

THE
MERCHISTONIAN
CLUB



Dear Fellow Merchistonian,

We are now at the start of a new year and all the expectations that this brings; lighter evenings, spring, warmer days and the return to golf courses. You can anticipate all of these and a new, exciting fixture list from our Secretary, Robert Forman!

This year's big change is moving the Autumn Meeting to Edinburgh using a "Shotgun" format, which eliminates hanging around after golf and before dinner. The Meeting will now be held at Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society. Elie and the staff have been extremely good to us for many years, but with its lack of accommodation and a growing demand from younger members, I hope this new venue will encourage a bigger turnout for both the golf and the dinner.

Trials are underway now to select the strongest team to return south in April to defend last years' superb victory at the Halford Hewitt. You will hear at a later date more about our attempts to raise funds to support this important event. Merchiston's aim must always be to send down the best team possible and not just those who can afford to play.

This leads me on to the Golf Academy, which currently has 21 boys and is in its 4th year under Alan Murdoch. In 2014 they won the ISGA Matchplay Finals, which has qualified them to compete and represent Scotland in the 2015 Home Internationals to be played at Celtic Manor in March. Last year, they were ranked the No.1 golf school in Scotland and ranked the No.4 golf school in the UK.

I do hope you all have a successful summer on the golf course and plenty of fun.

Yours from the rough,

Sandy Corstorphine