



# Poloc Cricket Club

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Dear Member,

## The cricket season that never was



As the cricket season drew to a conclusion in the middle of September, we can now reflect on the season that never was.

Despite very little cricket actually being played due the restrictions placed on all of us as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we did see some cricket activity with training sessions for juniors and seniors, and a number of matches arranged against Clydesdale and Ferguslie. The numbers in our youngest, Under 12, age-group are particularly encouraging.

What the lack of playing matches on the ground this season has allowed to happen is a significant amount of work done on the grounds by our groundsman, Adam Richardson and his team. Work to improve the condition of the square, to tidy up the general policies around the clubhouse and most relevant, going forward, the reintroduction of the facilities for **Winter Golf** at Shawholm which have not been used for a number of seasons. I am delighted to see significant interest from new members to joining this section.



Tree stump removal, and the refurbishment of the flag pole and base



Refurbishment of outbuildings and path clearance work

Our **BodyFit** fitness section has continued to see their numbers increase throughout September. Any club members who still feel they need to lose a few of those lockdown pounds should contact Stuart Irons or Adam O'Donnell who will be delighted to hear from you.



**BodyFit** classes at Shawholm

Pollok FC continued their pre-season training on the outfield at various times throughout the last month ahead of the new season.

### **Membership subscriptions**

I am extremely grateful to all members who have fully paid or continue to pay their subscription by monthly direct debit as this is essential to the continued health of the club. It has been disappointing, however, that members of the General Committee have had to chase on a monthly basis, a number of playing members who have failed to keep up their regular payments. With the possibility of winter nets in the coming months, all members must ensure that their subscriptions are up-to-date.

Anyone who has not paid their full or up-to-date instalments will not be permitted to use the facilities or participate in indoor training should this be made available. The stark reality is that those who intend to play cricket at Shawholm next season may not be able to do so, or indeed anywhere else, if they have not met their commitment to the club for this season.

The club relies on membership subscriptions to keep going and as I have mentioned before we still have fixed costs we have to pay every year irrespective of whether or not we can actually play any sport.

We are also not in a position to hold any functions or fundraisers which offset our costs so the importance of subscription income is increasingly important.

## **Winter Golf**

It has been great to see the restoration of the greens and tees to allow the resumption of Winter Golf this year. As you will see below our own "Wee Poloc" course is an officially recognised six-hole course by the R&A and will prove a challenge for even the lowest of handicapped golfers.

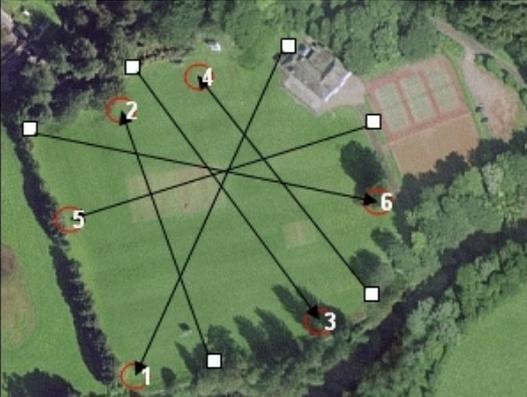


Construction of a new 5th hole tee, the 2nd hole green, and the 5th hole green

The hope is to begin with monthly medals in October with other competitions scattered over the course of the season. Golf can be played on Saturdays and Sundays in line with the course rules and regulations (see over). Much more information on Winter Golf, and to get in touch to book a round, can be found on its new Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PolocGolf>).

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth J A Robertson  
President

| <b>Card of "Wee Poloc"</b> |                  |  |                  |                            |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. "Pollock"               | 210 yards, par 4 |  | 4. "Hut"         |                            |
| 2. "Beeches"               | 160 yards, par 3 |  | 155 yards, par 3 |                            |
| 3. "Cart"                  | 165 yards, par 4 |  | 5. "Fence"       | 180 yards, par 3           |
|                            |                  |  | 6. "Dugout"      | 205 yards, par 4           |
|                            |                  |  |                  | <b>3,225 yards, par 63</b> |
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## Local rules

### Rule 1 - the boundaries of the course

These are as follows: a) the near side of the path adjacent to the river cart; b) the fence adjacent to the sixth tee and first and fifth greens; c) the tennis courts as defined by the wire netting; d) the pavilion enclosure as defined by the iron railings; and e) the cricket square as defined by the markings in place.

### Rule 2 - the practice wicket area

A ball finishing within the practice wicket area as defined by the markings in place must be lifted and dropped, under penalty of one stroke, within one club length of the defining marking on the teeing-ground side of whichever hole is being played.

### Rule 3 - preferred lies

These apply at all times and apply to any ball within bounds and outwith the easily recognisable rough near to the boundaries of the course. Cases of doubt to be referred to a playing partner.

### Rule 4 - ball plugged in the rough

A player may, after consulting his partner, lift and drop a ball plugged in the rough without penalty at the same point where it is plugged. If the ball rolls more than one club length away, it should be re-dropped.

### Rule 5 - ball plugged and lost in the fairway

If a ball is lost in the fairway, and its flight has been witnessed by at least one playing partner who is certain that the ball landed and stopped in the fairway, and this certainty is not disputed by any other playing partner, then the player may replace the ball and play the next shot without penalty from the approximate point where the ball stopped as indicated by the playing partner(s).

### Rule 6 - putting green

A player may, without penalty, tap down all spike-marks and any other irregularities on the putting surface, including those on the line of the putt.

In all other case the rules of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Club, St. Andrews, will be observed.