



Course

Please remember the following when playing on the course.

- Repair pitch marks on the greens as per illustration below.



- Replace divots when possible
- Rake bunkers after playing from bunkers.
- 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.
- However, if the group in front are immediately behind the group in front of them, there is no point in pushing them from behind as your group will have nowhere to go. In this situation, please refrain from playing shots which are likely to reach the players in front. If there are shorter hitters in your group then play ready golf and let the shorter hitters play when they will not be able to reach the players in front. Please simply exert common sense!

Damage to the course

It is with deep regret that we have to raise the point of damage to the course. There have been a number of occasions recently where there appears to be frankly wilful damage to the course. This is epitomised by a divot on the apron of the fourth green which was not pointing in any direction which could possibly have resulted from a legitimate golf shot.



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There were multiple divots in front of the 9th green which again were not likely to have occurred from normal golf.

There was also damage to the 16th green which looked like damage from a putter in a fit of rage after a missed putt!



Can we remind everyone that we are all responsible for the care of the course. If you see a playing partner damaging the course, whether accidentally or intentionally, please call them out at the time. Please feel free to report the damage to the office.

Pin Placements

Pin Placement – An Explanation for Members

There have been a number of comments recently regarding pin placements, and after a recent course walk with Graham to set pin positions for that week, James Cruickshank (Greens Convenor) felt it would be helpful to explain some of the factors Graham and his team have to consider when setting each hole.

Pin placement is not simply a matter of choosing a different location each time. A number of important considerations have to be balanced to ensure the greens remain fair, playable and in the best possible condition throughout the season. These include:

- The weather forecast – If heavy rain is expected, pins need to be positioned on higher areas of the green to avoid water collecting around the hole and to minimise damage caused by foot traffic on saturated turf.
- The condition of the greens – Following the dry spell earlier this year, some areas of the greens are weaker than others and are still recovering. These areas need to be protected while the turf regains its strength.
- Previous pin positions – When a hole is moved, the new location is placed well away from the previous one to allow the surrounding turf adequate time to recover.
- The contours of the green – Pins must be positioned in areas that provide a fair and playable challenge. Some parts of certain greens, such as the left-hand side of the 7th, are generally unsuitable due to the severity of the slopes.
- The rotation of pin positions – Under normal circumstances, the pins are changed twice a week. During busy competition periods, however, they may be changed daily. This season has included the Seniors' Four-Day Open, the Senior Northern Counties, the Club Championships, the Scottish Golf North Division Inter-County Championships and our six Open competitions. By the middle of last week, the pins had already been changed 46 times on every green.
- Major competitions – For events such as the Five-Day Open, pins are generally placed in more central areas of the greens during the qualifying rounds to provide fair scoring conditions and help maintain the pace of play. In the lead-up to these events, those central areas are used less frequently to preserve the quality of the putting surfaces.

These competitions are also an important source of income for the club. This year's Five-Day Open has generated more than £20,000 in entry fees, with a similar amount expected to be taken through the clubhouse. By comparison, a

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typical week's clubhouse takings are around £4,000-£5,000.

We appreciate that there will be times when a pin position feels particularly difficult or perhaps not to everyone's liking. While that can be frustrating, these decisions are never made without careful thought. The overriding priority is to protect the greens and ensure they remain in excellent condition throughout the season, providing the best possible playing surfaces for everyone.

The greens committee hopes this provides members with a better understanding of the many factors involved in pin placement.

House and entertainment

Opening hours

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

Last orders 15 mins before closing times.

Vaping

A reminder to members that Vaping is not allowed in the Clubhouse. We have had some recent incidents where staff have had to remind members of this.

Standard of Dress In Clubhouse

Please remember that the dress code for the Clubhouse is smart casual. Workwear is not allowed in the lounge.

Booking for Meals

It would be appreciated if you are going to attend the Clubhouse for a meal if you could book in advance.

Kitchen & Bar – Tuesday 11th August

The kitchen will be closed on Tuesday 11th August so that some essential maintenance can be carried out to the gas system in the kitchen so there will be no catering available. The kitchen will re-open on the Wednesday. As the kitchen will be closed it has been decided that the bar will also be closed as well on Tuesday 11th August.

Photography and Filming Notice

Please be aware that on Wednesday 12th August, Nairn Dunbar Golf Links will be hosting a media production day in partnership with Caddie Marketing.

High quality photography, vertical video and aerial drone footage will be captured across the golf course, practice facilities and clubhouse to refresh our digital channels and promotional materials.

Golf is a social activity, and our main goal is to capture the vibrant community atmosphere at our club. We fully respect your privacy. If you prefer not to appear in any photography or video content, please let a member of staff in the pro shop or office know before heading out.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we showcase Nairn Dunbar Golf Links.

Car Park Entrance Works

At present there is a man hole at the entrance to the car park which requires some remedial works. The works are planned to be carried out on the morning of Monday 17th August. Therefore entry/exit to the Clubhouse car park on this day will be from the entrance further down Lochloy Road towards the pro shop. The works will only be for that day and the normal entrance should be back in operation on Tuesday 18th August. While the works are going on the disabled car park spaces in front of the Clubhouse will be closed to give better access & exit from the car park.

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Match & Handicap

Open Competitions

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

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

Senior Section

The Seniors played the Alastair Clunas Tankard on Thursday 30 July with 48 players taking part.

The winner was Paul Equi with 38 points.

Hole in One



Member Calum Cameron had a hole in one on Friday 31st July at the 3rd hole. Well done Calum.

Professionals Shop

Golfclubs4cash will be visiting Nairn Dunbar on Friday 28th August between 10am to 1pm.

Members will be able to exchange golf clubs for exchange for shop credit in the Professionals Shop. For more information please see the Professionals shop staff.

Junior Information Form

We would like to know a little bit more about our junior members and their golfing aspirations and to encourage participation in junior competitive golf and other golf related activities at the club. Where age appropriate, we would also like to ensure parents are happy for their child or children to participate in any Junior Golf activities, such as coaching, team matches etc.

We have setup a form for our Junior members and a parent to complete for this. It would be appreciated if junior members could complete the form in the link below.

<https://nairndunbar.com/junior-information-form/>

Buggy Policy

A reminder to members who use buggies on the golf course that they must sign a copy of the Club's Buggy Policy. Please contact the Club Office for a copy of the policy to sign. Thank you to members who have already signed the buggy policy. Please remember that no buggy should be driven within 5m of any green!

200 Club

There are still some spaces available in the 200 Club. If anyone would like to enter the 200 Club then please contact the office.

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"200+" Club

The May draw took place on
Friday 31st July 2026
Drawn by Angela

	Number	Name	Amount
1 st	116	Jim Prendeville	£250.00
2 nd	78	Don Innes	£100.00
3 rd	73	Tom C Barron	£75.00
4 th	132	Mr Tan	£50.00
5 th	170	Andrew Grant	£25.00

BONUS BALL £25
was won by **Linda Gallagher**

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!!

Remember:-
You have to be in it,
to win it!

Next Draw:
TBC




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



"200+" Club

The June draw took place on
Friday 31st July 2026
Drawn by Angela

	Number	Name	Amount
1 st	56	Liz Fraser	£250.00
2 nd	175	Cynthia May	£100.00
3 rd	91	Forbes Finlayson	£75.00
4 th	156	Crawford Jackson	£50.00
5 th	179	Ian McEwan	£25.00

BONUS BALL £25
was not won

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!!

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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.

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