

**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

(By Guarantee)

Company Number 029688 (Scotland)

Registered Office:

36 Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian

**Annual Report  
and Accounts**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

**Captain**

D L Turner

**Vice Captain**

G L Lothian

**Hon Secretary**

J G White

**Hon Treasurer**

I D Armstrong

**Greens Convener**

R T Watson

**House Convener**

T D Forrest

D S Brown

F Devlin

**Fixtures Convener**

K Devlin

A MacGregor

M Di Duca

**Junior Convener**

S R Bruce

N Smith

R Fisher

**THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the club will be held in the Clubhouse on Thursday, 8 April 1999 at 8.00 pm.

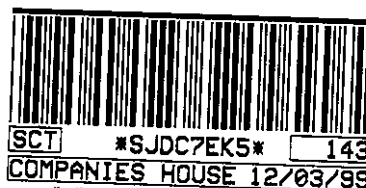
**AGENDA**

- 1 Notice of Meeting
- 2 Minute of the Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting held on 2 April 1998
- 3 Minute of Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on 12 November 1998
- 4 Report of Council (appended)
- 5 Accounts for the year to 31 December 1998
- 8 Election of Captain and Officials
- 9 Election of Council
- 10 Appointment of Auditors
- 11 AOCB

J G White  
Secretary

Bonnyrigg

5 March 1999



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**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**  
**REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS**

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The directors present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1998.

**Captain's Report**

I would consider that last year was a successful year in the history of Broomieknowe Golf Club. Apart from the weather which was amongst the wettest in living memory, it was a year during which the golf course was at its best for a long time. The quality and definition of the fairways was excellent and we received many compliments from visitors, guests - even some members, about the superb condition of the course. This was in no small way due to the attentions of the Greens Convener and the greenkeeping staff. I have no doubts too that the volume of rain that fell contributed to the lush growth of grass on the fairways and rough. That feature however also negatively affected the course in terms of drainage, especially of the "bottom" course when for the first time in many years, the course was partly or wholly closed due to excess water. Whilst we will monitor this very carefully over the coming year, it is little compensation to learn that many neighbouring courses were closed longer or had to take severe measures to deal with flooding or excess water. One interim measure that we may take to alleviate the surface water is to sand slit the fairways to channel that water into the drainage systems. The Greens Convener is in close contact with Glendinnings the drainage experts about this aspect.

We welcome our new bar steward Paul Manson and his partner Louise Swinden who replaced John and Marianne Cleary. I am pleased to say that the quality of the catering is excellent as evidenced by the increased members savouring the refurbished dining room and new menus. I hope you will take advantage of these at some stage during the coming year.

Again, I am indebted to the employees of the club for their sterling efforts throughout the year. This ranges from the cleaners to the bar staff, greenkeepers, handyman and the club professional and his assistants. Incidentally, Mark's length of service at Broomieknowe has reached twenty years. That is a considerable period of time for a club professional to be at one club. Avril Mitchell has continued in an exemplary manner with the club administrator's role and eases the burdens on council by her efforts.

As last year, it has been a relatively barren year for Summer and Winter league teams although we won the Inter Club Competition. In fact the Winter League was cancelled this year because so few clubs were able to fulfil fixtures and a huge backlog developed which was unable to be cleared before the start of the summer league. My thanks to those players who make themselves available for selection to represent the club. At junior level, after two or three good seasons in the Lothian competitions, we now find a dearth of older juniors to represent the club as the average age appears to be in the early teens. We therefore are concentrating on organising coaching and rule sessions for them as it may be a few years before we have a competitive junior team.

The championship was won again by Ross Thomson for the second successive year. It will be nice to see if he can have a run of victories like Kevin Hastings had a few years ago or if the competition is going to throw up some new contenders in coming years because Ross McAlpine and Colin Renton have been close recently.

Council is considering a business plan to take account of longer term developments that we will face in the coming years. Whilst we have a fairly good record concerning the clubhouse and changing rooms, steward's flat, greenkeeper's house and sheds, we need to think carefully about other issues like land, professional's shop, refurbishment of lounge and possible extension of clubhouse, toilet facilities on the course, etc.

I am sad to report the deaths of the following members: Mr D Allan, Mr G Bingham, Mr D Birrel, Mr J Cowe, Mrs J Dunlop, Mr T Ferguson, Mr R Ross, Mr J Ritchie, Mr A Smail, Mr J Smith, Mr D Thomson and recently Mr R Robertson.

Finally, I would like to thank Council Members for their unstinting efforts in the past year. Their support has been invaluable and I am grateful for the long hours that they spend on the club business. By rotation Maurice Di Duca steps down and two other council members have resigned in order to comply with the Articles of Association which stipulate that one third of council members must retire each year.

**House Convener's Report**

Refurbishment of the kitchen, store room, staff WC and the Steward's flat were carried out in the spring time. The dining room was also completely refurbished during the summer. The latter, together with the excellent catering service now being provided by Paul and Louise has become very popular with members and visitors to the club. Entertainment events and the Theme Nights have been fairly buoyed by excellent support from the regulars. My thanks to those members who have supported the above but please spread the word that there is always room for a few more! Bar sales have not improved much in recent years. This of course is mainly due to the drink drive laws. However, there are always plenty soft drinks available if you wish to have a chat after your round of golf and get to know your fellow members. Bar vouchers can be used for drinks or food in the dining room or lounge so don't be shy! The large screen television has been very popular for major sporting events and this may be extended to golf videos in future covering rules, instruction and history of the game.

The replacement of the Professional's shop is one issue currently being reviewed by a Development Subcommittee. The Shop could become an integral part of the clubhouse as part of any redevelopment of the clubhouse facilities. My thanks to Paul, Louise, Vicki, Lisa, Mandy and all the clubhouse staff for tending to our needs throughout the last year and providing the level of service that Broomieknowe deserves.

We are trying to encourage members and their guests to use the clubhouse more and create the spirit and a camaraderie of a modern day Broomieknowe Golf Club.

**Green Convener's Report**

Another very wet winter (1997/98). The course has stood up well and it would be fair to say that it was in a reasonable condition at the start of the season. The wet weather continued throughout the summer (probably one of the wettest on record). However, this did not affect the fixture card.

One problem encountered was some poor cutting of the fairways - this was due to a problem with the gang mowers after they had been returned from service. Scottish Grass Machinery have been unable to solve the problem. During this period we had a "Toro" fairway machine on demonstration. This proved a success and as a result we have purchased a new machine for the coming season. The greens, I feel, were in good condition throughout the season although they played rather slowly. They will be quicker in the coming season. Although not intended, the greens were verti-drained in October following the very wet conditions. With hindsight this was the correct decision. Again, due to the adverse weather conditions, the lower part of the course was unplayable for most of November, December and January reducing the course to 13 holes. We shall monitor the situation and it may be necessary to do some additional drainage work if the problem persists.

The winter programme has been severely disrupted because of the weather but every effort will be made to complete some of the tasks. As a result of the high winds several trees were damaged and uprooted. If the weather is kind during the season I am confident the course will be in good condition. Most of the scars from two years ago have now recovered and the course continues to improve.

Repairing pitch marks, replacing divots and raking bunkers still remains a problem. This matter can only be remedied by individual members.

**Junior Convener's Report**

Last season was a changeover period for the juniors due to the fact that we lost four of our previous Lothian's winning team to the senior section. That said, it gave us a chance to blood new youngsters in the team and Neil Marc, Bobby Avent, Ryan Beck, Scott Bennett and Scott McCardle all made their debuts. The team did very well to reach the quarter finals of the Lothians, thanks to two excellent wins of 4/3 in our last two qualifying matches against Craigmillar Park and Musselburgh.

**Junior Convener's Report (Continued)**

We have the basis of last year's team for this season and we are hoping to go two stages better than last year. The Junior Championship was won by Steven Morgan who defeated Neil Marc by 3 and 2 in the final. This was a very exciting final as Steven was 5 up after 18 holes and Neil managed to get back to all square by the 11th in the afternoon. However, Steven's experience pulled him through in the end. Ross Hunter won the handicap Order of Merit and Ross Gaylor won the scratch Order of Merit. Coaching sessions have started for the Juniors under the tutelage of Mark Patchett and we are hoping for a much larger participation this season, under the new captaincy of Ross Hunter.

**Fixture Convener's Report**

Despite the wettest summer for some considerable time, the Fixtures calendar escaped almost unscathed with only the October Medal not actually played on the scheduled date. The first competition of the year, the Club Greensomes, set the tone for the season as the earlier starters played in heavy rain and the event narrowly escaped being abandoned.

Some of the more senior members made a flying start to the season with John Porter and John Watson winning the Winter Foursomes; Joe McDermott claiming the T G R Allan Trophy for the Stableford and also the best scratch prize in the Seniors' Open. However, youth came to the fore in the form of Colin Renton who carded a net 65 in winning the Pine Valley Quaich in the Spring Competition. The Championship Qualifying Competition, the Galloway Trophy, was again won by Kevin Hastings with a 36 hole total of 144, following a terrific 67 in the second round, the best scratch score of the season.

The Championship itself looked like falling prey to the consistently wet weather with the first evening's play only being given the go-ahead at 4.00pm after the last of the puddles had been cleared from the 16th green. A great deal of credit for this must go to Hamish and his greens staff for their hard work during the entire day in torrential rain, re-cutting the holes and clearing the greens of water in order that play would have a chance of proceeding. Thankfully, their efforts were rewarded. Fortunately, the weather improved steadily over the week to allow the matches to be completed on time and the finals were played in warm sunshine. Once again, Ross Thomson had to play extremely well to clinch his second consecutive Championship this time overcoming Ken Smith in a close and exciting final. George Bee, Ricky Morrison and Ian Rogan were the Champions in the Seniors "B" Class and "C" Class defeating David Kirkwood, George Gibson and Nicky Orr respectively.

The Broomieknowe Handicap Open was again won by one of our own members, Greg Hamilton while Charlie Oliver scored an away success in winning the Raymond Smart Trophy at Newbattle. The summer knockout competitions again gave hope to the over 40s with Jim Wilson taking the Singles title, defeating, Denis Donn in the final and Bobby Johnstone and Brian Rae overcoming the considerable experience of John Fisher and Tom McNeill to win the Foursomes.

During the winter season, it was decided to experiment with a fun competition every month. The first of the competitions, the Tri-Am, was played in the now all too familiar pouring rain. However, despite the weather, there was a healthy entry and we can only hope that the remaining competitions will be played under better conditions.

Surely the weather must be better this year!

# **BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

## **REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS (Continued)**

### **Match Secretary's Report**

Broomieknowe did not do well in either the 1997/98 Winter League or the 1998 Summer League. Most of the results were very close but always going against the team over the closing holes. We also lost a few matches at home which proves to be a handicap against mounting a challenge for winning the leagues. Broomieknowe would, however, thank those players who took part in both leagues for giving up their time to compete.

The Midlothian Inter Club played over Newbattle Golf Club at the end of March proved to be a success beating Glencorse in the final. Our congratulations go to Kevin Hastings partnered by Ian Watson and Alan McIntosh and Kenneth Smith for representing Broomieknowe Golf Club so well. The golf played by the team was indeed of a very high standard and great to watch.

The Lothians Team Tournament was also a success and although not winning, Broomieknowe recorded four low scores over West Lothian and Liberton Golf Courses, finishing a creditable fifth. Well done to Kevin Hastings and Stuart Gibson who played over the longer Murrayfield Golf Course and Ross Thomson with Kenneth Smith playing the trickier Liberton course.

### **Members of Council - Attendance**

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Possible</i>
Mr D L Turner	11	11
Mr J G White	9	11
Mr I D Armstrong	10	11
Mr R T Watson	10	11
Mr G L Lothian	11	11
Mr M Di Duca	8	11
Mr S Bruce	9	11
Mr K Devlin	10	11
Mr N Smith	10	11
Mr D Brown	6	11
Mr J Oliver	2	3
Mr R Beattie	3	3
Mr J Hamilton	2	3
Mr R Fisher	6	8
Mr T D Forrest	6	8
Mr A MacGregor	6	8
Mr F Devlin	7	8

# **BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

## **REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS (Continued)**

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### **Accounts**

Company law requires the Directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

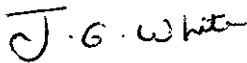
### **Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Small Company Exemptions**

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the Directors



**J G White**  
Honorary Secretary

5 March 1999

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**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS****TO THE MEMBERS OF BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

We have audited the accounts on page 7 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

**Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors**

As described on page 4 the company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1998 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



GEOGHEGAN & CO

Chartered Accountants and  
Registered Auditors

5 March 1999

**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
for the year ended 31 December 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
<b>Turnover</b>	2	397,309	388,463
Operating expenditure		<u>(339,075)</u>	<u>(317,794)</u>
		58,234	70,669
Administrative expenditure		<u>(63,734)</u>	<u>(51,403)</u>
Operating (deficit)/surplus	3	(5,500)	<u>19,266</u>
Other income		15,636	12,113
(Loss) on disposal of fixed assets		<u>(5,185)</u>	<u>(3,455)</u>
		<u>10,451</u>	<u>8,658</u>
Surplus before taxation		4,951	27,924
Corporation tax on interest received		<u>(1,972)</u>	<u>(1,314)</u>
Surplus for year		<u>£ 2,979</u>	<u>£ 26,610</u>

There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the above income and expenditure account.



**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET**

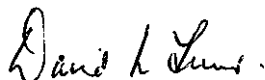
As at 31 December 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	406,958	<u>413,155</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	5	8,952	7,352
Debtors		7,380	7,641
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>131,599</u>	<u>150,364</u>
		147,931	<u>165,357</u>
<b>Creditors: due within one year</b>			
Bank loan	6	8,100	7,000
Trade creditors		10,569	7,812
Corporation tax		94	108
Other taxes and social security costs		4,745	3,287
Accruals		3,923	2,730
Subscriptions received in advance		<u>16,400</u>	<u>41,297</u>
		(43,831)	<u>(62,234)</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		511,058	<u>516,278</u>
<b>Creditors: due after more than one year</b>			
Bank loan	6	1,090	10,289
Debenture loans		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
		(1,100)	<u>(10,299)</u>
<b>Deferred Income</b>			
Entry fee deposits		(17,985)	<u>(16,985)</u>
		<u>£ 491,973</u>	<u>£ 488,994</u>
<b>Special Reserve</b>		59,513	<u>59,513</u>
<b>Revenue Reserve</b>			
At beginning of the year		429,481	402,871
Surplus for year		<u>2,979</u>	<u>26,610</u>
At end of the year		432,460	<u>429,481</u>
		<u>£ 491,973</u>	<u>£ 488,994</u>

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985, on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

Approved by the Board on 5 March 1999.

D L Turner  
Captain



**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 December 1998

**1 Accounting Policies*****Basis of Accounting***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	50 years
Clubhouse furnishings	5 - 10 years
Course equipment	7 years
Irrigation system	15 years

***Stock***

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

***Pension Scheme***

The Club operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

**2 Turnover**

Turnover represents the gross income of the Club exclusive of value added tax.

**3 Operating (Deficit)/Surplus**

	1998	1997
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration	1,600	1,600
Depreciation	<u>38,937</u>	<u>35,458</u>

**4 Fixed Assets**

	Land & Buildings	Clubhouse Furnishings	Course Equipment	Total
<b><i>Cost</i></b>				
At 1 January 1998	360,838	118,805	195,744	675,387
Additions	8,578	9,814	27,368	45,760
Disposals	-	-	(20,935)	(20,935)
At 31 December 1998	<u>369,416</u>	<u>128,619</u>	<u>202,177</u>	<u>700,212</u>
<b><i>Depreciation</i></b>				
At 1 January 1998	44,745	99,403	118,084	262,232
Charge for year	5,302	8,826	24,809	38,937
Disposals	-	-	(7,915)	(7,915)
At 31 December 1998	<u>50,047</u>	<u>108,229</u>	<u>134,978</u>	<u>293,254</u>
<b><i>Net Book Value</i></b>				
At 31 December 1998	<u>£ 319,369</u>	<u>£ 20,390</u>	<u>£ 67,199</u>	<u>£ 406,958</u>
At 1 January 1998	<u>£ 316,093</u>	<u>£ 19,402</u>	<u>£ 77,660</u>	<u>£ 413,155</u>

**BROOMIEKNOWE GOLF CLUB LIMITED****NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**

for the year ended 31 December 1998

5	Stock	1998 £	1997 £
	Bar	7,952	6,236
	Badges and ties	1,000	1,116
		<u>£ 8,952</u>	<u>£ 7,352</u>

**6 Bank Loan**

The Bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments ending in the year 2000. Interest is charged at base rate plus 2%. The loan is secured by a fixed charge on the Club's land and buildings.

**7 Pension Commitments**

The Club operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately in an independently administered fund.

**8 Capital Commitments**

Amounts authorised by the Directors but not contracted for amounted to £Nil (1997: £20,000). There are no other capital commitments.