

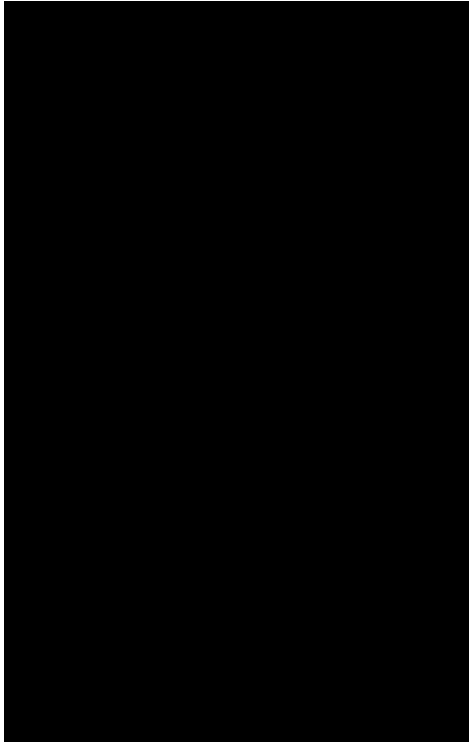
Spean Bridge Golf Club SCIO

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For the Year Ended 31st October 2024

Spean Bridge Golf Club

Officers / Trustees



Spean Bridge Golf Club SCIO – Annual Report 2025

President's report

I'm starting my report with the sad news of long time member, [REDACTED], who died recently. [REDACTED] was a very keen player who consistently turned out at the ladies section competitions. I'd like to extend the sympathies of the club to [REDACTED] family and friends.

I feel the last year that the club has kept improving and the members are receiving value for money. We've committed ourselves to invest in new equipment this year and hopefully will make gains on course condition. We've got improvements planned for this year; specifically new tees at numbers 2 and 8. I'm hoping our new greens mower will show early gains and enhance the condition of our greens throughout the season.

I'm hoping to see more people taking part in club competitions and would encourage everyone to try and get an official handicap as well as come along and see if you enjoy competition golf. It would also be great to see some younger members and junior golfers become involved with the club. We could, as a club, put more effort into encouraging that involvement.

I'll finish my report with noting that all members owe a debt of gratitude to those who give their time in maintaining the course and those who do all the administrative work of the club. The club would literally fold without the voluntary work of several members who give their time and energy in keeping our club going.

Secretary's Report

Membership currently stands at 128 members compared with 131 for the same time last year. The make up of the membership is

95 Regular adults

15 – 18 to 25 category

15 Juniors

8 winter members – which hopefully we can convert to full members this year

5 Sponsorship memberships

Approximately 6 members this year were from the Strabag workers camp. As the camp is now winding down these members are unlikely to rejoin this year. While our membership levels are satisfactory, to help keep sub rates down, we need to work hard to encourage new members to join us. The committee will be doing their best to

promote our club and I would ask that all our members do their part in attracting new folks to join up.

As you will have seen from the treasurer's report, our finances for the past year have shown a healthy profit. However as mentioned in my recent email to all members, we are facing a number of additional costs this year, the most significant being the hire/purchase of a new greens machine. We are also looking at above inflation costs on Scottish Golf Subscriptions, fuel, electricity, gas and insurance costs. For this reason the committee are proposing a 9.5% increase in membership subscription rates.

On the golfing front, our members have once again put Spean Bridge Golf Club on the map. At a team level the ladies magnificently defended the Interclub cup and the gents brought home the Highlander cup for the first time in 5 years. Individually, a huge congratulations to our president for coming second in Scottish Nationals Medal Final having qualified for the event alongside the Captain and the [REDACTED] after all 3 put in a great display in the regional finals.

At a club competition level congratulations to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] – our club champions this year, and to everyone who won an event this year.

Competition participation over the last year has declined slightly compared to recent years. I would encourage everyone in the club to come along and enjoy some competitive golf and also the enjoy the craic at the nineteenth hole.

Turning to the course, I would once again like to thank [REDACTED] for the outstanding work he has done over the past year. As usual, he has gone way beyond our expectations and the feedback from visitors and members alike is always very complementary. This year we are planning to remodel the second tee, fill in the 5th bunker and level the 8th tee. We would welcome the help of any of members to assist in these activities.

At the clubhouse, you will have noticed that we have replaced the decking last year. I would also like to thank [REDACTED] for overseeing this project and for taking on the clubhouse convenor role and keeping the place clean and tidy.

Fund raising for the club has become an increasingly important part of our income over the past few years. This year we brought in over £4.5K with activities including the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] hosting events for Lochaber rugby and shinty clubs, and also the 4 ball auction. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise and support these events and also for the kind donations from the rugby and shinty clubs and from the prize winners of the [REDACTED] who generously donated their winnings back to the club. Also, huge appreciation to the [REDACTED] for making [REDACTED] the highlight of the year once again and for their very kind donation from the raffle.

As many of you will know, [REDACTED], a former member of the club, announced recently he is suffering from Motor Neurone Disease and incredibly, he has launched

himself into fund raising to support families facing the same challenges that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are facing today. I know that many of you are already donating to his charity events but to do our part as a club we will be holding a 72 hole challenge day in July. We are just about to start planning for the event and would invite anyone who wishes to join the organising committee to get in touch. I hope you all will be able to dig dip and sponsors the teams that will be taking part.

In an attempt to improve our profile and to make visitors more aware that we are here, we have joined a marketing group known as Golf Highland. We hope that the additional exposure will help to increase our visitor/green fee revenue and hopefully land a few more members as well. The group is looking at a number of initiatives including arrangements for preferential green fee rates for members from participating clubs. In addition I am looking to formalise reduced rate agreements with some out local clubs (Dragon's Tooth, Fort William, Traigh, Fort Augustus). I will keep you informed of developments and associated opportunities.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of management committee for their help and support throughout the year.

Seniors Report

The senior section continues to flourish throughout last year with good turnouts most weeks.

Congratulations to [REDACTED] who ran away with the Senior League competition and to [REDACTED] who won the senior medal final. Also to [REDACTED] who yet again took away the JP Mainardi cup from our senior away day at Muir or Ord.

The senior funds currently stand at £410, so once again we are looking forward to a heavily subsidised away day.

Throughout the winter we have experimented with giving our players the opportunity to play either the yellow or the red tees. This has proved very successful, and it offers the opportunities for some of our players, who struggle with carries off some yellow tees, to participate and be competitive. We will continue with this arrangement throughout 2025

Ladies Section Report

Spean Bridge ladies enjoyed a good season last year, most competitions were played either on the Saturday or the alternative day, being Thursday. We feel this encourages more to play having an alternative day and therefore will continue with this for the 2025 season. We appreciate all the work [REDACTED] has done on the course, are pleased with the new tees but not sure we'll be happy with the bunkers back in play once Kenny's underling gets his hands on them.

Three of our ladies, [REDACTED] qualified for the Scottish Medal Final North which was held at Grantown on Spey, unfortunately none of us managed to qualify for the final in 2024. We would, however, like to congratulate the three men, [REDACTED] who all qualified and delighted that [REDACTED] was in the top three for the whole of Scotland. A great representation for Spean Bridge Golf Club. This year we have [REDACTED] qualifying and playing at Hamilton in June and wish [REDACTED] good luck for representing the men this year.

Spean Bridge ladies joined Fort William and Traigh for the annual Interclub which was held at Traigh in June and once more Spean Bridge ladies defended the Silver tray. This year it is to be held in Spean Bridge and we hope once more to retain it. We will also be awarding the Heather Simpson trophy to the best individual stableford score and will invite Heather's family to present the this. We would like to congratulate Janice who won it in 2024.

Our Monday evening competitions were well supported and while these are mostly fun nights of golf, it was good to have some of these qualifying for our handicaps. The new trophy in memory of Jean Kennedy was awarded to [REDACTED] a who won the Monday night 9 hole competitions, she later met up with [REDACTED], and was presented with the trophy.

For the first time the ladies competed in the Club outing which was held at Dunkeld Golf Club in May. We all thoroughly enjoyed the course, weather was amazing as was the company. Congratulations to Gina who won on the day. Some of the ladies and a few of the gents enjoyed a stay the previous night in Dunkeld. We look forward to playing again in 2025 at the Club outing with the possibility of us having a night away again.

Ladies 18 hole competitions, played on Saturdays at 8.30am or alternatively on Thursdays, were all attended bar one Medal Comp in July. For the 2025 season we have decided to add in a 6th round to the competitions as we found finishing at the end of August/beginning of September was too early and hope that this will be a success. As mentioned we will also carry on with the alternative night to encourage more ladies to play. We all look forward to the events of the coming season, both on and off the course.

We hope that we manage to encourage more ladies for the 2025 season. We are delighted to welcome [REDACTED] who joined us at the beginning of August 2024 and hope to get many more games played with her and all others lady members.

Just leaves me to say a big thank you to [REDACTED] our Club Secretary for all the work behind the scenes and continuing to be our club secretary, there is a lot of work that goes on that a lot of members don't know about and we really do appreciate all of [REDACTED] work.

Spean Bridge Golf Club SCIO

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees on the unaudited accounts of Spean Bridge Golf Club SCIO

I report on the accounts of Spean Bridge Golf Club SCIO for the year ended 31st October 2024 set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

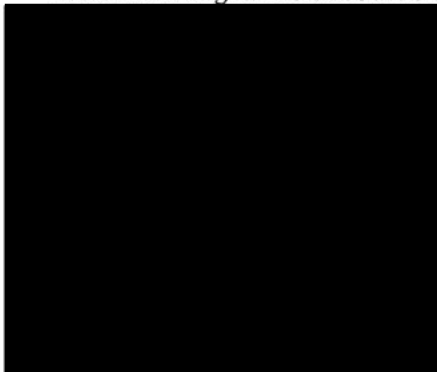
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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: -28th May 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Year to 31st October 2024		Total funds	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations - General	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
Receipts from fundraising activities	4,724.06	0.00	4,724.06	5,001.30
Gross Trading Receipts	8,505.36	0.00	8,505.36	9,463.71
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	19,607.14	0.00	19,607.14	18,616.62
Competition Fees	865.00	0.00	865.00	305.00
Total receipts	33,701.56	0.00	33,701.56	33,936.63
Payments				
Course Maintenance	17,626.94	0.00	17,626.94	13,089.37
Club Administration	1,836.23	0.00	1,836.23	1,407.51
Golf Unions	1,926.00	0.00	1,926.00	1,867.60
Logo Items	426.08	0.00	426.08	1,466.39
Heat & Light	3,091.47	0.00	3,091.47	941.82
Repairs & Renewals	2,968.70	0.00	2,968.70	1,423.62
Equipment fuel	747.48	0.00	747.48	497.18
Printing & Stationery	77.15	0.00	77.15	48.93
Prizes & Trophies	830.42	0.00	830.42	1,126.47
Rent, Rates & Insurance	1,853.94	0.00	1,853.94	1,609.33
Sundry	77.25	0.00	77.25	76.10
Governance costs				
Audit/independent examination	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	31,461.66	0.00	31,461.66	23,554.32
Net receipts/(payments)	2,239.90	0.00	2,239.90	10,382.31
Opening Bank Balance	£31,498.63	£0.00	£31,498.63	£21,116.32
Closing Bank Balance	£33,738.53	£0.00	£33,738.53	£31,498.63
Represented By				
Old Current Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New SCIO Current Account	33,738.53	0.00	33,738.53	31,498.63
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	£33,738.53	£0.00	£33,738.53	£31,498.63

Note - Course maintenance includes £17,626.94 paid to K Dalziel for greenkeeping

	Cost	Current Value	2023
Fixed Assets - Unrestricted Funds			
Club House	179,617.00	179,617.00	179,617.00
Scarifier	8,400.00	5,040.00	5,880.00
Triple Mower	5,400.00	-	320.00
Gang Mowers	7,200.00	74.00	887.00
	£ 200,617.00	£ 184,731.00	£ 186,704.00

Signed on Behalf of All Trustees:

Print Name