

Interview with Pamela Pretswell on 17 May 2010.

Questions asked by Jim Callaghan, General Manager

Q: I read that you played tennis at Wimbledon when you were 12?

PP: Yes, I was in the Great Britain team and played in a demonstration match at Wimbledon.

Q: So what made you move from tennis to golf?

PP: I don't play tennis anymore. I started when I was 5yrs of age and then stopped enjoying it as it had to be full time tennis and my education would have taken a back seat. I decided to move to something else and I went to the golf driving range and started hitting a few balls and decided golf was the sport for me.

Q: I know you live in Hamilton so what made you choose Bothwell Castle Golf Club?

PP: I used to live in Carlisle before I started school and so played there before we moved to Hamilton and then attended a Lanarkshire junior coaching day with Alan McCloskey. My father then approached Fiona Scott to see how easy it would be for me to get a junior membership at BCGC and Fiona got me the application form that was back in 2004, so it's all her fault.

Q: What's your favourite course?

PP: Royal Aberdeen, the British Tour played there last year

Q: Is that because you played well there or because you like the course?

PP: I just like the course.

Q: Have you been out to America before?

PP: Yes, just once to Florida on a family holiday

Q: Where were you when you found out you had been selected for the team?

PP: It was announced on the internet as a press release at 2.00pm who was picked for the team rather than us being contacted individually.

Q: So the squad weren't all together and told before it was published for everyone to see on the internet?

PP: No, we had to look it up on the internet. Perhaps it was to stop the girls fighting (joke)

Q: I assume you are excited to be in the team?

PP: Yes, very excited. I wasn't sure whether I would be in it to be honest because I haven't played as much as everyone else this year because of university. But last year's wins were included and we won the Vagliano Trophy; 6 of the 8 in the team played in the Vagliano.

Q: So what is your schedule in the run up to the Curtis Cup?

PP: We go to America on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and have 1½weeks to practice as it doesn't start to the 11th. We go to a course just outside Boston and then move over.

Q: After the match what are your plans, will you remain amateur or turn professional?

PP: I graduate next year from university and then I will decide, so that will be May 2011. I am just finishing my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Glasgow University doing Business & Management. The first couple of years were quite intense but now I am really enjoying it this year as its Junior Honours I am doing now.

Q: What is your favourite film?

PP: This is the hardest question for me. Any comedy really or romantic comedies, but nothing scary.

Q: What kind of music do you like?

PP: I listen to anything and I get ribbed for my taste in music because it's not very cool. I like the older stuff and pop music.

Q: What's your favourite food?

PP: Probably Italian.

Q: So what is in your golf bag?

PP: Ping G 5 driver, Titleist 3, 5 and rescue woods, Callaway x forged irons, Ping 54 & 58 wedges, Ping Redwood putter and Titleist Pro v golf balls

Q: Some of the Club members are intending to go out and follow you and the team

PP: That's great, the LGU website has information and there will be a team blog throughout the event.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

PP: I would like to thank my parents for all their support and they will be coming out to watch me play in the team. I would also like to thank the Committee and Membership of BCGC for bestowing an Honorary Membership on me. I was delighted to receive such an honour.

Pamela; thank you very much for your time. On behalf of all of us at BCGC, good luck against the USA.