

# Ross Priory Club University of Strathclyde



# Newsletter



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# WATERSPORTS

Early April saw the Watersports section (Ross Priory Boat Club) get together for a big tidy up, which proved a very successful and productive day out for all involved.

Not only is our Watersports section a wonderful option for those members who wish to berth their boats at Ross Priory, it is also fantastic for those who wish to launch their boats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards.

There is even a launch vehicle, newly acquired. Available at a small fee to those who don't have their own towing facilities, this is an excellent addition to the Boat Club.

This tidy up, saw the container being cleared and reorganised to make way for suitable storage and the means to carry out repairs. It also saw some boats and trailers swapped around, to free up more space for additional berths.

Following last year's difficulties and delay with the installation of the pontoon, the Watersports section has progressed alternative arrangements this year which saw the pontoon go in the water as planned at the beginning of the Easter holidays. This fell very nicely alongside a lovely period of spring weather, allowing our members to get out on the loch and take full advantage of the weather and the facilities.

Any members interested to know more about the Watersports at Ross Priory, whether that be the launch facilities, berthing, storage or to express interest in making use of the towing vehicle please get in touch with Alastair for further details.











## STAFF UPDATE

In line with the University's people-oriented values, providing opportunities and investing in development, we were delighted that our extensive search for the right candidate led to the internal appointment of Chef de Partie Daniel Walker to his new role of Sous Chef. We look forward to what Daniel will bring to the plate (metaphorically and literally) over this next stage of his career.

See photo here of Daniel in April 2025 at TUCO (The University Caterer's Organisation Ltd.) Chef's Challenge in Warwick, where he competed in Best of British category alongside colleagues from the John Anderson Campus team.

The house has also welcomed recently some new operational team members to support the service we offer to club members and to our events. Please join us in welcoming both Oreste as our new handyman and Molly who has joined our housekeeping team. While both are working behind the scenes in the most part, members will see these new faces occasionally, as they go about their duties.



# OUR WEB PAGE

www.strath.ac.uk/rosspriory

#### Fancy competing in medals and competitions?

www.Facebook.com/RossPriorv

RPGC (the Club's Golf Section) is always happy to welcome new players, whether that's to play in the medals and competitions or to improve your handicap. If interested <u>contact Dave Currie</u> for more details.

#### How about finding a playing partner?

A number of our lady golfers in particular have expressed an interest to find a group of others of similar ability who might like to play a round or two together. If anyone would like to find out more, not specifically just the ladies, please <u>message</u> us and we'll aim to put you in touch with one another.



## **GOLF CHAMPIONS**

Following on from their victory last year in the Dunbartonshire Golf Union team competition, our winners were presented with the trophy at the annual dinner, which took place at the Clydebank and District Golf Club on Friday 11th April.

Here we have two of our worthy winners, Stuart McKay and Colin Rees, sporting their University of Strathclyde ties, as presented with the trophy from the DGU President, Jim Devaney.

### **GROUNDS AND GARDENS**

It has been an eventful few months for our grounds and gardens.

As members will be aware from the various emails and Facebook updates, the grounds and gardens suffered some serious issues following Storm Éowyn in January and it took a number of weeks for our Head Gardener, Tony and his team to make everything safe in the first instance and then return the estate to its usual beauty. Power was lost initially and the driveway blocked, with trees uprooted and destroyed. The team put in an amazing effort to get the golf course, boat access and finally the gardens open for members.



The gardens are now looking quite stunning! All in perfect time for this year's Scotland's Gardens Scheme Open Day on Sunday 18th May.

In addition, new gravel has been added to the car park and at the front of the house, new fencing around the cottage garden.







Sunday 18th May Scotland's Garden Scheme Open Day

Sunday 15th June Father's Day

Friday 18th — Monday 21st July Glasgow Fair Holiday, Ross Priory open as normal

#### HERB GARDEN

#### WHISKY MINIATURES

In the spirit of the University's value of 'collaboration' our estates team now grows a wonderful variety of fresh herbs for our chefs to use in the kitchen - from the garden to your plate!





Back by popular demand, we have a new stock of our Ross Priory whisky miniatures.

Ideal as a little memento of your visit or for an individual gift for a friend, these can be purchased at the bar for £6 per miniature.

They are also available in larger numbers for favours at a wedding or to include in a conference pack



