



Easingwold Golf Club

Members Communication - Social Golf 2018

With this week predicted to be the coldest so far this winter, it feels good to think that the new golfing year is but a few weeks away and also appropriate to start a series of short notes looking forward to the new season. Over the next few weeks we will be informing you of what's planned for 2018 and particularly letting new, and not so new, members in on some things they may have heard of but don't know how to access. We start with a few thoughts on organised social golf at the Club.

1. Social Golf

A small number of team social golf events were appreciated by a large number of members last year. These seem to work best when we arrive back at the club house within a short time of each other for drinks, prizes and food, which means a shot-gun start or, probably more often, a multi-tee start. We plan a few of these for 2018 which represent an excellent opportunity to raise funds for Captain's charities or for Club funds.

We know these events can get in the way of regular 4 balls etc. Firstly why not join the fun? But if that's not for you we will always try to ensure that any gaps on the first tee are identified and published to give you the chance to slip in and play your normal game.

The next of these "Socials" is scheduled for 18th February. Any profits from this one will go to Club funds although there may be a charity raffle. Please enter at the pro-shop before the 13th February. It's £3 a head / £12 a team – see email from Easingwold Golf Club dated 14th January. Food will be available, but you will need to pre-order.

Looking forward to the new golfing year, the Captains Drive-In is planned for 10th March and a sign-up sheet will be put up soon.

There are, of course, the mixed Bank Holiday Monday competitions, which are not strictly social in this sense, but certainly have that feel about them and open to all who have a handicap, the only consideration being that the format requires an equal number of Gentlemen and Lady Entrants. They are genuinely inclusive and teams are formed by draw on the day of the event.

Charity and fund raising socials will be held mid-summer and autumn and we plan to run novelty short competitions during the longer mid-summer evenings. One idea is team golf over 10 holes with the team score topped up with the result of a short quiz. Other ideas are very welcome as would be anyone willing to volunteer to run one or more of these events.

There has been a suggestion for a possible additional fun social match, "Yorkshire versus the Rest of the World", on Yorkshire Day (1st August). There are a few opportunities around that date, either to play an evening match (sunset around 9:00pm) or on the following Saturday (4th) which is clear of bookings at present (the mixed greensomes "Save the Children" is the following day). If there is demand we will see what we can do and if some proud Yorkshire man or woman would volunteer to organise the match, that would be even better.

And if there is demand for it we could follow up with a series of monthly socials to get us through winter, the coming February social being a first test of that demand.

Dates:

Bank Holiday Socials: 2 April; 7 May; 28 May and 27 August

Weekend Fund Raising/Charity Socials: 14 July and 25 November

Evening "Novelty" Socials: 10 May; 7 June; 9 August

What you need to do – keep an eye out for e-mails advertising specific events and also Club notice boards and the Club website.