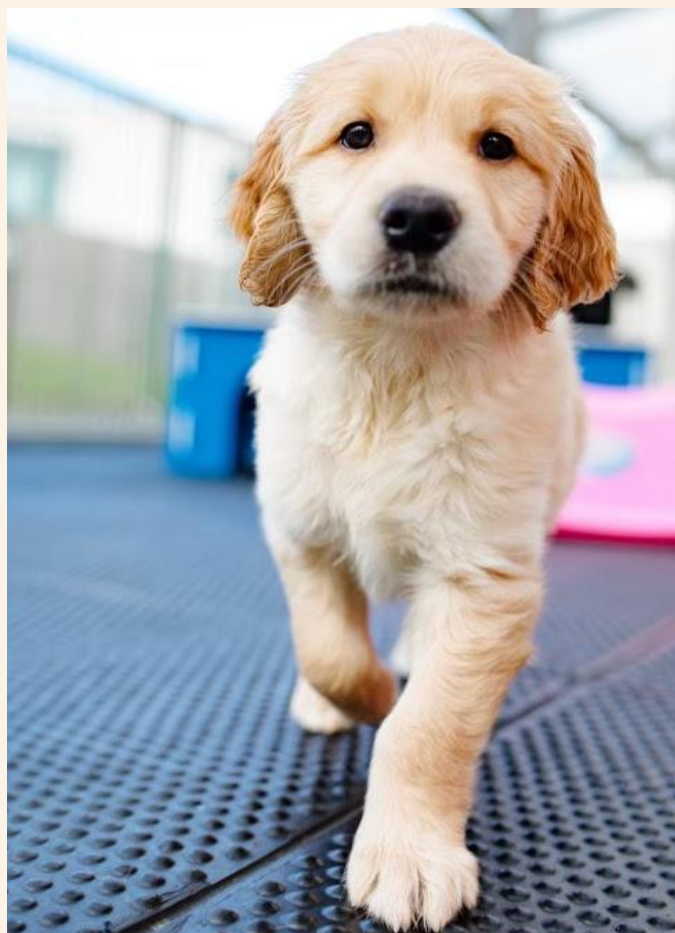


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January

The weather's not been great so these guys should brighten things up a bit!

Don't worry, the news includes a piece about them as well ...

AGMs

The Club has given notice of its 27th AGM, taking place on the evening of March 7th.

Please note that the Ladies and the Seniors sections also have AGMs; held this year on January 18th and February 8th respectively.

Ladies

Congratulations to Margaret Howitt who will be the Ladies incoming Captain in April 2023. Margaret is a hugely popular appointment and she will be supported by her Vice Captain, Barbara Kelsey.

Best wishes to all the Ladies elected to positions on their committee for 2023/4.

Seniors

As I write the Seniors AGM is still a little time away. I can however report that Rich Massey's preparation once again runs to military precision.

Best wishes in advance to their elected captains and committee officers.

Birmingham Childrens Hospital Charity

Thank you for the great response to the fundraising. The final figure raised will be announced at the end of March.

In the meantime if you find yourselves in the greenside bunkers on the 5th, or would just like to continue to support this worthy charity;
your donations are still very welcome.

Club Teams

I am pleased to report that the Club is registered to enter a team in the Midland Scratch League 2023.

The return of a Scratch Team marks an exciting time for competitive golf at Wishaw. Kudos to Rich Langley and Joe Lawlor for making this happen.

Club Teams contd.

The Scratch team, West Midlands League Team and the B Team; extend opportunities for anyone looking to represent the Club in team play.

It promises to be a good year for the Club. The 2023 fixture lists are being finalised and include some new venues. So look out for more Team News to follow.

Alan's Students

Last year I highlighted the progress of Emily Price and Sam Easterbrook when they took part in the Curtis Cup and St Andrews Links Trophy, respectively.

Alan Partridge has summarised the year for both, which I think you'll find interesting. Many thanks Alan:

Emily finished 4 years at Kent university Ohio, in May 2022, where she gained a degree in Economics. Winning multiple times during her college career, she was selected for the rest of the world side v USA in the Arnold Palmer Cup

and then the Curtis Cup for GB&I v the USA team at Merion Golf Club. She turned Professional in August and went to LPGA qualifying school in Palm Springs. Emily qualified through the first stage with a 4 round score of -8. However a hurricane delayed the second stage in Florida from October to November and unfortunately that clashed with European tour qualifying. She made the decision to go to European tour qualifying in La Manga but unfortunately failed to qualify. Emily will now play the European Access tour, in order to try and make it onto tour that way. Hopefully there will be a few invitations into European tour events along the way for Emily and she will progress onto the full tour during the season.

Sam has gained a scholarship to the USA and starts in September 2023 at Purdue University, Indiana. He is a member of the England junior team and during 2022 has progressed his world ranking to where he now qualifies for pretty much all of the major amateur championships. He will play as many events as possible this year but may well be limited because of school A levels during this time. Sam is currently at Rossell school in Fleetwood on a golf scholarship, with a current handicap of +4.

Caddie & Monty

Whilst Wishaw is a relatively new golf club it has its share of stories, characters and people willing to give up their time and money for charity.

I was reminded of one such example. Almost four years ago an Auction was held at the club. It was one of the fundraisers to support training for two Guide Dogs for The Blind.



Say hello to Caddie (the puppy lifting his paw) and Monty

Clive Conroy and John Hewitt came up with the idea and with the help of the Seniors Social group they raised £5,000 through a Golf Auction and a Golf Day.

The Auction itself drew a lot of interest and competitive bidding. Many of the clubs were donated from the dearly departed Mike Bill (and what a collection that was!).

The Golf Day was held at the end of July and very well supported. There was a shotgun start, with groups on all 18 tees. Ian Leech and I teed off on 5 with Barrie Ritchie. Barry is a blind golfer and Chairman of England and Wales Blind Golf. His guide was Chris Peake. Chris was captain of Kenilworth at the time and they made it an amazing day.

Clive, John and the group have organised many things for charity and the club down the years ... hats off to you gentlemen.

In Closing

The end of March is fast approaching. Which luckily for you means just one more of these updates to endure!

Happy golfing
