MAY has been a busy month and not just with golf. You may have noticed a skip outside of the Clubhouse full of discarded items. We have been doing a big houseclean and shedding a lot of unwanted material that has accumulated over the years. Some of it could be regarded as a fire hazard and others simply blocking access where access is important. It has meant doing a big clearing
job including some of the store areas not usually on view in the Clubhouse. So a big THANKYOU to all of you who have helped in this clearing operation. All this has resulted partly in an initial response to a Fire Risk Assessment that has been undertaken by QuEnSH Specialists Ltd. 

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is a company that has regular use of our Meeting Room and they have reciprocated by undertaking a thoroughgoing FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT of our premises free of charge. The Report runs to 26 pages in length and makes several recommendations for the improvement of our current procedures. Rest assured there is no need for panic as our Club generally speaking is in good shape and well equipped to deal with any incident. But the Report goes into finer detail and we are currently ensuring that all recommendations made will be implemented. We are grateful to Quensh for undertaking this important task. You might ask yourselves WHAT would you do in the unlikely event of a fire breaking out on our premises? Well one thing you can do right away is become MORE AWARE of the various notices around the Clubhouse advising on what action should be taken, and noting recommended fire exits and assembly points. As we have said there is no need for panic, but raising awareness of emergency procedures is in itself a major contributory factor to making our Club a safer place.

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BUCHAN SENIORS EVENT

Newburgh acted as hosts to the most recent Buchan Seniors event that took place on Thursday 19th May. 186 players took part and we received very positive feedback on the condition of the course. So thanks and well done to Jim and Forbes for ensuring this. Comments particularly praised the greens as being a fair and enjoyable test - well paced and running true. Home players
featured on the leader board throughout the day. Ultimately, George Duthie took first place in Division 1 with 44 points and Peter Scott sealed first place in Division 2 with 42 points. Well done to them both. Thanks to the Mike Page and Bobby McClymont who administered the event throughout the day.

Our Fund-raising football competition – the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Last Man Standing – finished with the close of the season. There were 3 winners this time because the football season had ended. The winners were Shona Reid, Keith Watson, along with Brian Cumming. Brian has now won 2 out of 2! Well done, Brian! Keep up the good work. Individual prizes were duly shared at £45 each. £135 was raised for the Club which brings the Club total so far to £247. This has been put into the Rock Foundation Account. We will be starting a Golf Last Man Standing focusing on the US Open. We are grateful to Stuart Gill for organising this worthwhile fund raising event. Stuart is in the process of arranging this new Golf competition. You will have to bet on who will win the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont?

Once the competition begins you will be able to join Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Clubs Last Man Standing competition. It is a chance to see if you can win some money, as well as bragging rights against your fellow competition players! And, of course, it also raises funds for the Club.

**THIS IS HOW IT WILL WORK:**

1. The club will email all members the link to join the action when competition entry opens.
2. Register online and pay the once only competition entrance fee of £10.
3. Simply pick your dream team of 3 golfers with a combined odds of over 100/1.
4. All your 3 golfers must make the day 2 cut or you’re out.
5. The player’s team of golfers with the lowest combined score at the end of day 4 wins the prize money.
6. If 2 (or more) players have an equal combined lowest score at the end, the prize money is split.

The competition is open to everybody aged 18 and over. Please invite your friends and family to join in and help raise some funds for the Club. THE MORE PARTICIPANTS THE BIGGER THE PRIZE MONEY FOR THE WINNER.

If you would rather not use the online service, entry forms will be available in the Clubhouse for offline competition entries. FOR NOW, JUST WAIT TO HEAR FROM STUART GILL announcing, like Sherlock, “THE GAME IS ON!”

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SOME COMPETITION RESULTS

MEN’S OPEN held on Saturday, 7th May.

Scratch G Watt (Inverallochy) (0) 71, M Grant (Deeside) (5) 75, KF Watson (Deeside) (5) 75, P Johnston (4) 76

Class 1 J Jack (Inverallochy) (9) 68, L Adams (Rosehearty) (11) 69, M Dunn (Bon Accord) (5) 71, A Davie (Murcar) (9) 72

Class 2 A Campbell (13) 70, M Graham (17) 71, C Bruce (Murcar) (14) 71, R Clifton (15) 72

MIXED OPEN GREENSOMES held on Sunday, 15th May

Scratch L Carnie/M Carnie 80

Class 1 P Whyte/L Whyte (Meldrum House) (14.8) 70.2; J Roberts/K Roberts (Cruden Bay) (13.6) 70.4

Class 2 B Gerrard/E Gerrard (Insch) (23) 65; J McPherson/C McPherson
(Banchory) (17.4) 68.6; D Petrie/R Petrie (Edzell) (16.2) 69.8

Congratulations to the winners

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GORDON DISTRICT GREENSOMES LEAGUE

PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED for matches on Thursday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} June at Newburgh and 16\textsuperscript{th} June at Oldmeldrum for the Greensomes League. Currently we have only 3 names for each date and a total of 10 players are required at each venue. The first match on 12\textsuperscript{th} May did not meet the required numbers and the match was forfeited. PLEASE add your name to the sheets on the Gents noticeboard on lower corridor if available. Should there be lack of support for this, consideration will be given to withdrawing from the Leagues competitions next year.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS CUP

Many congratulations to our Seniors’ HOC Cup Team for their victory over Oldmeldrum. We were trailing 4-2 after the away leg at Oldmeldrum on 10th May but managed to turn the tie around on the 24\textsuperscript{th} May with a resounding 5-1 win at Newburgh. Therefore, the final result was 7-5 to Newburgh. We look forward to our next match against Cruden Bay. Again, well done to all who
contribute over both legs.

SENIORS ALFORD OUTING
Wednesday 25th May 2016

36 Senior members played in a Stableford competition at Alford where there were individual and team prizes. After the traditional bacon roll and coffee breakfast the group teed off in fours on a grey, cool, but dry day on the flat, tree-lined test that is Alford Golf Course.

Rookie Senior Alan Wallace prevailed with 40 points, narrowly beating the 39s of George Duthie, Wullie Paul and Richard Clifton to the individual prize of the CAMPBELL TROPHY.

1st Team Fred Watson, George Duthie, Russell Crofts and Gordon Chalmers took the Team Prize with their 139 points total.

2nd Team with 137 points were Bob McVeigh, Ian Cromarty, John Turnbull, and Graeme Watson

3rd Team with 134 points were Mat Fyfe, Alex Taylor, Wullie Paul, and Alan Dalziel.

Nearest the Pin prizes at three holes were claimed by Donald Wood (3rd Hole), Martyn Colebrook (6th Hole) and George Annand (12th Hole).

There were NO CLAIMANTS to the same prize at the 16th Hole; not one ball landed on the green leading to suggestions that we play at least 36 holes – or till it gets dark – in next year’s outing at the same course!

The after match, Alford buffet lunch proved very popular to all!

The Seniors’ next outing will be to Kemnay on Monday 11th July.
THE WINNING TEAM

Gordon Chalmers, Russell Crofts, Fred Watson and George Duthie.

WELL DONE TO ALL WHO TOOK PART.

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JUNIOR COACHING
We urgently need to find volunteers who would be willing to take up the challenge of developing coaching work with Juniors. So far, there have been no offers of help in what is an important aspect of our Club. Our future strength depends on encouraging Juniors. If you think you can help please contact our Club Manager, Shona Reid

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IMPORTANT APEAL NEXT PAGE

Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club

THE ROCK FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

“The wise man built his house upon the rock” – J.C. circa AD30

Do you remember receiving a letter from the Secretary two years ago? It announced the setting up of THE ROCK FOUNDATION ACCOUNT (RFA) on the 7th July, 2014 and set the ambitious target of paying off the debt on our Clubhouse which at that stage stood at £80,000. As you know, RFA account is dedicated to the sole purpose of removing the Clubhouse Debt. Any money raised is ring-fenced for that purpose only. This year a further £10,000 from Club funds is being paid into the Account. A further £1,000 from continued accumulated donations is due to be banked in the next weeks. When that is done the outstanding loan will be £19,000. Our original aim was to clear the debt by 30th September of the year it was set up. That was an ambitious target and although we didn’t
achieve the goal that year a creditable sum of almost £41,000 was raised. WHAT WE ARE NOW ASKING IS FOR MEMBERS TO CONSIDER MAKING ONE MORE MAJOR EFFORT TO CLEAR THE DEBT. One member who started the ball rolling by contributing £1,000 two years ago, has recently been in touch offering to put a further £1,000 into the fund in July. THIS MEANS THE LOAN WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED TO £18,000. ARE YOU WILLING TO COME ON BOARD AND SUPPORT THAT OFFER BY CONTRIBUTING ONCE MORE TO THE FUND? Any amount large or small would be very welcome. The more who contribute the sooner it will be cleared. With the debt cleared the Club will have secured a major asset and be able to better address a host of other challenges for future development. PLEASE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO HELPING TO ACHIEVE OUR NEW TARGET BY:

- **Personal donation** - Large or small, every penny will help.
- **Company donations/support** – Do you work for a company who may be able to contribute? Can you approach your employer to see if any corporate charitable donation could be made? Or, if you own a business, is there an opportunity to reduce your end of the year tax bill through making a donation?
- **Fund raising activities** – can you come up with any additional fundraising activities or events specifically for the Golf Club RFA.

**When donating**, cheques should be made out to NEWBURGH GOLF CLUB RFA .

**SEND DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB MANAGER, SHONA REID, AT THE GOLF CLUB OFFICE**

Any donations should be clearly marked for the RFA and include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the amount donated.

**OR, IF PAYING DIRECT TO THE BANK**
- Account Sort Code 82-63-10
- Account Number 20151836

**THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP THAT YOU CAN GIVE.**

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QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 10TH JUNE at 7.30pm.

BINGO NIGHT SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 7.30pm. (Come and enjoy! But always check noticeboard or phone the office/or bar in case of any changes.)

CAPTAIN V CLUB MANAGER EVENT This replaces the traditional January event and will be held on SUNDAY, 10th July (Shotgun Start at 9.30am).

Any requests for items in the JULY NEWSLETTER please send to Don Hawthorn (donhawthorn@btinternet.com) by MONDAY 27TH JUNE
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