



Breezes from the Lea October 2016

Holt Shield Champions 2016



Tony Campbell (Holt Shield Sec.) Kirk McGregor David Smythe Ryan Dunlop Roy Beattie (Club Captain) Reg Matchett (Acting Team Capt.) Brian Dempster Jeff Winter. Missing from the photo: Corin Bennett (1st reserve) & Colin Crozier (Team Captain)

Pride of place in this month's edition of the Breezes goes to the Holt Shield Team for their magnificent success in bringing a major trophy back to Carnalea. The team qualified for the knockout stages winning their league section played on a home & away basis against Hollywood, Ballyclare & Greenacres. In the knockout stages, we overcame Whitehead in the last 16, Shandon Park in the quarter finals, Clandeboye in the semi final & Dunmurry in a classic final, all over 2 legs. This represents a Herculean effort over 6 months, involving 14 matches and all accomplished with a squad of just 7 players from whom the 5 man team was selected! Well done men.

The Champion's Dinner will be held at the end of October ??? when medals and the trophy will be formally presented along with the Bobby Conroy Medal which is presented to the person making the most outstanding contribution in the final.

The Holt Shield is a competition for 6+ handicappers, intended to give players roughly at Junior Cup standard more competitive golf than most would normally get, because either their Club didn't get too far in the Junior Cup, or they don't get to play for the more senior teams at their Club such as Senior Cup, Belfast & District or Barton Shield.

A player whose handicap is reduced to 5, even before he has played a match, is still eligible to compete. A player is no longer eligible to compete if his handicap is reduced to 4, even if his handicap returns to 5.



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September Social Calendar

Sun. 2nd: Ryder Cup (Late Licence)

Fri. 14th: Music from Split Second

Fri. 21st: Brazil Two

Thurs. 6th: Bingo

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Sat. 22nd: Private Party



Please note that Prize Night this year will be held on Saturday 12th November and is a 'Smoker' with entertainment in the main bar and a late licence. Prizes will be presented at 8.00 pm when, in addition to the main prize winners, the Holt Shield will be presented to this year's champions.

Greens Committee Meeting (September).

Autumn and winter work.

The 16th green will be reconstructed in January 2017, subject to weather conditions, at a cost of £4,250. Greens and fairways to be aerated, slitting and verti drain to be carried out in November 2016.

The areas of the course, especially fairways, subject to flooding, etc. will be top dressed in November 2016.

Further drainage work will be carried out subject to time and manning resources.

Greens

The greens have improved very well from May. They have refined greatly and overall been disease free. Some thatch has built up due to the excess growth so we will hollow core this autumn, possible date 5th October. The low side of the 18th green has caused problems recently due to a burst stone drain. Water has been trapped within the green which has resulted in the playing surface remaining wet and the root zone saturated. We will have to lift the low side to fix drainage during October. the astro turf on the path from the 2nd to the 3rd tee has been replaced.

Machinery

A lot of machinery needs replaced. The age of the machinery ranges from 10 to 16 years old, tee mower, surround mower, bunker rake, speed rollers, veri-cut/groomers and top dresser. The lease for the machines purchased in 2012 will be paid off in May 2017 thus freeing up capital to facilitate the purchase of new machinery according to their prioritisation.

Members' Contact Details

It is extremely important that members' contact details are accurate and up to date, particularly mobile numbers and email addresses. Following a review of the information we hold in the database, a significant number of these are missing and we would be grateful if you could let the office have your details if you think your information is out of date or missing.

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