

Holt Shield

Honorary Secretary's 2020 Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Holt Shield committee made the decision to cancel the 2020 Holt Shield. In hindsight this was absolutely the correct decision although at the time it was with regret that the committee unanimously agreed not to contest the 2020 competition.

Due to this cancellation and the general inactivity throughout the year Ian McNaught agreed to serve a further year as Chairman. The committee are delighted with this decision and are grateful to Ian for agreeing to be Chairman for 2021. Darryl Flannagan will continue as Honorary Treasurer and Tony Campbell as Honorary Secretary.

Because of the continued surge of the Covid-19 virus it was decided to cancel the 2021 AGM. The 2020 Honorary Secretary's annual report and the Statement of Accounts have been posted on the Holt Shield website.

The 2020 George Stuart Memorial was due to be played at Scrabo but this also had to be cancelled. Scrabo have kindly agreed to host the 2021 event which is scheduled for Friday 30th July, tee-off from 1.00pm. As usual details are on the website and entry can be accessed by contacting a committee member. Please confirm your interest early so arrangements can proceed with Scrabo.

Currently it is intended to run the 2021 Holt Shield and the 2020 entries will be automatically carried over. Fortwilliam and Colin Valley are currently on the waiting list and should there be any withdrawals these clubs will be invited into the competition.

Due to the introduction of the World Handicap System and the ongoing impact of Covid-19 inevitable changes will have to be made to the 2021 competition. When these changes have been discussed and finalised by the Holt Shield committee full details will be posted on the website. It is anticipated that participating clubs will be in agreement with these necessary alternations to the competition. These decisions will of course be reviewed and discussed fully at the 2022 AGM.

2020 has been an extremely difficult and dangerous time. Hopefully the vaccine will offer hope and protection allowing a return to normality in 2021. May I thank the Holt Shield committee for their continued support during these challenging times. Can I also wish all participating clubs and players a brighter and safer 2021 and for their continued support of the Holt Shield.

Tony Campbell
(Hon. Secretary)