



Breezes from the Lea December 2017

December Social Calendar

Tues. 5th: Ladies Bridge 🛀



Wed. 6th: Bowls



Fri. 8th: Entertainment with Scarlet



Sat. 9th: Children's Party & Disco

Sun. 10th: Quiz & Disco (Late Licence) Wed. 13th: Bowls

Fri. 15th: Christmas Party Night. Full Dinner Menu on Web Site.



Music by Otis & The Elevators (Late Licence).

Sat. 16th: Christmas Draw & Entertainment by Kelly Smiley (Late Licence).

Tues. 19th: Ladies Bridge



Wed. 20th: Bowls





Fri. 22nd: Entertainment with Brazil Two

Sun. 31st: New Year's Eve Party & Entertainment by Kelly Smiley (Late Licence).

Latest details on all social events can be found on our website at www.carnaleagolfclub.com/clubhouse/Events

2018 Membership Subscriptions & Payment Options

We are pleased to announce that for the 3rd year running, fees for all levels of membership in 2018 will remain frozen at their current level. The Annual Fee may be paid by cash, credit card, debit card or by direct debit using the Fairway Credit Scheme. The Fairway Credit Scheme enables you to pay instalments rather than one lump sum. The monthly payments are spread over 10 months from January to October with no payments required in November and December. Should you wish to use the Fairway Credit Scheme, please request a form from the club office. Fairway Credit charge an Interest rate of 6.5% for this service



You should receive your invoice for 2018 during the month of December and we look forward to you continuing your membership with Carnalea Golf Club into the future.

New Online Booking Feature

We have recently added a new feature to our online booking system. Up to now, when you make or cancel a booking online, an email is automatically sent to you with the details. A new feature has been implemented which will also generate an email to your playing partners who share this tee time with you.

Just 1 Pina Colada for the Captain before his Garth **Brooks impersonation!**

George Jones & Clubsound in great form playing to a Full House at the Club.

Billy getting into the swing!

From the Archives Can you guess the year?









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Greens Update

Highlights from the Greens Committee Meeting in November:

Winter/spring work

Subject to costings and budget constraints, the following developments are planned:

Work will commence on upgrading the Paths on the wettest parts of the course. This will include a continuous path from the carpark at the 1st, continuing through the trees at the right hand side of the second and hugging the trees on the left hand side of the 3^{rd} . The path from 2^{nd} green to the 3^{rd} tee will be reshaped and the path from the 7th tee will also be extended. .

Buggy Paths: where these are in place, the ride on buggy users will be obliged to use them to maintain the condition of the sward through the green. Failure to comply with this may result in the buggy privilege being withdrawn. The Head Green Keeper (HGK) has reported several instances of buggy drivers going through waterlogged parts of the course resulting in considerable damage. These inconsiderate and selfish drivers are spoiling the buggy privilege of other users and could lead to the withdrawal of the use of buggies. The Greens have recovered well from autumn aeration work having suffered badly with Fusarium. This is down to aeration work being carried out too late in the year. Black layer and thatch levels have increased significantly due to lack of aeration work over the playing months. The HGK stressed that spring and autumn aeration work needs to be carried out no later than the second week in March and by the second week in September, respectively. The work takes a maximum of two days, depending on weather conditions. In future years this work will be carried out on the two weeks specified and the members notified in advance.

The 2^{nd} green will be reconstructed in early January. The front of the 3^{rd} green badly needs to be drained as soon as possible and work will be carried out as soon as underfoot conditions allow. The hole will be closed while this work is carried out with play moving from the 2nd green to the 4th tee. The 17th gents' competition Tee is being reshaped and levelled. The 3rd tee will be drained and levelled during December.

Top dressing of the **Fairways** is planned to take place in February.

The Beech Trees on the 17^{th} are not on our property but they need to be taken back as they are overhanging on the right hand side of the fairway. The HGK will approach the Local Council for permission to carry out the necessary pruning.

Fallen trees – what's the Rule?

At this time of year, particularly with the strong winds we've been experiencing recently, there may be occasions when mature trees get blown down and branches detached. This can happen overnight before the greenkeeping staff has a chance to remove it and members have been seeking clarification when their shot is obstructed as a result.

If the tree is no longer attached to the ground, it is a loose impediment and may be moved or bits broken off it. If it is still attached it is not a loose impediment and there is no automatic relief from it. The Committee can declare the immediate area to be marked as temporary ground under repair.

Prize Night Winners

Bobby Conroy Cup: Walter Reid Cup: Danny Loughran Jimmy McCoy & Isobel Colhoun Jim McFerran

President's Cup



Paul Emerson Cup Johnny McKimm



Chas Kyle Cup John Gardner



Captain'Day s Prize **Danny McAllen**



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