

Letters

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Sunday, July 6 – Belleisle Golf Club

Another Harry Diamond Memorial Quaich, the weather is reasonable, but overcast with a light, slightly warm, west wind.

When I left Lenzie in the early morning it was wet and unpleasant. By the time I had passed the 'South Ayrshire' road sign everything changed with a distinct improvement, weather wise.

Again an excellent turnout, for what is now considered a family gathering, with the families ages ranging from 14 years old, to over 80, both male and female.

The competition followed the usual format, stableford, partners drawn in fours, and the best two scores counting – I must say, one of the more civilised forms for a game of golf.

Belleisle Golf Course never looked better, Kevin Johnson and his greenkeeping staff, are to be commended on their presentation of a course, manicured for the pleasure and pleasantry for a game of golf.

This year five greenkeepers competed to have their names inscribed on the quaich, but the hand of fate (or better golf) decided the winners were: D Hollingworth, L McClure, J Ridge, and R McGuire returning a remarkable score of 89 points.

The presentation of the quaich and prizes involved Harry's family. The quaich was presented by Harry's wife Jessie. Harry's daughter did an excellent job with the raffle, calling out the winners through the hand held microphones, which gave the afternoon an atmosphere of joviality.

All the children were in charge of setting up the raffle and Hugh, Harry's brother, was involved with the prize giving.

There was a new Diamond face this year, Harry's niece came over from America, and she said a few words about Uncle Harry and his commitments to the family.

This tournament has become a must, for the members of Belleisle, and her sister course Seafield, with everyone so involved, the golfers feel part of the family which makes the whole affair go from strength to strength – long may this continue.

The family wish to thank all who assisted, from those who donated prizes to others who made cash donations, not forgetting the small group who meet to organise and run The Harry Diamond Memorial Quaich.

A great tournament, a great day of golf in memory of a great friend.

Cecil George
Lenzie

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THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at Royal Birkdale Golf Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the BIGGA volunteers for their support with bunker raking and fairway divotting duties during the Open Championship.

It is no exaggeration to say that we could not have managed without your help.

Once again many thanks for your valuable assistance, it is much appreciated.

Chris Whittle, Course Manager, Royal Birkdale GC

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Just a reminder that the BIGGA National Championship, sponsored by Kubota, is to be held on October 5 and 6.

Children's Heart Surgery Fund



30 July 2008

Mr John Pemberton
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Dear Mr Pemberton

Thank you very much for the kind donation of £2,144.12, which you made to the Children's Heart Surgery Fund following the Golf Day.

The CHSF, a registered charity, continues to enhance the quality of care available to children with heart defects treated at the Yorkshire Heart Centre, Leeds General Infirmary.

As we endeavour to fulfil our aim through the provision of new equipment not available within NHS resources, grants which enable staff to increase their expertise, world renowned research projects and by creating a happy relaxed atmosphere for the children who often have to return for further surgery; I am most grateful to you for your support.

Our aim remains "each child a childhood" and your donation will be used towards this goal.

Yours sincerely

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