

### *INTRODUCE A FRIEND*

Our Introduce a Friend incentive is still running. If you introduce a new full member to the golf club you will receive a £60 book of bar vouchers. What better way to spend them than at the Christmas Dance on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December or at the Hogmanay party!?

### *SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES:*

Do you own your own business? Are you interested in advertising?

We have refreshed our sponsorship packages and we believe these offer better exposure and better value for money than ever!

We now offer three levels of advertising. All include sponsorship of a tee on the course and complementary four-balls for you to give away. There are also now options for clubhouse and web advertising too.

Members receive a 10% discount so prices start at £305 for three years



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### **CAPTAINS' MESSAGE:**

It is hard to believe that the playing season is now over! It just seems like last week we were preparing for all the long, hot summers days and balmy evenings that we were going to enjoy. What happened to them? It has to be one of the wettest summers we've ever "enjoyed" but again congratulations must go to Alastair Law and his team for maintaining the usual outstanding condition of the course. The winter programme is well under way and this will see improvements to the 15<sup>th</sup> green, various tees, drainage and, thanks to our Past Captains, several paths will be upgraded.

Despite the weather it has been another great year both on and off the course and it was particularly gratifying to present Alex Hutchieson with the club Championship. Alex's victory was significant in that he won his eighth championship against eight different opponents and over a period of three decades. Well done again Hutchy!

My congratulations also go to all the other prize winners and to all the participants who, like me, didn't win anything. Still, there are the winter doubles and stableford competitions being

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The social side continues apace with the highlights being the Christmas Dance with "Executive Suite" on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December and the Hogmanay bash on, would you believe it, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December? I have no doubts these events will continue the highest standards of entertainment which we have become accustomed to - so get in early before the tickets go!

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been Captain of Lochwinnoch Golf Club for the last two years. May I wish you all the best for the New Year and send you my warmest wishes and festive greetings to you all,



Eddie Gray  
Captain

### *NEW CATERING ARRANGEMENTS*

Jackie Cowan has taken over the catering mantle from Jim Ryan. The kitchen is open from 10am till 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays over the winter. Soup and filled rolls can be ordered if you are going to be in after this time.

### *BAR VOUCHERS*

Bar vouchers will be available for collection from Saturday 15 November.

### *COMING SOON - SEE ORDER OF MERIT*

Watch the notice boards for details coming soon...

### *A GOLFING GESTURE*

Ernie Payne and George Payne, two golfing brothers, recently presented Lochwinnoch Golf Club Captain, Eddie Gray, with a painting and aerial photograph in memory of their father George Payne who was a former member and Secretary of the Club.

In 2006 Ernie, shown presenting the painting to Eddie, became the first and only person to play all the golf courses in Scotland, 578 courses plus 11 on private estates, he called it "The Ultimate Golf Challenge." In addition Ernie this year has completed playing all the remaining Old Tom Morris courses in the UK, 68 courses, 47 in Scotland, 12 in England, 4 in Ireland, 1 in Wales, 3 in Isle of Man and 1 in Guernsey. This challenge came about when the great, great grandson of Old Tom Morris, Melvyn Morrow had read about Ernie's achievement of playing all the golf courses in Scotland and enquired if Ernie was looking for a new Challenge.

As this is the centenary of Old Tom's death, 24<sup>th</sup> May 1908 Melvyn was keen that someone would complete the Challenge and Ernie became the first person to complete "The Old Tom Morris Golf Courses Challenge." Ernie completed the challenge on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. at the restored Old Tom Morris course at Askernish on South Uist. In recognition of his achievement Ernie was invited to play on the official opening of the course by Club Chairman, Ralph Thompson. Ernie played with football legend Kenny Dalglish, the President of the Club who officially opened the restored course.

Eddie thanked Ernie on behalf of the club and assured him that the painting and photograph would take pride of place in the clubhouse.

