive experience has taught him that to inspire youngsters, it is essential to create a fun and inclusive environment, led by the juniors themselves. He is passionate about creating communities that empower young people and has witnessed many times the powerful results that can be achieved by giving young people opportunities and really listening to what they have to say. This approach will be at the heart of what he plans to achieve with the junior section.

One of his key coaching tips is to never sacrifice technique for power, a tip we can all take to heart. He draws his golfing inspiration from Sandy Lyle and Seve Ballesteros and with two holes in one under his belt already it seems he has learnt from the best!

A meeting was held recently with some of our juniors and parents and from this, a strategy has been created to develop the junior

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section. Derek is happy to share this with interested parties. Amongst other things this will include upgrading our junior room and taking advantage of the funding available from Scottish golf to encourage more girls to take up golf. Coaching will also be high on the agenda, working collaboratively with Alistair and Cameron. Derek has already been in touch with Scottish Golf to learn more about the coaching courses available for parents and members so watch this space for more details.

None of this can be achieved without broader club support. We are looking for both male and female members who are interested in joining the junior committee. If you are interested in getting involved in helping our junior section thrive, please let Derek know. Surely there is nothing better than doing your bit to ensure that the glorious game is enjoyed by generations to come! We are sure it will be very rewarding for all involved.

Please say hello and find out more next time you see Derek at the club.

## Scottish Golf Tourism Week

General Manager John Forbes and Alan Mackie, Membership convenor, attended the Scottish Golf Tourism Week in Edinburgh from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. They met with 36 Golf Tour Operators over the course of the 2 days and provided the Tour Operators with green fee rates for 2026 & 2027 and also marketing material.

We also hosted 16 Tour Operators who visited the Club on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the lead up to the week.

Hopefully the week will help contribute to more Tour Operators sending their clients to Nairn Dunbar.

## Hole in one's

Congratulations to Roger McNeill who had a hole in one on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March with a Driver. Well done Roger.



Congratulations also to Hong Sun Tan who had a hole in one on the 8<sup>th</sup> Hole on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## Pro Shop

We are delighted to advise we are now stocking the TaylorMade Qi40 product range: including their new drivers, irons and latest bag, we have demo clubs in stock for you to try, check them out here at Nairn Dunbar GC.

Full advisory and fitting service available to help you make the right choices.

Image shows one of our latest hire set options



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### ALSO NEW for 2026 The OGIO—Cart & Carry Bags



### The Exclusive Original Range of Penguin Clothing



Range of styles, colours and sizes to choose from, drop by the Pro Shop to check out the options available.

### 200 Club

The 200 Club renewal payments for 2026 are now due for payment. The yearly cost for the 200 Club is £60.00. For bank transfer payments please use the details below and use your names as the reference. Members who pay a monthly standing order do not need to anything as their payments will just continue.

### 200 Club Bank Details for Payment

Account name: Nairn Dunbar Golf Club

Sort Code: 83-25-23

Account Number: 00284609

Thank you to all members who have already made payment to the 200 Club.

There are 5 prizes up for grabs within this draw – 1st £250, 2nd £100, 3rd £75, 4th £50 and 5th £25. There are some available numbers. If anyone would like to join the 200 Club then please let the office now.

### Membership

#### Membership Referral Scheme

Do you know someone who would like to join Nairn Dunbar? Remember, members can still benefit from the Membership Referral Scheme and receive benefits on to your F&B card and reductions off your future years' subscription.

A new Full Member joins the club and pays £834 in total. 1<sup>st</sup> year – You would get £77.40 onto your loyalty card, this is 10% of the subscription paid (£774). 2<sup>nd</sup> year – As long as the member re-joins, you would get 15% discount **off** your subscription that year. Member Referral Policy – [click here](#)

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