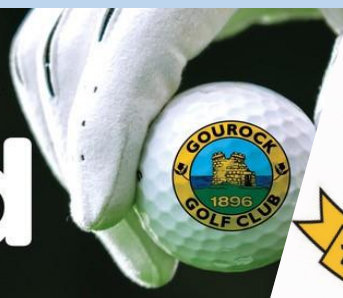


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Week Commencing 12 April 2021

Gillen Trophy sponsored by Green Oak Funeral Services – Saturday, 29th May

We are once again grateful to Green Oak Funeral Services for sponsoring this Gents' Open Competition which this year will be held on Saturday, 29th May. This is a Renfrewshire Golf Union "Race to Mar Hall" qualifying event. We expect a high demand for this event including from visitors so although we still have 6 weeks to go you can now access this event on the APP and enter – we encourage all gents to do this as soon as possible.



Scramble Events – Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May

As part of our 125th Anniversary events (the club was formed in late April 1896) we will reset the scramble that was cancelled on Saturday 3rd of April to Saturday 1st May. The same teams and tee times will be rolled forward - if you need to make a change please contact Derek and he will see what can be done.

The competition will now be spread over both Saturday 1st and the morning of Sunday 2nd May so you may want to move to a Sunday slot. Ladies are encouraged to enter teams of 4 with a tee off slot after 15.30 on the Saturday or on the Sunday morning. The Juniors will also run a scramble on Sunday 2nd.

There will be separate prizes for Gents, Ladies and Juniors. This is the first of some special 125th Anniversary Golf and Social events we have lined up for 2021.



Junior Programme

Sunday group coaching 11th, 18th and 25th April 3.00 - 5.00pm

Sunday Junior competitions all abilities 4.00 - 5.00pm 2nd May and all following Sundays

Gourock Juniors Pathway Into Golf launch date Sunday 18th April

Gourock will also be participating in Scottish Golf Skill Challenge, Golf Sixes and Golf Flag Competition. Dates will be intimated in the Club Newsletter

Tuesday Junior Academy 5.30 - 7.30pm 18th May, 25th May, 1st June, 8th June and 15th June (open to non members). More details to follow.



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Travel Restrictions Lifted

From Friday of this week all members who reside in Scotland are now free to travel to the club to play golf. We thank those members who live out with Inverclyde for their patience in abiding by the travel rules since the start of the year. Member sign on of visitors (up to 12 per year, max of 3 at a time, same person only allowed on 4 times - £10, free for Platinum members) and visitors in general are allowed although the staff team will carefully manage the latter given the daily pressure on tee off times.

Sundays – 18th & 25th April

A reminder that between 15.00 and 17.30 for the next 2 Sundays, the 1st hole should be played from the foot of the hill immediately beyond the temporary green and the 9th hole will be completely closed. This is to allow coaching of 25+ juniors to be safely held on both the 1st and 9th fairways. Thank you for your support as we look to continue to encourage our strong junior section

App and Competition Bookings

Members are encouraged to read the email sent out on Wednesday, 14th April dedicated to this important topic where the committee and staff have outlined the interim steps we are taking to ease some of the issues in this area.

Junior Zig Zag Course (First Fairway)

We have noticed some large divots being taken close to the Junior Zig Zag holes. To allow our juniors the best conditions, all six holes will be white lined and counted as GUR. Please lift your ball and place it away from our Zig Zag green.

Divoting as you go

To supplement and support the work of our Course Management team, we have invested in a 'divot tree' - basically a piece of equipment that will hang at the 1st tee with bags of divot seed hanging from it. We have 70 bags!! Members who are willing can take a bag and seed divots and fairways and tees where they have small delays in their game – returning the bag to the tree at the end of their 9 or 18 holes.

Given the COVID-19 restrictions we can't put this fully into place at this moment, however, we are looking for 10 volunteers to start a pilot trial immediately. In the short term we will have replenishment bins at 6 or 7 points throughout the course so that the volunteers can top up their bags. We are ordering proper seed bins for this purpose but they are on a long lead time.

If you are willing to be part of a trial and 'own a bag' please contact Green Convener Andrew MacPherson or Carol or Allan in the club office.

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CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CLASSES

Our Club Development Officer (CDO) Andy Newman will next week start a series of classes lasting 6 weeks which are aimed at both Gents and Ladies who have joined this year under our New To Golf / Women Into Golf programmes. After school classes will also be run for Junior boys and girls. Full details are outlined below. Please e-mail Andy at cdo@gourockgolfclub.com if you have any questions.

April 19th start after Easter Holidays – 6 WEEK BLOCK

APRIL – MAY 2021

WEEK 1

MONDAY 19TH – MEN INTO GOLF 5PM-6.30PM

TUESDAY 20TH – AFTER SCHOOL CLASS FOR BOYS

WEDNESDAY 21st – GIRLS INTO GOLF AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAY 22nd– AFTER SCHOOL CLASS FOR BOYS

FRIDAY 23rd– WOMAN INTO GOLF 5.30PM-7PM

WEEK 2 – 26th – 30th

WEEK 3 – 3rd May – 7th

WEEK 4 – 10th – 14th

WEEK 5 – 17th – 21st

WEEK 6 – 24th – 28th

CONTENT

WEEK 1 – WARM UP / PREPERATION / PRACTICE DRILLS

WEEK 2 – SHORT GAME – CHIPPING/ PUTTING

WEEK 3 – ON COURSE SESSION 9 HOLES / STRATEGY

WEEK 4 - ON COURSE SESSION / COURSE MANAGEMENT / CLUB SELECTION / CLUB PRACTICE [USE FEWER CLUBS]

WEEK 5 – ON COURSE PLAYING FROM UNCOMFORTABLE POSITIONS / PLACES TO MISS SHOTS / DIFFERENT APPROACH SHOTS / AROUND GREENS

WEEK 6 – ON COURSE SESSION

FACILITIES

PUTTING GREEN

SHED AT 18TH

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Re-Opening Roadmap

Once we get full details from the Government and Scottish Golf, we plan early next week to publish a roadmap of when all our facilities will re-open – clubhouse, bar for coffess and soft drinks, bar for full service, catering, toilets, all clubhouse locker rooms, gents' overflow locker room, Pro Shop, indoor studios and club office.

Please watch out for that important communication.

Minute Silence – Saturday, 17th April at 3pm

In line with the nation, the club will be observing a minutes silence at 3pm prior to the funeral of the late Prince Phillip.

It is an individual choice whether you choose to observe the silence or not, however, please be respectful of those around you.

Ambassador Club Draw

If you are interested in the opportunity to take part in our Ambassador Club draw, contact secretary@gourockgolfclub.com for more details. The April draw will take place on Friday at 8pm.

