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July 2009

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June 2009

Newton Shield

In match number seven, the Senior Team lost 3.5-4.5 away from home at Kilmacolm. The Junior Team lost by 0.5-5.5 away against Cochrane Castle.

Newton Shield

In match number six, the Senior Team lost 3-5 away from home at Old Ranfurly. The Junior Team lost by 1-5 at home against Ralston.

Newton Shield

In match number five, the Senior Team lost 5-3 away from home at Paisley. The Junior Team won by 3.5-2.5 at home against Paisley.

May 2009

Newton Shield

In the fourth match, the Senior Team managed to defeat a very strong Kilmacolm Team by 6.5-1.5 at Erskine. The Junior team lost 1-5 away from home at Kilmacolm.

Newton Shield

In match number three, the Senior Team continued their impressive start with a 7-1 victory at home against Old Ranfurly. The Junior Team lost 1.5-4.5 away from home at Old Ranfurly.

Newton Shield

In the second match of the 2009 Newton Shield campaign, the Senior Team recorded a creditable 4-4 draw, away from home at Cochrane Castle. The Junior Team won by 3.5-2.5 at home against Cochrane Castle.

Newton Shield

In the opening match of the 2009 Newton Shield campaign, the Senior Team had a resounding 7-1 Home victory against Ralston. The Junior Team began their campaign with a 0.5-5.5 defeat away from home at Ralston.

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August 2008

Champions 2008

The results of the Club Championship finals 2008 were:

Men's Champion: R.A. Clark v S.Hotson. R.A.Clark won 6&5

Lady Champion: Mrs P. Davidson v Mrs. J.McCartney. Mrs P.Davidson won 4&3.

Ladies Bronze Mrs M. McLeod v Mrs J. Richardson. Mrs M.McLeod won 6&5

Junior Champion: J.Robertson v C.McSporran. J.Robertson won 6&5.

June 2008

D.J. Davidson Gents Open

Congratulations to Les Smith in winning the D.J. Davidson Gents Open competition held at Erskine Golf Club. Les won with a scratch score of 72, net score 67 and is the first winner of this trophy since the format changed from a club competition to an Open competition.

Newton Shield

In the final match of the 2008 campaign, the Senior Team won 7-1 at home against Elderslie. The Junior Team lost 0.5-5.5 against Elderslie.

County Handicap 6 to 12 Category

Congratulations to Gordon Robbie in winning the County Handicap competition held at Erskine Golf Club. Gordon won with a scratch score of 74, net score 67 and pipped fellow Erskine member David Dempsey for the winners trophy, by virtue of a better inward half.

Newton Shield

In match number nine, the Senior or Team lost 1-7 away at Kilmacolm. The Junior Team also lost 2.5-3.5 at home against Kilmacolm.

Newton Shield

In match number eight, the Senior or Team lost 1.5-6.5 away at Ranfurly Castle. The Junior Team also lost 2.5-3.5 at home against Ranfurly Castle.

Newton Shield

In match number seven, the Senior Team won 4.5-3.5 at home against Cochrane Castle. The Junior Team also lost 0.5-5.5 away at Cochrane Castle.

Newton Shield

In match number six, the Senior Team lost 4.5-3.5 away at Ralston. The Junior Team also lost 1-5 at Home against Ralston.

May 2008

Newton Shield

In match number five, the Senior Team lost 2.5-5.5 away at Elderslie. The Junior Team recorded their first victory of the season with a 5-1 win at Home against Elderslie.

Newton Shield

In match number four, the Senior Team faced a very strong Kilmacolm Team and lost by 3-5 at home. The Junior Team also lost 1.5-4.5 away at Kilmacolm.

Newton Shield

In the third Newton Shield match, it was back to winning ways for the Senior Team with a 5-3 home victory over Ranfurly Castle. Unfortunately, the Juniors continued their losing streak with a 0-6 result at Ranfurly Castle.

Newton Shield

The second match the Senior Team suffered a reversal of last weeks result by losing 7-1 away from home at Cochrane Castle. The Junior Team lost 4-2 at home to Cochrane Castle.

Newton Shield

The 2008 Newton Shield campaign started with a convincing 7-1 victory for the Senior Team against Ralston at home. The Junior Team lost 4-2 away at Ralston.

Juniors V Seniors Match

In the annual Juniors versus Seniors match, the Seniors managed to defeat the Juniors once again by 4 matches to 2.

August 2007

Champions 2007

On finals day 2007, new records were set with R.A.Clark having now won the Men's Championship on a remarkable 15 occasions. Michael Daily also set a new record for the Junior Championship by winning it 4 times, all in consecutive years from 2004 onwards. Mrs P. Davidson also notched up her first win in the Ladies Championship.

The results of the Club Championship finals 2007 were:

Men's Champion: R.A. Clark beat Ian Gray 8&7.

Lady Champion: Mrs Patricia Davidson beat Lorraine Morrow 2&1.

Junior Champion: Michael Daily beat Kyle Haldane 14&13.

June 2007

Newton Shield Play Off

Unfortunately, the Senior Team lost in the play off at Elderslie to Bonnyton by 3.5 to 4.5. Once again this was a sterling performance from the Senior Team, considering that there were at least 5 players who could not make the play off due to prior commitments. Overall it has been an outstanding Newton Shield campaign for Erskine in 2007. Maybe next year we will go one better and win it?

Newton Shield

In the final match of the current campaign, the Senior Team finished on a winning note with a very creditable 4.5 to 3.5 victory away from home at Greenock. The Senior Team have been excellent throughout the season and have only lost 1 Newton Shield match. The Junior Team were up against a strong Junior Team from Greenock and lost by 4 matches to 2 at home.

Newton Shield

In the penultimate match of the current campaign, Erskine Senior Team won by 5.5 to 2.5 at home against Cochrane Castle and have gained enough points to ensure that they finish top of the group, with the result of the final match away from home against Greenock now meaningless. A historical campaign indeed, as it is the first time ever that the Erskine Senior Team have managed to get to the play off stage of the Newton Shield. The Junior Team got to the play off stage last season, but lost to a very strong Paisley Junior Team. Can the Seniors go one better and win the play off? The Junior Team lost by 5 matches to 1 away from home at Cochrane Castle.

Newton Shield

In match number 8 the Senior Team put in another sterling performance and managed to draw 4-4 away from home at Elderslie. The play offs are surely within the grasp of the Senior Team. Unfortunately, the Junior Team were defeated once again by 4 matches to 2 at home to Elderslie.

Newton Shield

Match number 7 was another success story for the Senior Team winning by 5.5 to 2.5 against Caldwell at home. The possibility of finishing top of the group and reaching the play offs becomes more likely for the Senior Team. The Junior Team were under strength in their visit to Caldwell and lost 6-0 against the league leaders.

Newton Shield

In match number six, the Senior Team recorded their second "away" victory of the current campaign with a 5.5 to 2.5 win at Old Ranfurly. Erskine are now in a very strong position, and have an extremely good chance of winning the group, if they're current form continues. The Junior Team were awarded their match 6-0 against Old Ranfurly Juniors, who were unable to field a Team at Erskine

Ladies "Mail on Sunday"

The Erskine Ladies Team have, for the first time ever, reached the 6th Round of the Mail on Sunday National Golf Club Classic. This competition is a nationwide inter club competition with 5 Ladies participating in each match. Erskine Ladies got a bye in the first round, then beat Helenburgh at home, Dumbarton away, Douglas Park at home and Prestwick St Nicholas at home. The Ladies who have managed to get Erskine to this stage are: Janette McCartney (6) Lorraine Morrow (8) Fiona Campbell (8) Patricia Davidson (9) Gina Mc Dougall (13) Marie Docherty (15) and Sandra Littlejohn (16). Well done Ladies.

Jack Lindsay Trophy success for R.A. Clark

Erskine's R.A.Clark added another trophy to his impressive collection in winning the Jack Lindsay Trophy, held at Ladybank Golf Club on Saturday 3rd June. Ronnie managed to secure victory with a first round score of 71 and a second round score of 74, beating his nearest challenger by 1 shot. Well done Ronnie.

May 2007

Newton Shield

In match number five, the Senior Team bounced back from last week's heavy defeat with a very creditable home win against a strong Greenock Team. The result being Erskine 5.5 Greenock 2.5 The Junior Team were at full strength in their visit

to Greenock, unfortunately they suffered a heavy 5 matches to 1 defeat against a very strong Junior Team.

Newton Shield

In match number four, the Senior Teams recent good run came to a halt in losing by 7 matches to 1 away at Cochrane Castle, bringing their 100% record to a halt. Cochrane castle were far too strong for Erskine, fielding a Team with the highest handicap being 2. The Junior Team were also beaten at Home by 4.5 matches to 1.5 against Cochrane Castle Juniors.

Newton Shield

In match three, the Senior Team recorded their 3rd victory on the spin with a resounding 7 matches to 1 victory at home against Elderslie. Unfortunately, the Junior Team were whitewashed by 6 matches to 0 away at Elderslie.

Newton Shield

In match number two, the Senior Team recorded a long awaited "away" victory of 7 matches to 1 at Caldwell. However, The Junior team suffered a setback by losing at Home by 5 matches to 1 against Caldwell Junior Team.

Newton Shield

The 2007 campaign for the Newton Shield has started in a positive note for both Senior and Junior Teams. The Senior Team were victorious at home by 5 matches to 3 against Old Ranfurly. The Junior Team had a very convincing 5 matches to 1 victory away from home at Old Ranfurly.

April 2007

Seniors V Juniors Match

The annual Seniors v Juniors match was held on Sunday 29th April on a fine but blustery morning. The junior team were up for this match and had a very convincing 6 – 2 victory over their more experienced Senior opponents. Well done to the juniors.

Daily Champion of Champions

Michael Daily was in splendid form in the Junior Champion of Champions and managed to win the title by beating Darryn Grant of Renfrew 2 and 1 in the final held at Paisley Golf Club. Congratulations "Champion Of Champions" Michael.

Sept 2006

A.P.Scott win for R.A.Clark

R.A.Clark won the A.P.Scott trophy held on the 3rd September at Caldwell Golf Club with a score of 68. Well done Ronnie.

August 2006

Champions 2006

The finals of the Club Championships recently took place with the winners being:

Club Champion – R.A.Clark beat Kenny Moore by 8&7 over the 36 hole final.

Lady Champion – Morag Key beat Fiona Campbell on the 18th hole.

Junior Champion – Michael Daily beat Stuart Diamond by 8&7 over 36 holes.

Ladies Bronze – May Berry beat Linda Dawson on the 16th hole.

Well done to all the competitors who took part in the finals.

July 2006

Junior Newton Shield Playoff

Unfortunately the play off in the Junior Newton Shield did not go to plan, as the boys lost by 5 matches to 1 against a very strong Junior Team from Paisley. The match was played in excellent conditions and although the boys lost, they can still take great credit for getting so far.

Junior Newton Shield Success

In the final match of the Junior Newton Shield campaign Ralston and Old Ranfurly drew 3-3 which means that the Junior Newton Shield Team have finished top of their section. Congratulations to all Junior Team Members who took part in the Team Matches, and to Allan MacDonald and K.G.McGee for their organisation and work involved in managing the Junior Team. Paisley Junior Team finished top of the other group and the trophy winners will be decided in a play to be held at Caldwell Golf Club, date still to be decided.

Junior Open

The inaugural Erskine Junior Open was held on Friday 7th July in excellent weather conditions with 62 players competing for the prizes. In the scratch section Michael Daily tied for first place on 74 with Steven Hammel of Renfrew and Alastair Lauder of Paisley, the winner was decided by the B.I.H. and was won by Steven Hammel. In the 15-28 Handicap section Liam Canning came first with an excellent gross score of 89 strokes playing off of 26 giving him a net score of 63.

Newton Shield

In the final matches the Senior Team lost by 6 matches to 2 away at Ralston. The Junior Team recorded another good victory by 4 matches to 2 at home against Ralston. This victory puts the Junior Team in a very strong position with a real chance of finishing top of their section.

Newton Shield

In match number nine the Senior Team won by 7 matches to 1 at home against Old Ranfurly. The Junior team also won away at Old Ranfurly by 4.5 matches to 1.5

June 2006

Erskine Seniors Open

In the Erskine Seniors Open held on Thursday 22nd June, Ian Riddell tied for first place with J.Kinloch from Cardross Golf Club with an excellent net score of 67 strokes in the blustery conditions. Unfortunately, Ian lost out in a countback for the trophy.

Newton Shield

In match number eight the Senior Team lost by 5.5 matches to 2.5 away at Kilmacolm. The Junior Team were held to a 3-3 draw at home to Kilmacolm.

Newton Shield

In match number seven the Senior Team lost by 6.5 matches to 1.5 away at Elderslie. The Junior Team again showed excellent form, winning at home by 5 matches to 1 against Elderslie.

Newton Shield

In match number six the Senior Team were held to a 4-4 draw at home against Ranfurly Castle. The Junior Team managed a 3-3 draw away at Ranfurly Castle. In the rescheduled match against Old Ranfurly, the Junior team won at home by 4 matches to 2.

May 2006

County Cup

Unfortunately Erskine's defence of the County Cup has come to an end with a defeat by 3 matches to 1 away at Gleddoch Golf Club. Brian Gibson, Gordon Robbie, Raymond Day and Ken McIntosh were the selected representatives for Erskine in this match.

Newton Shield

In match five the Senior Team recorded a convincing victory by 7 matches to 1 at home against Ralston. The Junior team lost by 4.5 matches to 1.5 away at Ralston.

Caven Trophy

In the Caven Trophy held recently at Fereneze Golf Club, Michael Daily tied for first place, but unfortunately lost out in a play off for the trophy.

Newton Shield

In match four the Senior Team were defeated by a 5 matches to 3 away at Old Ranfurly. The Junior match was postponed due to the course being unplayable as a result of the extremely heavy rainfall.

Newton Shield

In match three the Senior Team suffered a 5.5 matches to 2.5 defeat at home against a very strong team from Kilmacolm. The Junior Team had a very good away victory by 5 matches to 1 at Kilmacolm.

County Cup

The first match in the defence of the County Cup at Old Ranfurly went very well with a victory for Erskine by 3.5 matches to 0.5. Jamie Caldwell, Gordon Robbie, Raymond Day and Ken McIntosh were the selected representatives for Erskine in this match.

Newton Shield

There was a change of fortune for the Senior Team in match two with a good win of 5.5 matches to 2.5 at home against Elderslie. Captain T.K. Craig took great pleasure from making his first winning speech in the Newton Shield. The Junior Team managed a creditable 3 matches to 3 draw away at Elderslie.

Newton Shield

The 2006 campaign for the Newton Shield started quite disappointingly for the Senior Team who were comprehensively beaten by 6.5 matches to 1.5 at Ranfurly Castle. The Junior Team had a convincing win by 5 Matches to 1 at home against Ranfurly Castle.

April 2006

ClubGolf Junior Academy Easter Coaching

Easter taster sessions at the club went extremely well with over 40 local children being introduced to the game and to Erskine Golf Club. We are the first golf club in Renfrewshire to adopt the ClubGolf scheme, following on from the Scottish incentive which was implemented a few years ago. Many of the children had already played holiday golf or had been to the range and the enthusiasm was incredible. The weather was very mixed but we only had one indoor session as they really wanted to get outside quoting "it never rains on the golf course" to us. PGA Level 1 Coaches Janette McCartney, Graham McGee, Sandra Littlejohn, Fiona

Campbell, Lorraine Morrow and Patricia Davidson put the boys and girls through their paces with an introduction to putting, chipping, pitching and the full swing over 2 sessions each. Plans are to hold after school clubs and supervised play sessions over the summer and to introduce even more local children to the game. Volunteers are needed to help sustain the future of the Junior Academy so if you are interested and you can give up a few hours a week, then please speak to Janette or Graham for further information. Full training will be given.

Erskine Ladies TriAm

A total of 159 ladies from 27 Golf Clubs took part in this years TriAm event, with Glenda Darroch, Muriel Grieve and Norma Wilson from Balmore Golf Club winning as a result of the better inward half with a fine score of 60 strokes. Teams from Vale of Leven Golf Club finished as runners up and in 3rd place. Ralston Golf Club finished in 4th place. Sandra Littlejohn, Marie Doherty and Kath Kane from Erskine finished in 5th place. A total of £547 was raised on the day as a result of Tombola and Raffles for the Captains nominated Charity which is Quarriers Homes in Bridge of Weir.

2005 News

Michael Daily was selected once again to represent Scotland at Under 16 level against the full England Team, after his recent good performance in his Scotland debut at Northumberland. The hard work and practice that Michael puts in to his golf appears to be paying dividends and is deserving of his dedication and commitment.

Ronnie Clark was a key player in the recent success for the Renfrewshire County team who became Scottish Champions by winning the Scottish Area Team Championships at Bathgate. He also represented Renfrewshire in their successful campaign in winning the West League.

September 2005

County Cup Triumph

In the final of the County Cup played at Ranfurly Castle between Erskine Golf Club and Cochrane Castle Golf Club, Erskine were victorious by 3 matches to 1. Due to a late handicap reduction Jim Bruce could not compete in the final which meant Erskine had to win all 3 remaining matches to take the trophy. Against all the odds, at a neutral venue, Jamie Caldwell, Gordon Robbie and Raymond Day all managed victories and secured the trophy for Erskine. Team Manager Eric Watson took great delight in what was his first win as Team manager. Well done to all who participated in the final and also to those who played in previous matches.

D.J.Davidson Memorial Trophy

The inaugural D.J. Davidson memorial trophy was played for on Saturday the 3rd of September. This competition will now have a place on the Gents annual fixture list. The trophy was donated to the club by Mrs. Patricia Davidson in memory of D.J. who was a former Board Member, Newton Shield Captain, Newton Shield Team Member and much admired member of Erskine Golf Club. A Memorial bench will be erected at the 6th Medal Tee, a hole which held fond memories for D.J. for as well as having several birdie 2,s there, on one occasion whilst competing in a Saturday Medal, D.J. lipped out for another birdie 2, his ball rolled down the green and ended up in the bunker, from there D.J. proceeded to have several frustrating attempts to play the ball back onto the putting surface and ended up recording a 13 on his

scorecard. Lesser mortals may have simply given up, not D.J. such was his commitment and determination.

August 2005

Champions

The finals of the Club Championships recently took place with the winners being: **Club Champion** – Gary Sheppard, who defeated David Henderson by 7&6 over the 36 hole final.

Lady Champion – Janette McCartney who defeated Fiona Campbell by 3&1 over 18 holes.

Junior Champion – Michael Daily who defeated Stuart Diamond by 12&11 over 36 holes.

Ladies Bronze – Russell Crawford who defeated Mary Aitken at the first extra hole, the match being tied after 18 holes.

Well done to both the winners and runners up, as all the matches were played in the true spirit of the game.

County Cup

In the semi final of the County Cup, Erskine were convincing winners in the match against Elderslie Golf Club and will now compete in the final against Cochrane Castle Golf Club. This match will take place at Ranfurly Castle Golf Club. The score in the semi final was 3.5 matches to 0.5 and the representatives for Erskine on the day were Brian Gibson, Gordon Robbie, Raymond Day and Jack Watson.

July 2005

Newton Shield

In the final match of the 2005 campaign, the Senior Team lost 6.5 to 1.5 away to Renfrew whilst the Junior Team had a convincing 4.5 to 1.5 win at home to Renfrew.

County Cup

In the quarter finals of the County Cup, Erskine defeated Bonnyton Golf Club by 4 matches to 0. Jamie Caldwell, Gordon Robbie, Brian Martin and Jack Watson were the representatives for Erskine in this match.

June 2005

K.G. McGee wins Erskine Seniors Quaich

Congratulations to K.G. McGee on winning The Erskine Seniors Quaich with a superb gross score of 72 strokes, playing off 6 handicap. His net score of 66 strokes was the lowest of the day, and resulted in K.G. picking up his first senior's title.

Newton Shield

In match number 6, the Senior Team managed to draw 4-4 at home to Paisley whilst the Junior Team lost 5-1 away to Paisley.

The result of match number 7 was another 4-4 draw for the Senior Team away to Kilmacolm. The Junior Team won 5-1 at home against Kilmacolm.

In match number 8 the Senior Team were defeated by 4.5 to 3.5 away to Cochrane Castle. The Junior Team won 3.5 to 2.5 at home against Cochrane Castle.

Both teams recorded victories in match number 9, with the Senior Team winning 6.5 to 1.5 at home against Elderslie, and the Junior Team winning by 4.5 to 1.5

away to Elderslie

May 2005

R.A.Clark wins Falkirk Tryst

Congratulations to Ronnie Clark on his resounding victory in the Falkirk Tryst 36 Hole Stroke Play event on Sunday 8th May. With rounds of 69 and 66, Ronnie picked up the trophy leaving the rest of the field trailing by a margin of no less than 5 strokes.

County Cup

In the second round match, Erskine recorded another win with a 4-0 scoreline against Old Ranfurly at home. Jamie Caldwell, Gordon Robbie, Ian McGinty and Raymond Day were the selected team for Erskine in this match.

Menzies Trophy

In the recently played Menzies Trophy held at Greenock Golf Club, Stuart Geddes Jnr and Garry Sheppard both finished in the top 16 and have qualified for the matchplay stage to be played at Renfrew Golf Club. The competition was scheduled to be played over 36 holes but was shortened to 18 holes due to adverse weather conditions.

Newton Shield

The 2005 Newton Shield campaign began last week with the Senior Team losing 5-3 away to Paisley Golf Club in a closely contested match, whilst the Junior Team lost 5-1 at home to Paisley.

In the second Newton Shield matches, the Senior Team salvaged a well deserved 4-4 Draw at home against a very strong Kilmacolm Team in which the highest handicap was 2. The Junior Team lost by 4 matches to 2 away to Kilmacolm.

Match number 3 resulted in a narrow home defeat for Erskine Senior Team against Cochrane Castle by 4.5 to 3.5 The Junior Team also lost, away to Cochrane Castle by 3.5 to 2.5

Match number 4 resulted in another defeat for the Senior Team by 5.5 to 2.5 away to Elderslie. The Junior Team managed to secure a victory at Home to Elderslie by 3.5 to 2.5

In match number 5, the Senior Team recorded their first victory of the season with a 6.5 to 1.5 win against Renfrew at home. The Junior Team were beaten by 6 to 0 away to Renfrew.

Non Conforming Drivers - News from the R&A

For most competitions and all recreational play, there will be no Rule limiting 'spring-like' effect in driving clubs until 1st January 2008. However, from 1st January 2004 until 31st December 2007, for competitions restricted to highly skilled players, a Condition of Competition may be introduced whereby a driving club is deemed not to conform with this Rule if, under specified test conditions, it has a characteristic time which is greater than 239 microseconds plus a tolerance of 18 microseconds.

For additional information visit www.randa.org

Gold Medal Win

Former Junior Member and employee Graeme Cheevers competed in the Scottish Culinary Championships at Scot Hot 2005, held in the SECC Glasgow from 25th-28th April, and won a Gold Medal in the Junior Shellfish Dish category. Graeme began to hone his culinary skills working in the kitchen at Erskine Golf Club with Gerry Reid and his staff. Graeme was representing The Buttery restaurant in Glasgow where he is now working under the guidance of Willie Deans, one of Scotlands finest Chefs.