

# Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

## October 2018 Newsletter

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- Welcome to the Club's monthly newsletter
- We welcome feedback via Andrew or any of the committee members.

### Chairperson Report (Ruth Reynard)

Not much from me this time! Was that a sharp intake of breath I heard?

The course has stood up pretty well to what I believe to be one of our hottest summers. Roger will be telling you more about the plans for work on the course in his report.

The Management Committee have been busy following up with individuals on comments from the **survey** and we have had some useful ideas. Thank you again to all those of you who returned the survey and especially to those individuals who left contact details for further follow up.

Throughout the summer months we have held three **New Members** evenings, two with golf. I hope that if you are a new member and haven't managed to attend at least one of our sessions it's because you are happy with your golf at Bungay and that you feel fully integrated into the club.

A plea about entering/leaving the tarmac **car park** correctly. There is a correct route to take but arrow markings have finally worn off. We are in the process of having them repainted but in the mean time, here is a polite reminder. You should **turn sharp right** immediately you **enter** the tarmac car park, you can **exit** through either of the other two routes between the parked cars.

Lastly, Rob Holmes has decided to hang up his trowel. Rob has been tending to our garden for 16 years or more. During this time the garden has produced a wonderful array of colourful flowers, shrubs and of course has been weed free. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rob on behalf of the Management Committee and the members for his tireless dedication.

### Course Conditions (Roger Moore)

We are now exiting one of the driest summers I can remember. Whilst the course has held up well during this period the recovery is very slow, caused, in part by the heavy matting on the fairways.

An extensive program of work took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, the fairways were double scarified then over seeded and the greens scarified, over seeded and top dressed. In the short term this will affect the appearance and play of the course but will be a benefit in the long run. Preferred lies were introduced from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

A new, full time Green Keeper Marcus Strak started on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. This returns us back to our full head count capacity of 3.5 (3 x full time + 1 x part time). Hopefully this will allow us time to get to some TLC jobs which currently we do not.

A new tractor will be delivered with an HP capable to run all our equipment (specifically the coring machine for the greens). This job was done by our blue Iseki tractor, but this tractor (approx. 15 to 20 years old) has developed major engine problems and is beyond repair.

## Pro's Tip

If you don't feel your golf is improving as you would like to, being honest to the following statements may help you.

1. You don't practice – This is self evident but you can't hope to improve without work.
2. You don't practice productively – You must be work on the correct things, practice must NOT be aimless.
3. Are you too hard on yourself – I see this many times. Golf is hard and being your own worst critic does not help.
4. Do you have the correct equipment -There is some great equipment out there, are you getting the best out of new technology, are your clubs fitted properly?
5. Do you obsess over positions – Work on feelings rather than positions, far easier to take to the course. It is not about the perfect swing, it is about scoring!
6. Mindset and approach is not important – Don't underestimate the value of calmness and patience.
7. Never keep my stats – How do you know what to work on or what is improving if you don't keep a record. Measure your progress, its confidence building!!

## Rules Question

A player launches into a drive on the 11th hole, his ball accidentally hits his clubs he left further down the fairway. His ball is deflected and stops in a bush. May it be replayed?

## Captain's Corner (Heather Squirrel)

Summer has come to a close and the days are getting shorter, but we still have a few important dates for October.

The Ladies Winter League fixtures get underway this month. We play five other clubs – Gorleston, Rookery Park, Southwold, Halesworth and Diss. We still have the Grannies Cup to play as this was postponed from earlier in the summer due to very hot Weather. We have one more Medal and Putting to play before we play the Challenge Bowl, which is for all those who have won Cups throughout the year.

We held the Ladies Invitation on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The winning couple were Liz Jeary and her guest Sheena Bentham from Ramsey Golf Club.

Congratulations to all ladies who have won medals, stablefords or cups and those who took part in the County Competitions this year. We had good runs in the Stearn and the Weston which were exciting to watch.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September Lils James and Sam Cooper played the semi-final of the SLCGA Haskell competition. This was 36 holes scratch matchplay against Rookery Park at Hintlesham. Both sides played superb golf but Rookery Park came out winners.

We have just played the Husbands and Wives Trophy. We had sixteen couples taking part in a very closely fought competition, with only five points separating the top ten couples. Well done to Tanya and David McGregor who came in winners with 41 points.

I have played 4 Captain / Pro Challenge matches with Andrew. We have won three and halved one. Many thanks to Andrew, and our opponents, for participating in these matches and helping to raise money for my charities.

It has certainly been a very busy summer and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

## **Captain's Corner (Steve Rowe)**

Since the last newsletter our two remaining teams still in their county competitions were eliminated. The Beaumont team went out away to Bury but the Parks accounted for Fynn Valley at home before being knocked out by a very capable Thorpeness at Southwold in the semi-final. Great effort from the team well captained by Bill Carson.

The captain's week was a victim of the weather this year. The week was so hot that not many people played golf. However, the Captain / Pro challenge on the Saturday and the Men's Away Day to Stowmarket were both a success and enjoyed by all who took part. Charity was the winner on the Saturday with only two teams beating the score of the Captains and Pro.

The club gave a very good account of themselves when, for the first time in our history, it hosted the Men's Suffolk Open Championship. The practice ground was turned into a driving range for the day and volunteers marshalled the blind tee shots. The SGU were very impressed with the effort the club had put into the day. Many thanks to all those who helped out.

The driving range reappeared the following week for the Club Championship. Thanks to the hard work of Nairn Black, over the last couple of years the number entering have been on a steady increase and this year was no exception with 48 players competing over 36 holes. Well played to the scratch winner Liam Hansey and to Craig Payne who won the Doug Mattocks Handicap Trophy.

I think players enjoyed my charity day this year. Some novelty assists from other sports, a course in super condition and the usual great food from Roger's team all added up to a fun day. The assists, raffle, auctions, Beat the Pro and some fines added up to nearly £6500 on the day. Many thanks from me to players and volunteers who made the day go so well.

The weather on Finals Day this year proved to be very testing to the resolve of players but I'm pleased to say the majority braved the rain. Come to the presentation night on the 16th November to find out who won the silverware.

For October we are trialling three balls for the competition slots. The aim is to quicken up play and use the allotted slots more efficiently. It would be good to have members feedback on this at this year's Men's AGM. We will be holding that on November 10th and as the last Men's AGM it will be preceded by a Texas Scramble. Details can be found on the Captain's noticeboard and you can enter in the ProShop. Please keep an eye out for the Notice of Meeting and AOB sheets if you have something you want to air.

The closing few weeks of the year are nice and busy with many events for the members to enjoy. Please keep an eye on the noticeboards or the stands on the tables in the bar for dates and details.

## Competition Results

Date	Competition Name	Division 1	Division 2	Cup Winner
1 Sept 2018	Waveney Valley Shield	1 <sup>st</sup> – Russell Dyer 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Peter Bailey 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mike Shead	1 <sup>st</sup> – George Ling 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Gary Stannard 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ollie Read	Russell Dyer
15 Sept 2018	Hodgson Silver Salver	1 <sup>st</sup> – Norman Baker 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Nigel Whyte 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Peter Bicker	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ollie Read 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Peter Crockford 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ed Bussey	Norman Baker
22 Sept 2018	Men's Monthly Medal	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ben Beaugeard 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Peter Bailey 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Steve Rowe	1 <sup>st</sup> – Chris Anderson 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Rick Smith 3 <sup>rd</sup> – David Middleton	
30 Sept 2018	Men's Monthly Stableford	1 <sup>st</sup> – Steve Rowe 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mike Shead 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Steve Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> – Philip Grimmer 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Adrian Davey 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Robyn Hipperson	
23 Sept 2018	Waveney Mushrooms Cup			1 <sup>st</sup> – Mark Spalding 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Philip Grimmer 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mark Sampson
23 Sept 2018	President's Prize			1 <sup>st</sup> – James McDonald 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Paul Jehan
23 Sept 2018	Tutt Cup			1 <sup>st</sup> – Peter Revell 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ollie Earl
Summer 2018	Mixed 9 Hole Stableford			1 <sup>st</sup> – Paul Hunt 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Adrian Davey

Vets: Bungay v Bawburgh (H) Bungay lost 4-2. . Bungay v Felixstowe (H) Bungay won 4½ - 3½. Bungay v Royal Norwich (H) Bungay won 4½ - 1½. Tin Hat - Bungay v Diss (A). Bungay lost 7-1. Bungay v Halesworth (A). Lost ½ - 5½. Bungay v Caister (H) – Bungay lost 2-4 – Match abandoned after 10 holes due to heavy rain. Bungay v Thorpeness (H) Bungay won 4-2. Bungay v Royal Norwich (A) Bungay lost 2½ - 3½. Vet's Stableford : 1. D. Paine 41pts, 2. B. Pardue 39pts, 3. M. Lawrence 38pts. Friendly v Rushmere (A) Match Halved 3-3. Friendly v Stowmarket (A) Match Halved 4-4. September Stableford: Div. 1. J. Barber 38pts, 2. D. Smith 37pts, 3. A. Cann 36pts. Last Chance Cup: 1.P. Jehan 39pts, 2. A.Cann390cb, 3. K.Collins 38. Bungay v Thetford (A) Bungay lost 3½ - 2½. Vet's Invitation: 1. P. Paice & M. Payne (Caldecott Hall) 46pts. 2. M. Campbell & C. Jeff (Kilworth Springs ) 45pts, 3. S. Jamieson & B. Morrison (Stowmarket) 44pts, 4. J. Kent & I. Ransby (Halesworth) 44pts ocb, 5. M. Lawrence & N. Kimber (Dunston Hall) 43pts ocb. Hodds Salver -1<sup>st</sup> rd. V Swaffham (A) Bungay lost by 17 holes.

Juniors: Paddy Glasheen Trophy: Winner L. Hansey 37pts. 2. M.Bailey 33pts, 3. S. Bingham 31pts 10 Holes: Z. Cole 14pts. 6 Holes: 1. H. Montague 14pts, 2. I. McDonald 8pts, 3. A.Hope 6pts. Junior Championship: Judith Hood Trophy: (Gross) S. Bingham 71 . Handicap Shield: L Hansey 75-3-72 . Runner-up (nett) Miss M. Bailey 85-10-75.

Geoffrey Watts Junior Open: 38 players from 15 different Clubs – Beds, Cambs, Norfolk & Suffolk..Girls: Yolie Dye Trophy: E. Mason (4) 76, Handicap: 1.C. Tarbard 79-16-62, 2.S.Kubitzek 83-19-64. Boys . Geoffrey Watts Trophy: Liam Cossey (2) Gross 70, 2. L.Hansey (3) Gross 71, 3.J. Butcher (4) Gross 74. Handicap 0-12 1. S. Humphrey Moore 79-12-67, 2. J. Munson 79-10-69, 3.M. Weaver 75-2-70. Handicap 13-28 1. H. Fisher 81-22-59, 2. R. Simpson 84-19-65. 3.E. Tubridy 93-28-65.. Schwer Team Trophy: Beadlow Manor, 2. Rookery Park.

Best Bungay Player: Megan Bailey  
Nearest Pin Girls: Megan Bailey , Nearest Pin Boys 0-12, Jack Munson  
Beadlow Manor. Putting Challenge: Conal Downing –Rookery Park.

## **Rules Answer**

No. He / she incurs a penalty of one shot for striking own equipment (Rule 19.2) and the ball must be played as it lies.

## **Local Alliance**

The new LAGS golf winter season begins at Bungay G.C. on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Local Alliance of Golf Society, linking gentlemen members of Gorleston, Rookery Park and Bungay Golf Clubs, was started by members some 40 years ago. They did this to increase course use, and hence club revenues, during the quieter months of the year. They also wanted to provide opportunities for members to play on neighbouring courses while taking part in friendly, competitive golf during winter. Those traditions have continued to the present day.

Gentlemen Club members with a 'C' handicap of any level are invited to enter this Pairs' Stableford competition. Members can opt to play in their own four ball or pair with members from the other clubs. Over 120 members regularly take part. Speed and standard of play is good. The Prize Fund is generous. Coffee is provided on arrival and with the excellent meal at the end of the round. Prizes are delivered to your account! You can nominate your approximate start time. Full details on the notice board. It would be great to see more Bungay members participating in LAGS fixtures. It does provide an excellent opportunity for a low cost group day out on another course with the opportunity also to win valuable prizes!

Forthcoming fixtures -

Thursday, 15th November, 2018 – Rookery Park G.C.

Thursday, 13th December, 2018 – Gorleston G. C.

David Grief