

Sitting just outside the village, Thornhill Golf Club is a gem not to be missed for any keen golfer. Established in 1893 as a 9-hole course it was extended to an 18-hole course in 1979.

With the coronavirus pandemic in that last couple of years, the golf course has been seen as the happy place for many people, or even just another excuse to get out of the house, and as many of you know, when you get the golf bug, there is no going back! This has led to an increase in members by around a third in the last 3 years. The pandemic also caused a huge disruption to open competitions, but hopefully with all the restrictions on the way out, we will get a full calendar year of golf this year with no trouble.¹



On the 9th of April, Open Day took place with all 4 captains driving into office – 4 pretty good drives if I was to say so myself. With a Greensomes format, there was some pretty good scores on a day that had all 4 seasons in one. I would like to take this moment to wish the captains the best of luck for the year ahead.



Blacknest catering is now open again for the season so when you are up for a game of golf, pop in to say hello or even for a meal – you will certainly not be disappointed. Kerry and her team work very hard to ensure every meal that is produced is to the highest standard.

The open times for this season are as follows –

Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 3

Thursday 10 – 8

Friday/Saturday 10 – 10

Sunday 10 – 8

Please be aware the kitchen times are different to bar times.

¹ [Open Golf Competitions Dumfries and Galloway \(thornhillgolfclub.co.uk\)](http://thornhillgolfclub.co.uk)

The Leagues are now back underway, and I would like to wish the best of luck to the Men, Seniors and the Junior team, with games most Monday nights for the foreseeable. Below is a picture of the Junior League team Jumper – Many thanks to the Buccleuch Estate.



On the talk of competitive golf, more and more opens and club competitions are starting to take place, and I would encourage anyone, if possible, to play if they can. Thornhill is the host of this year's men's Dumfriesshire Open, and it takes place on Sunday the 12th of June, with the top 16 after the 36 hole competition advancing to the match play, also at Thornhill, the following weekend.

Best Wishes and Happy Golfing, Sam.