

Elie Sports Club

Chairman's Report 2017-18

Highlights of the season

I would like to start by running through some of the highlights from the 2017-18 season:

- A new membership software database was introduced in early 2018 to aid in tracking and identifying our current members as well as simplifying our renewals process.
- The Baird Course has attracted many favorable comments this season. The thinning out of the rough in key areas has significantly changed the playing experience and aided in speeding up the pace of play. Early season replacement of the tee bins gave the tee's more clarity and tidied up the tee areas. I would like to express our thanks to Richard Jenkinson and his greenkeeping team for all the work they have carried out on our behalf.
- The junior local membership category has remained steady since its inception and we support the benefits that it brings for local children and their engagement in sporting activities.
- Junior Friday golf competitions ran through all the summer months building from modest entries at the start of July through to a higher level of entries at the end of July and early August.
- The Summer Golf and Tennis Camps ran smoothly with a good mix of visitors and members. I would like to record my thanks to Skip Martinez and Rory Mattson for their work on the Tennis coaching and to Gavin Cook and his team of Michael Bradfield, Graeme McDougall and Alasdair Ross for their golf coaching.
- The Re- Launch of the Elie Junior Golf open as a one-day summer event proved a success with numbers up on the previous Easter event by over 60% in what is quite a challenging time for junior golf in Scotland. Thanks are due to all those who helped with the running of the Tournament and the Golf House Club for providing access to Elie Links at this busy time of the year

- The Junior Open Tennis Competition was a successful week played in good weather conditions. Entry numbers were slightly down on previous years, however the standard of tennis again proved enthralling for the spectators who gathered.
- The Elie Sports Club golf and tennis coaching staff again provided free coaching sessions for Elie Primary School in the term time between the Easter and summer holidays. The Primary School was once again very appreciative, and the children all seemed to enjoy themselves.
- The bowling green continues to be in excellent condition thanks to all the hard work of the greens staff. This year, in particular, it has been the envy of all the visiting teams.
- We are grateful to Pathhead Nurseries for continuing to sponsor the tubs around the Pavilion and periodically replenishing them with fresh plants

Financial position

The accounts show a small surplus for the year to 31 March 2018, we do have a healthy cash balance but going forward we must continue to attract bowling, golf, tennis and family membership to bring income into the Elie Sports Club.

Facilities maintenance-

Tennis Courts – during 2017 we arranged to have the synthetic surface of the tennis courts in front of the Pavilion deep-cleaned. This was to improve the condition of the courts and help to extend their playing life. Further maintenance work was performed throughout 2018 and we will continue with this to ensure the surfaces are both in their best possible condition year-round as well as to maximize their longevity

Committee

I would like to finish by thanking all the members of the Committee for their assistance during the season. I would also like to take the time to mention the sad passing of our Past Secretary, Tim MacDowel earlier this year. I know Tim enjoyed his role in the Elie Sports Club and I would like to acknowledge all the hard work he put into this position. Our Club Manager, Gavin Cook, has now taken on the remainder of the secretary's duties and I wish him well in the coming years.

Kenneth Garland

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