



Wollaton Park Golf Club

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER BRIAN ROSS

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Well the season rolls on, already February and nearly 4 months since I took office. Where does time go? Unfortunately the Captain's Drive In competition was cancelled due to rain and waterlogged conditions for the second year running. Thanks to all those who entered, had breakfast and joined in afterwards - a great affair.

It is an honour and a privilege to be your Captain of this great club, and I'm sure the members have seen the vast strides that we have made in raising our profile around the county, let us all be proud of what we have achieved in such a short time.

The Incoming Captains' Evening, Men's Christmas Dinner and Christmas Prize Draw Evenings were well attended, and I hope enjoyed by all.

My two charities this year are: The Nottinghamshire Hospice and The Macmillan Nurses, both caring for terminally ill people. Your support, with any loose change placed in the boxes on the bar area, would be greatly appreciated.

The Captain/Pro's Challenge is already posted on the notice board with 13 dates to choose from, we look forward to taking you on !

The 9 Hole Thursday Evening Competition for all members will again take place throughout the summer, dates to be advised.

Finally can I wish you all good health, great golf this season - and good weather !

Brian Ross
Captain

LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT TERRY WASS

Distance Measuring Devices

Players are reminded that whilst Distance Measuring Devices are permitted for all play, these must measure distance only. If a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions (gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually activated or used.



Doesn't time fly, we are already well into my year as Lady Captain!

Going back to the Social events so far - the Incoming Captains' Evening, organised by Brian, was very enjoyable. The Ladies' Christmas Lunch was well attended and started off the Christmas festivities very well. The Quiz nights have been a great success and these too have been well attended. The Ladies' section had a Charity event in January - a Coffee Morning/Fashion Show and with a cake stall and raffle we made £800.26 for the Multiple Sclerosis Charity. In February we had our Invitation Bridge event on a snowy afternoon. It was very pleasant looking out on the snow covered course bathed in sunshine.

The Ladies' Section has been having Draw Competitions on some Wednesdays as a trial but unfortunately these have been affected by the bad weather, so it has not really been a fair trial. We will therefore continue this.

Hoping that the weather will improve soon so that we can get our golfing season underway.

May I wish you all good golfing for the rest of the year.

Terry Wass
Lady Captain

"HOT NEWS RE MEMBERSHIP ENTRANCE FEE - SEE MONEY MATTERS P2 FOR MORE DETAILS"

HOUSE AND SOCIAL FROM JOHN SMITH

The Men's Christmas Dinner was a great success as have been the recent Quiz Nights. These in particular seem to be growing in popularity. The Valentine's Supper also proved to be a hit providing a very tasty meal, a chance to talk and good music to listen to. We have booked some very good musicians for the coming events throughout the year but do need your support to make them successful.

It was disappointing that the New Years Eve Celebration had to be cancelled. This led the House and Social Committee to produce the Social Event Questionnaire to find out just what members wanted organising on their behalf. Thanks to the 24 people who did respond and to those who volunteered to help with the organisation of some events in future. If you missed the questionnaires please do still let us have your thoughts on socials here at the club.

The Photographic competition is in full swing and voting for the winner of the '*Winter*' competition will take place towards the end of March. Closing date for entries is 14th March. See the notice boards for details and look out for the '*Spring*' competition starting in April.

In the clubhouse we have recently had a sensor system installed to control the lighting in the gentleman's locker rooms. This will, over a period of time, save on energy costs.

Outside we have a troublesome chimney which is in dire need of some work. This will be costly but it has to be done as it services the main central heating boiler, the hot water boiler and one fire in the Steward's flat.

I hope you will all continue to enjoy the clubhouse facilities and events planned for you this year and, as always, I would welcome at any time your comments/suggestions to improve what we do.

John Smith
Chairman HSC

MONEY MATTERS FROM REG CARTER

Phew what a year! Whilst we knew what was in store it was not much fun being proved right. We have a couple of months to go to our year end but at the moment it appears as though we won't be far off our forecast for the year.

There appears to be little chance of economic relief in the year to come so our main aim this year must be to control costs as closely as possible. When compared to other clubs, our general level of expenditure, excluding rent, is very much in line with the "bigger" clubs. However, whilst we are looking to manage costs rigorously, we don't want to cut too deeply and so we are also looking to increase income from green fees and societies. We are very mindful that whatever we do we do not want to have an adverse impact on our members' enjoyment of this club and course.

In an attempt to maximise income, we have agreed to reduce the entrance fee for gentlemen playing members to £450 for a limited period. We hope that this will encourage applications and therefore maintain our subscription income.

Whilst it would have been nice to maintain subs at the same level again, it is not feasible and this is something we shall work towards in the future when circumstances permit.

Despite the economic gloom that surrounds us let's take comfort from being able to come to a Club with great facilities and a great course – and hope that the weather is kinder to us this year.

Reg Carter
Honorary Treasurer

What's wrong with golf ?

He'd rejected the idea of dieting, health spas and swimming but when his doctor advised golf, the corpulent patient thought it might be worth trying. After a few weeks, however, he was back at the doctor's and asking whether he could take up some other game. "But," protested the doctor, "what's wrong with golf? There's no finer game!" "You are doubtless correct," the patient replied, "but my trouble is that when I put the wretched ball where I can see it I can't hit it and when I put it where I can hit it, I can't see it!"

The Worst Caddy

Bill was 26 over par by the eighth hole; he had landed a fleet of golf balls in the water hazard, and dug himself into a trench fighting his way out of the rough. When his caddy coughed during a 12-inch putt, Bill exploded. "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!" he screamed. "I doubt it," replied the caddy. "That would be too much of a coincidence."

COURSE IT MATTERS FROM PETER DION AND STEVE PARTON

The Winter Work fortunately started very early and was well advanced prior to the inclement weather, although work is still required to complete the renovation of the bunkers. The boundary fences - both those within the terms of our lease and also those under the control of the Park Estate - have suffered badly and extensive repairs are being carried out.

An outbreak of fusarium on the greens after the snow had cleared has been treated and it is anticipated that the scars will diminish once the weather warms up and growing starts.

With the cost of materials such as fuels and chemicals continually rising and the financial constraints on the Club, it is fortunate that the Committee invested heavily in the immediate past and, apart from normal servicing, and repairs, hopefully no major items of expenditure are likely to be required this season.

Handicaps this year are in the care of your Vice-Captain Phil Pallant, whilst Bob Jones is in charge of Matches.

After several years of difficulty in raising two teams this year we are turning out a single team only of mixed handicaps, so please do put your names on the forms located on the Club match Notice Board within the Locker Room for inclusion. If you are not sure of your commitments through the year then partially complete the form now and if circumstances change later in the year then submit another form. Our first match is 1st April 2010 Men's V Ladies and we require more names.

Craig Clarke, the assistant to John Lower, has now left the Club and John has replaced him with Adam Callagher and we welcome him to the Club.

A major problem we have been encountering is with slow play during competitions. This will be carefully monitored this season and if thought necessary, due action will be taken.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

With effect from 1st April 2010 members may return Supplementary Scores for Congu handicapping purposes. This will apply only to members who have returned 6 or less qualifying scores in 2009, and no more than 10 Supplementary Scores can be returned during 2010. Players must register in the Pro Shop, pay £2 fee and have their card marked by a player with an active handicap. Full details will be posted on the notice board.

Please do make use of the Suggestion Book or Feedback cards if you have any comments in regard to the course. Suggestions will be considered at the GMH Meetings.

Peter Dion
Chairman GMH

PRO'S PROSE FROM JOHN LOWER

We will all be pleased to see the back of this winter! One of the worst in living memory. However, spring is around the corner and so too the new season. Check your grips for wear and tear. A new set will literally rejuvenate your clubs and make them feel alive again. And why not book a lesson, just to ensure that no bad habits have crept in unnoticed.

As most of you will already know, Craig has left, and we all wish him well in the future. Our new member of staff is Adam Callagher. Adam is the grandson of some very old family friends, and he joined the Air Force when leaving school about 4 years ago. During his time in the forces he fell in love with golf, and has left to pursue a career in the sport, aiming at a P.G.A. qualification. Adam is joining Joe Monterosso who, as we all know, is tremendously enthusiastic, and has a wealth of knowledge in golf club, golf shaft and golf ball technology. Joe, Adam and myself are all keen and eager to assist and I feel we have an excellent team.

We are living in the age of the internet which is playing a part in most of our lives. It is possibly assumed, mistakenly, that prices quoted for clubs are bound to be cheaper in the supermarkets of golf. We are asking you to consider giving us the chance to give you a quote, and allow us the opportunity to compete. You will not be disappointed. We specialise in Ping, Mizuno and Titleist, but we are able to supply golf equipment from most companies.

The Professional staff would like to wish all the members a happy and successful season, and we look forward to seeing you in the shop.

John Lower
Club Professional

Visit the Club's website at www.wollatonparkgolfclub.com

COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

Men's Seniors

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR FREE AT THESE GOLF COURSES?

Coxmoor, Longcliffe, Newark, Beeston Fields, The Leicestershire and many others

If you are aged 60+ you can play in the Seniors matches.

You do not have to join anything, you do not have to pay a subscription.

During the course of the season the Seniors team have 19 matches with local clubs - usually played on a Monday. The format is friendly four ball better ball. There is no handicap restriction.

The 'form' is that after the match players change for a meal which costs from £9 to £12, which is the sole cost. (no green fee)

You are not committed to playing in many matches - if you just want to put your name down for one or two that is perfectly OK.

The entry sheet is posted on the Seniors' notice board just inside the outside door to the locker rooms next to the Pro's shop.

Derek Allwright
Seniors Team Organiser

InterClub Foursomes

Once again, Wollaton Park will be competing in the County InterClub Foursomes Knockout – good luck to all our teams – Men's, Ladies and, of course, Mixed, who are the defending 2009 Champions.

InterClub Scratch League

Our Scratch team start their 2010 campaign in Division 1 of the Notts Union Scratch League, having won promotion last season by winning Division 2; their first match is at home against Chilwell Manor on Monday 26 April.

Juniors Section

Our 2010 Junior Presentation and Games Evening will be held on Thursday 18 March at 7.00 pm. Invites have already been sent out to all juniors and we would ask that you make every effort to attend this fun evening. Please make sure you let the Secretary know whether you are attending or not.

The annual Junior team v Scratch team Challenge will take place on Sunday 18 April; the Junior team are the current holders of the trophy and will be going all out to retain it with another resounding victory!

Junior league matches start the following Sunday with a home match against Cotgrave Place.

Full details of all junior events, coaching and matches will be handed out at the Junior Evening on 18 March.

Avril Jamieson

Club Matches: See GMH article p3 & notice board

Spondon Trophies: Two teams entered this year.

Senior Men's Open: Monday 17 May

Men's Invitation Day: Saturday 12 June

Captain's Away Day: Wednesday 23 June,
Lingdale Golf Club

Captain's Day: Saturday 26 June

Men's Amateur Open: Sunday 4 July

Ladies' Captain's Day: Wednesday 9 July

Ladies' Presidents Day: Wednesday 14 July

Wollaton Stag: Sunday 25 July

Ladies' Open: Wednesday 11 August

Men's Invitation Day: Sunday 15 August

Ladies' Invitation Day: Wednesday 26 August

Mixed Open: Sunday 26 September

Annual General Meeting: Saturday 30 October

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS - Organised by your Committee for YOU!

Saturday 13 March

Saturday 27 March

Saturday 24 April

Thursday 20 May

Saturday 19 June

Saturday 24 July

Thursday 14 October

Saturday 16 October

Saturday 6 November

Saturday 27 November

Irish Night with 'Martin Taylor'

Quiz Night

St George's Night with 'Craig Baumber'

Prizegiving Evening - Mansfield AmAm,
Spring Meeting and Subs Draw

Summer Ball with 'Brandy Connection'

BBQ with 'Discorama'

Prizegiving Evening - Mansfield AmAm,
Autumn Meeting and Captains 9 hole fun competitions

Autumn Ball with 'Jimmy Willan'

Incoming Captains' Evening

Scrubbers' Social Evening



LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND SIGN UP ON THE LISTS IN THE LOUNGE