

# President's Welcome



Dear Members

As I embark on the post of President for Perth & Kinross County, I am filled with hope and optimism that golf at both club and county level are in a good place with everything looking well for the future. We have a strong base at junior level with excellent numbers participating junior golf events, from golf sixes to junior tour events. The men's section are also in a strong position. In 2022 they won the Provan Salver, placed third in the Midland Area Teams and beaten finalists in the Scottish Area Teams. Our Seniors Team always fair well at team and individual events, finishing in bronze medal position in the Scottish Senior Teams in 2022 and three members finishing the 2022 season inside the top 20 on the Scottish Order of Merit.

We as an Executive have taken the decision to be innovative during our tenure of office and hopefully providing golf for *all levels and abilities in the future*. We want everyone who pays a subscription to the county to participate and get a benefit from membership of the county.

Firstly, for the first time at the Champion of Champions (30<sup>th</sup> April) we have extended the invite to the handicap champions from each club. Secondly, we have included a handicap section at the Stroyan Trophy (28<sup>th</sup> May), which will be a new and additional prize for 2023. Thirdly, the Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings will return in 2023, these events will form a part of an Order of Merit for both gents and seniors and in both scratch and handicap categories. This order of merit will be extended to include Club Opens (where applicable) in a bid to encourage our members to play at other P&K Clubs.

Finally, we have been involved in discussions with various groups to provide every member on how to enjoy golf more and possibly enjoy a better lifestyle at the same time. We plan to create a new website, with links to social media platforms. The website will have links to coaching tips, strength and conditioning, mindfulness, nutrition and finally ways to gather stats and monitor performance analysis. We as an executive hope that the provision of these will help improve the scores of all golfers and all being well increase the enjoyment of playing golf either in a bounce game or in the competition arena.

The success of county golf relies on the participation of the members. In years gone by it was perceived that county golf was only for scratch and elite golfers. Nothing could be further from the truth and with this executive committee we intend to dispel this myth by including every golfer no matter of level or ability in competitions and events throughout the golfing season. We would be delighted to see golfers from across the county play in a few of the events this year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish every golf club and their members all the very best of luck and success for the future.

Warmest Regards

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