

## Golf Centre Newsletter – Summer 09 Edition

### Course Opening

The eagerly anticipated opening of the course to 'pay-as-you-play' golfers was achieved in May and the early indications are that the course is going to be very popular!

The golfer numbers have been very encouraging and the feedback has been fantastic. However we are always looking to improve and want to hear from you with all comments (both positive and negative) so that we can provide an even better experience at Kingsfield.

You can tell our Front Desk staff, complete one of our questionnaires or send us a message via the website [www.kingsfieldgolf.com](http://www.kingsfieldgolf.com).



### Golf tuition

Junior 'Summer Coaching' has been organised for the school holidays but there are some spaces available. Please see the posters in reception, pick up a leaflet or just ask at the Front Desk.

Jane Connachan has been running some short game clinics and these are will become more popular as the season progresses. Individual and group coaching is available from a range of PGA Professionals.

**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS OR ASK AT THE FRONT DESK FOR MORE DETAILS**



### Golf course, 'Ochils' putting green, short game area and driving range

In recent weeks, the golf course at Kingsfield has flourished and looks like a well established course. Our hard working greens staff have put tremendous efforts into presenting you with a fabulous challenge and enjoyable experience. The putting green and driving range are looking beautiful and we believe that they are the finest facilities of their type in the area. The Short game area is still under utilised but we intend to rectify that in the near future.



### Target golf news

Last winter, we ran very successful target golf competitions based in the Callaway bay and using the 'Trackman' radar measurement system. We have now started Target Golf competitions using multiple targets in the Short Game area. **PICK UP A LEAFLET OR ASK AT THE FRONT DESK**



### Junior Summer Coaching Camps

The first Summer Coaching Camps took place w/c 13 July and 13 youngsters between the ages of 5 and 12 enjoyed 10 hours of short game and long game coaching from PGA Professional Jane Connachan followed by a round on the new golf course at Kingsfield. All of the youngsters had a great time and plan to revisit Kingsfield on a regular basis.'





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### Recent Visitors to Kingsfield

We also hosted 3 new competitions on the golf course. The Fraternity of Dyers of Linlithgow held their competition at the end of May, the inaugural Bob Wallace trophy competition between Linlithgow Rose and the Rugby Club was held in June and the Clifton Hall School championship was won by pupil Greg Wood (S3) in June. We expect to be hosting more of these types of competition in the future and if your school, company or other organisation are looking for a top class venue for a competition then please contact us here at Kingsfield. The Linlithgow Girls Golfing Society have chosen to use Kingsfield's facilities this summer and we have already had quite a few sessions for the girls which have been very popular.



On 17th July we hosted an event for West Lothian Council. The Bathgate FABB Club (Facilitating Access, Breaking Barriers) has an 8 year association with a group from Eichsfeld in Germany. It involves young people with and without disabilities in a Cultural Exchange programme. They enjoyed a fun filled morning at Kingsfield involving golf, snag golf and laser clays.

### Paul Lawrie Junior Foundation Regional Qualifier

Launched in March 2001, The Paul Lawrie Foundation has steadily grown both in popularity and reputation. The aim is to develop a programme for under-18s that gives them the opportunity to try golf and encourages them to develop their sporting potential. *"It was soon after winning The 1999 Open that I began to seriously consider what I could put back into the game and came up with the Paul Lawrie Foundation. It would be the biggest thrill of my life if someone from my Foundation won on tour....or most of all won a major!" Paul Lawrie*

On July 30th, Kingsfield is hosting one of the regional qualifiers for the Paul Lawrie Junior Foundation. The qualifiers will go forward to the finals day at the Carrick at Loch Lomond. Please contact [www.kingsfieldgolf.com](http://www.kingsfieldgolf.com) or [www.paullawriegolf.com](http://www.paullawriegolf.com)

### General News

The 100 founder members are still in discussion with the Lothian's Golf Association and hope to achieve SGU affiliation and begin to run their own competitions in the near future.

In July we will be introducing 'Preferential tee times' for various groups e.g. juniors, seniors and ladies. We have our own ideas for this initiative but want your input. Therefore please ask at the Front Desk to see the possible time slot allocations and have your say. The preferential tee times do not preclude others from playing during the block if there are spaces available.

The course has now developed some deep and punishing rough and you may be experiencing difficulty in locating and/or playing your ball. Depending on the feelings in your group, you may wish to agree among yourselves that balls can be lifted clear of the very heavy rough (under no penalty). This will allow play to be maintained at a reasonable speed. However if you wish to play under the strict rules of golf, we ask that you remain aware of the '5 minute' search rule. The present condition of the rough (Long and strong strands that snag the club and make recovery almost impossible) is a result of the grass establishment process. At the end of the growing season (Oct/Nov) the rough will be cut down in entirety, baled and removed off the course. This promotes the growth of more dense and finer stranded grasses in the new growing season. We are advised that this process may require to be repeated at the end of the 2010 & 2011 seasons as well.

Finally a plea! In order for you all to get the maximum enjoyment out of your round of golf at Kingsfield, please ensure that you follow our simple dress code and etiquette guidelines e.g. waving through the following group if you are looking for a ball. It all helps to make the course flow and reduce potential frustrations that will only affect your game.

### PAUL LAWRIE FOUNDATION JUNIOR JUG 2009

THIS IS A NEW EVENT STARTING THIS SEASON. THERE WILL BE SEVEN QUALIFYING EVENTS THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND WITH THE TOP FOUR SCRATCH AND HANDICAP GOLFERS FROM EACH REGIONAL VENUE QUALIFYING FOR THE NATIONAL FINAL AT DUNDEAL LINKS ON SEPTEMBER 5TH 2009



- UNDER 18 (scratch and handicap). (Age taken on the 1st Jan 2009)
- OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
- MAXIMUM HANDICAP 36 FOR GIRLS AND 28 FOR BOYS.
- ENTRY FEE - £5
- NATIONAL FINAL WILL COUNT AS PART OF THE BOYS SGU ORDER OF MERIT
- COMPETITORS CAN PLAY IN AS MANY QUALIFYING EVENTS AS THEY WISH

**QUALIFYING VENUES (18 hole event)**

Cowglen	29th July 2009
Craigielaw	29th July 2009
Kingsfield	30th July 2009
Nairn Dunbar	31st July 2009
Southernness	1st August 2009
Downfield	7th August 2009
Inchmarlo	11th August 2009

**PAUL LAWRIE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE FINAL**  
ENTRY FORMS AND COMPETITION RULES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM [www.paullawriegolf.com](http://www.paullawriegolf.com)