

Perth & Kinross CGU - AGM and Prize Giving 2019

Sunday 9th February 2020 at Craigie Hill G.C. 6.30pm



Minutes

Welcome	<p>The President welcomed the attendees to the AGM and apologized to everyone for the delay in holding our AGM and Prizegiving. He explained the reasons and referred to the changes that the Exec Board had already put in place to resolve this going forward.</p> <p>The President welcomed the top table guests – Stephen Gardiner (our main Gents Sponsor) and informed that European Tour player Calum Hill would be joining us during the meeting.</p> <p>He thanked all of our main sponsors for their support - specifically Stephen Gardiner for supporting the Gents/Seniors, Graham Environmental Services for supporting the Juniors Race to Series and the Barrie Douglas Foundation who are very supportive of P&K. The President mentioned that he had played under Barrie's leadership many a time and is proud of the work that the Foundation is doing in support of Perth & Kinross.</p> <p>He asked all present to ensure their mobile phones were off and clarified the housekeeping and fire safety arrangements and then explained the agenda and the timescales that would be followed.</p> <p>The President then handed over to the Secretary to commence the meeting.</p>
Apologies	<p>The Secretary read the list of known apologies: Iain Butchart (Strathmore), Andrew Thomson (Comrie), Charlie Gallagher, Mike Page (Dun Whinny), Richard & Daniel Bullen (Auchterarder), Stephen & Josh Dolzanski (Taymouth), Frank Thomson, Alex Simpson, Stuart, Gregor & Connor Graham, Calum & Cormac Sharpe, Duncan McBride, Norman Dyce, Susi Lumsden, Murrayshall GC, Alyth GC, St Fillans GC.. Apologies from the floor included: Mark Rose, Frank McCarron.</p>
2018 Minutes	<p>The Secretary explained that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been circulated to all the clubs in advance of the meeting. He asked if there were any matters arising from these minutes – and as there were none - could be adopted for the record and this was agreed on the proposal of Glenn Campbell and seconding of Andy Jackson.</p>
President's Report	<p>The Full Presidents Report will be part of the pack issued to all clubs with copies of the AGM minutes, presentations et al.</p> <p>We would firstly like to thank our main sponsors Stephen Gardiner Construction who sponsor the full men's set up and also Stuart Graham of Graham Environmental Services who took over the sponsorship of the juniors "Race to the Castle Series" and will be our main junior sponsor going forward. We have also had very generous contributions from the Barrie Douglas Foundation and their logo will be on all County apparel from this year onwards.</p> <p>Of course, there are many people and companies who entrust us with their money, but as always, we are on the lookout for new sponsors or ways to generate revenue to support and develop our players from the junior players through to the senior players.</p> <p>Our plea is to anyone within Perth & Kinross that would be willing to support us (or knows of anyone that can help) to please get in touch and help us to continue with one of the most successful county programs in Scotland.</p> <p>2020 will also see the end of the season Sponsors Pro-Am resurrected and will be held in October and a big thank you to Charlie Gallagher for promoting this to Austin Carey of the Blue Group who will provide the course and the Professionals for the event.</p> <p>We would also like to thank our auditor Campbell Dallas (Neil Morrison) for auditing the finance accounts and hope that he continues to do so.</p> <p>We must also thank all of the clubs during these difficult times who have allowed us the courtesy of their facilities over the course of the year and we hope to utilise more of the clubs over the coming years to host finals, men's teams and of course our junior teams.</p>

I would personally like to thank Stuart Graham who has done a wonderful job heading up our Junior programme. He and his team have put so much effort into this being a success.

Unfortunately, Stuart has decided to leave the position which he has held for a number of years to concentrate on his business and of course his family, with his sons Gregor and Connor who, in their own right are becoming very successful golfers. A big thanks must also go to his wife June and his other son Archie as the time he spent on the P&K Junior Programme would have been very time consuming (and no doubt June would be doing all the work in the background).

I must at this point also thank Adrian Dirkzwager, who did all the junior golf secretarial/tournament work in the background for Stuart, he will be missed but wish him well for the future. Which brings me nicely onto the juniors. I would personally like to congratulate the following:

- Katy Alexander who won the Scottish Girls Championship and the National Order of Merit
- Daniel Bullen winning the North of England U15's
- Gregor Graham winning the Scottish Boys U16's Strokeplay, won the Barrie Douglas Scottish Junior Masters for the second time, won the 3 Foundations Tournament which was called "The Race to the Machrie", won the P&K Matchplay and if that's not enough won the National Order of Merit
- Cormac Sharpe won The Paul Lawrie Junior Jug, was runner up in "The Race to the Machrie, won the P&K Strokeplay
- Megan Ashley won the Girls section of the Paul Lawrie Jug.

Then we had fantastic news in the summer that 5 juniors had been selected for the Home International Teams, well done to the following:

Megan Ashley from Strathmore and Katy Alexander from Blairgowrie were selected for the Scottish Girls Team. Gregor Graham, Cormac Sharpe both Blairgowrie Golf Club and Andrew Thornton from Muckhart Golf Club were all selected for the Scottish Boys Team

This is a fantastic achievement for each of them and I would like to wish them every success in the future.

There was a new competition this year "the Scottish Golf Junior Sixes" which was introduced to try and encourage Junior Golf, again a team from P&K won this and a very well done to Gordon Jackson and his Kinross Team for winning this championship at Muckhart Golf Club.

The boys also retained the Garry Harvey Trophy, and were successful in the matches against Lanarkshire and the Lothians both in the U16 and U14's, they also won the Invitational against the North and the North East.

It was very rewarding to see some new faces represent P&K in these Junior Matches – with some of the younger players making their debuts this season. This all bodes well for the future.

Onto the Gents and a special mention must go to Blairgowrie Golf Club, Craig Hay & Iain Ross and their teams for winning the Scratch League, the Team Championship, the Coronation Trophy and the Bell Trophy and also some notable individual success which will be seen at the prize giving.

The Scratch League also took a new twist for the first time, as we are trying to promote golf and as some clubs were struggling with numbers we decided to trial inviting the ladies to play which in my view proved to be very successful and hope we can continue to grow the link between the men's and women's game.

Stephen Carruthers from the RW Bell Group and Pitlochry Golf Ltd has kindly donated a trophy that will involve a new competition format with mixed pairings but will be decided soon after consultation with Stephen.

We must recognise the team captains, all of the parents and all the players for the time that they give up to try and bring success to P&K and I hope that this continues for many years to come.

On the professional front I am proud to announce that Calum Hill from Muckhart gained his European Tour Card and Danny Young for winning his first EuroPro event at Spey Valley.

With regards to the website, we are reviewing this at present as the current programme is now not suitable for our needs and is very time consuming when uploading data. We hope that the

	<p>new website will be up and running for the start of the season. In the meantime, please accept our apologies, but please use our Facebook page which is up to date.</p> <p>I must admit that having been asked to be President by Charlie Gallagher was a bit of a shock, but it is a honour to be in this position, the level that P&K operate at is probably second to none and albeit the last few months have been strenuous due to work and some personal issues, I am looking forward to the next 10 months to try and improve our current position and take P&K another step forward again.</p> <p>I would like to thank Alan Cargill for all his hard work, his efforts and also every success in his new job with Scottish Golf, but do hope that he continues with P&K (he has had a very busy schedule of late) and to all of the executive who have made P&K the success it has become and hope that the successes keep coming for years to come.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank Craigie Hill Golf Club for the use of their facilities today and also throughout the year when we hold our Executive Meetings.</p> <p>I would also like to wish everyone a very successful season in the coming months and hope that we can attract more sponsors to help keep up the feel-good factor.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Scott Michie (President)</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>The Secretary gave a brief summary of the annual accounts with direct comparisons made to previous years.</p> <p>The main difference in Income between 2018 and 2019 is Sponsorship Income. The Secretary again explained that the invoicing cycle does not match the financial year – so we end up with peaks & troughs when this is reported. However, we have already secured some new sponsorship income in 2020 and will receive another generous donation from the Barrie Douglas Foundation.</p> <p>The Secretary highlighted the Membership numbers across P&K – which are bucking national trends when we only lost 66 members compared to losing 488 previously. This is down to the incredible hard work that our staff and volunteers do throughout P&K.</p> <p>In terms of Competition entries – it was highlighted that the Race To Series for Junior Opens has seen a reduction in entries. This has a two-fold problem. A number of our players are now Cat 1 and do not have Junior Opens in their schedules. We also don't have enough juniors across the county ready to make the step up to playing these events. Some clubs have even considered dropping their Junior Open as a result. However, the overall Competition entry numbers look static year on year – which has seen a positive impact from the introduction of a Handicap version of the Seniors Stroke & Match play events offsetting the reduction in Junior entries.</p> <p>In terms of Expenditure we again made savings Yr on Yr. However, this is largely due to the timing of some of our main “supported” events that require team clothing, accommodation and player support. These events fall after the year end accounts are finalised. However, it must be noted that a number of these events – when held at P&K clubs are generating additional income for the clubs in terms of catering etc – so we help put back in to the clubs and this is important.</p> <p>Overall the accounts are very similar to last year – with savings and reserves remaining unchanged (bar interest received). The priorities for the Exec Team will be to generate more sponsors income, review event spends across all areas and budget accordingly.</p> <p>The Secretary asked if there were any questions relating to Finance in the room, there were none.</p> <p>The Secretary made special thanks to Neil Morrison & Graeme Buchan of Campbell Dallas for all their assistance and asked that Campbell Dallas be re-appointed as auditor for 2019/20.</p> <p>This was seconded by Craig Hay.</p>

<p>Election of Office Bearers & Executive</p>	<p>The secretary led the meeting through the election of office bearers.</p> <p>Scott Michie proposed to remain as President. Proposed by Craig Hay and seconded by Douglas Rae.</p> <p>Alan Cargill to be re-appointed as Secretary/Treasurer by Scott Michie and seconded by Glenn Campbell.</p> <p>Rab Baldie to be proposed as Vice President by Scott Michie and seconded by Stuart McKendrick.</p> <p>Resignation P&KCGU: Stuart Graham. The President paid tribute to Stuart Graham within his report along with the help from Adrian Dirkzwager and for their efforts and support over the years and wanted the minutes to show this in their absence.</p> <p>Re-Appointments: All other serving members are within their 2nd or 3rd year of term and remain in post.</p> <p>New Appointments: Alan Watt (Auchterarder) was proposed by Scott Michie and seconded by Charlie Gallagher in advance of the AGM and this was unanimous from the floor – so we welcome Alan to the team.</p>
<p>Junior Report</p>	<p>The President introduced Calum Hill to the top table and welcomed him to the meeting with some good humoured recollections of Calum's 1st P&K events which was a foursomes pairing and a room share with himself. Scott was very grateful to Calum for giving up his team to join us for our AGM & Prize giving and wished him all the very best for the coming seasons – advising those present that hard, hard work can pay off as demonstrated by Calum.</p> <p>The Junior Report was then read out by Alan Cargill – again highlighting the efforts that Stuart and his team had put in over the years.</p> <p>Perth & Kinross County once again punched above its weight with its juniors in 2019.</p> <p>It started off in March when the Scottish Area Boys Team winners, Fraser, Alex, Gregor and Cormac were crowned P&K Sports team of the year at the local Sports Awards.</p> <p>The first junior match of the year, saw our young team, manage a terrific 7-1 win against Lanarkshire at Crieff GC – with some of our younger players making their debut in this match.</p> <p>The first main junior event of the year was the Scottish Boys Strokeplay Championship. Gregor Graham just got pipped into second place overall but won the George Macdonald Trophy for being the top U16.</p> <p>Daniel Bullen (Auchterarder) had the next fantastic result winning the North of England U15 Championship.</p> <p>Our P&K Boys Strokeplay Championship was won by Cormac Sharpe, pipping Gregor by one shot. The result was reversed in the Matchplay final when Gregor won that match 1up. The Handicap final was won by Harry Clark (Auchterarder) in a tight match vs Connor Graham (Blairgowrie).</p> <p>Gregor went on to win the Barrie Douglas Scottish Junior Masters, for the 2nd year in a row. Cormac followed this up with a wonderful win at the Paul Lawrie Junior Jug and Megan Ashley went on to win the girls event.</p> <p>The Stephen Gallacher Foundation event was also pretty successful for our P&K players with Gregor finishing 2nd overall and Jamie Roberts finishing 3rd.</p> <p>The three Foundation (Barrie Douglas, Paul Lawrie & Stephen Gallacher) got together and put on a brilliant event "The Race to the Machrie" with the winners of the 3 foundations events being invited to an end of season finale. What a brilliant event for the boys and girls who made it there with another ding-dong P&K battle between Gregor and Cormac, where Gregor just came out on top winning the title.</p>

Our boys then had a big win in the Invitational match beating The North and North East to the title. They also won their annual matches v Angus at Muckhart and Lothians at Murrayshall. The young team completed the clean sweep, by winning the Garry Harvey Trophy. It shows you how far we have come in the last few years, well done all.

Our own OOM "Race to the Castle" was another huge success where points are awarded as prizes throughout the year at all of our P&K Club Junior Opens.

What a wonderful setting at the Castle Course, St Andrews for the final. Well done to all competitors and congratulations to the winners on the day. Lewis Seath U18 and Connor Graham U15 scratch winners and Harvey Allan U18 and Andrew Wilkie U15 the handicap winners. The Overall Series Event was won by Lewis Seath who had a clean sweep in all the categories.

The Scottish Junior Tours that are played throughout the year are also terrific events and great for the development of our players. Andrew Thornton won at Duff House Royal, Daniel Bullen at Lanark and Gregor Graham and Katy Alexander both at Bruntsfield. The grand final this year was held at the magnificent Renaissance course where Gregor was just edged into 2nd place by Nairn's Calum Scott.

The Scottish Boys and Girls events were held at our own Blairgowrie Golf Club this year. Gregor won the Strokeplay qualifying event. He and a good few other P&K players made it to the Matchplay stages, with Andrew going agonisingly close, just getting beat in extra holes in his semi-final.

Katy Alexander didn't get beat and went all the way, winning the girls event, what a brilliant achievement from Katy.

A wee bit of history was made when Blairgowrie's Connor Graham became the youngest player (12 years old) in the history of the Scottish Men's Amateur Championships to play in the event with rounds of 74 & 71. He unfortunately just missed the Matchplay stages. Connor had a terrific year though, with the highlights being finishing 2nd at the Scottish U14s Championships and winning the British Wee Wonders Championships.

The highlight of the year though was having two players from Blairgowrie Golf Club & P&K win their respective National Order of Merit titles. Gregor Graham at only 15 (maybe the youngest winner ever) winning the Boys Title and Katy Alexander winning the Girls.

We are not sure the last time two players - let alone from the same club or County won these events in the same year.

Continuing on the National scene we had five players represent Scotland in the Boys & Girls Home Internationals matches. Well done Andrew Thornton, Gregor Graham, Cormac Sharpe, Katy Alexander and Megan Ashley. What a brilliant achievement for such a small County like P&K.

Gregor Graham and Cormac Sharpe represented Scotland in the Quadrangular U16 Championships playing against Wales, Holland and Ireland. Scotland won this title for the first time in a few years. Cormac then went on to represent Scotland in Florida at the Majors Invitational Event.

Gregor went on to represent Scotland at the European Team Championships in Poland helping the team finishing 3rd and being promoted back to Division 1. He was also selected along with Cameron Adam from Royal Burgess Golf Club, to represent Scotland at the European Young Masters.

Katy rounded off what must be the most successful year ever for P&K by representing Scotland Girls in Canada at the Girls World Championships.

A huge thank you as always to the parents, volunteers, golf courses, sponsors and of course the players, for making it such a memorable year.

<p>P&KCGU Motions</p>	<p>The Secretary highlighted the 3 Ordinary Motions that had been circulated to all clubs in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>1) The proposed introduction of a new mixed team format event from Stephen Carruthers (Pitlochry)</p> <p>This was given positive response from the floor and the Exec Team will discuss further with Stephen to take this forward.</p> <p>2) To allow clubs to enter more than 1 team into the P&K Gents Team Championship.</p> <p>This was very well received with the need to increase competitive participation – so will be adopted as part of 2020 fixtures.</p> <p>3) To amend the P&K Team Event Rules (Bell, Coronation etc) in line with the P&K Masters.</p> <p>This was proposed in order that team matches are arranged and played within the timescales and to allow teams fair notice of team matches. The P&K Masters rule is that the Challenging Team must make contact within 7 days of the draw being published or lose home advantage. This was accepted as a positive step and brings all the competitions into line with regards to terms & conditions and will be adopted and communicated for this season's events.</p>
<p>AOCB & Close</p>	<p>The Secretary asked if there were any other matters of business. There were none submitted in advance of the meeting and there were none from the floor.</p> <p>The Secretary then handed back to Scott Michie to close the meeting.</p> <p>Scott thanked everyone for their attendance and support then duly closed the AGM at 7.10pm.</p> <p>There would be a 10 min comfort break – before the Presentation of Prizes and we are delighted that Stephen Gardiner would present the Gents/Seniors awards and that Calum Hill would present the Junior awards.</p>
<p>List of Attendees</p>	<p>A full list of all those attending the 2019 AGM is available in hard copy within the file.</p>

Alan Cargill
Secretary, P&KCGU
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