Doncaster Golf Club Newsletter - May 2019



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View from the Chair

The playing season is now in full swing and the recent spell of rain has brought an enormous improvement to the greens and general course condition. A sand based course has many advantages but doesn't stand up to long periods without rain.

The Committee is still busy through this period and hopefully you will be noticing the gradual improvements that we promised. The Con Davies lounge and ladies toilets are now complete and at long last the shoe cleaning area is working. Feedback has been great so well done Simon and his team.

We have also installed two new honours boards in the Birkett lounge which look great and give us confidence that we are on the right track with these. Eventually it will free up the walls in the top corridor to allow better presentation of other boards and memorabilia.

Duncan circulated proposals for the new logo recently. We didn't get a lot of feed back but the vast majority that we did receive was very supportive so we are going to press the button. Expect to see new signage and boards around the clubhouse entrance and first tee in the next month or two. It should smarten the place up tremendously.

Finally, a special mention to Anna Clish and her supporters for setting up the 'Going for Golf' event a couple of Sundays ago. It was fantastic to see so many youngsters using our facilities at an otherwise quiet time for golf and in particular it was wonderful to see a group of junior girls setting out for a few holes. The Committee is determined to do whatever is needed to support this initiative and hope that all the members will support where possible.

Regards

Jon

Course restrictions

Ropes and white lines are on the course to manage the traffic on the course in order to prevent wear and tear to parts of the course that need a bit of a rest.

Please, will all members with buggies and trolleys not go under the ropes or over the white lines.

Those members who carry, where a rope leads from a bunker please walk around it to stop wear at the bunkers edge.

Rick Morris Chair of Greens

New Members Evening

There will be a new members night on Monday the 3rd of June at 8pm.

An information evening for new members giving them the chance to meet other new members and the main committee who will also explain their roles.

Rick Morris Charity Event

This year the event is scheduled for Friday 2nd August and will be the 13th year this event has been held.

Historically the day has supported the Dwarfs Sports Association but this year the event will raise funds for the charities of the major sponsors and the Captains Charities:

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Kawasaki Disease Research Fund

Parkinson's UK

St John's Hospice, Doncaster

Entry is £200 per team of 4 players to include food. If you would like to enter a team please contact Rick directly on rickmorris2154@gmail.com or call on 07785 503357.

Captains Charity Car Parking Space

The draw for the Captain's Charity Car Park space took place at the Mixed Competition on Easter Monday.

Congratulations to the lucky winner Richard Edwards who wins a years priority parking,

Many thanks once again to our generous members who through their support raised £668 for the Captain's Charities Parkinson's UK & St John's Hospice, Doncaster.

Apology - 125th Anniversary Booklet error

We would like to bring the following error to members attention who have already purchased or will be purchasing the 125th Anniversary Booklet.

Under The Junior Section Heading, the paragraph commencing "In 2015" - this incorrectly states the year and that Captain Dr Simon Fearns invited the Lady and Junior Captains to join the Captain for his drive in.

This was actually introduced for the very first time by incoming Captain Ray Black in 2014. We would like to apologise to Ray, Cilla and Jack for this error.

The electronic copy on the website is correct.

Junior News

Congratulations to Kyle Johnson-Rolfe on winning the 1st PCGA Junior Major of the year at Lindrick Golf Club with nett 66.

And also to Shane Longworth and Sam Fry playing for Sheffield Union Juniors Winning team against Halifax and Huddersfield 24-12





Josh Berry was selected to play for England U16 squad v Spain at Woodhall Spa GC on 25/26th May.

Another fantastic achievement for Josh a great reward for all the effort he puts in every single day. At 13 Josh's attitude, commitment and dedication to the sport he loves is there for all to see.

125 Festival Week

Arrangements are continuing with the plans for festival week in July. The table below shows planned events so far. A charity raffle event will be launched in the next few weeks, including the chance to win a years free membership alongside fantastic prizes from Porsche Centre Sheffield and others.

| SUN 7 TH | Opening events to include: SPEED GOLF, GOLF FOR ALL, CHILDREN'S COURSE & TARGET GOLF HOT ROAST SANDWICHES & HOT DOGS |
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| MON 8 TH | STABLEFORD Sponsored by PREMIUM MOTORHOMES Prizes / Par 3's, Food specials |
| TUES 9 TH | SENIORS & RABBITS WALTZ FOLLOWED BY EVENING MEAL |
| WEDS 10TH | YUGC TEAM EVENT |
| THURS 11 TH | LADIES EVENT in Period Dress followed by AFTERNOON TEA with a Cellist COCKTAIL EVENING |
| FRI 12 TH | GREEN KEEPERS REVENGE followed by food GIN NIGHT with NIBBLES |
| SAT 13 TH | TEAM EVENT GALA DINNER |

Appeal for a musician

Lady Captain Carole O'Neill has asked if any member can recommend a musician to come along and entertain the ladies at the Afternoon tea on Thursday 11th July, we are thinking it would suit a budding musician currently studying at 6th form.

Please contact Carole or Chris in the office with any

Membership How to propose a new member

We have been asked recently the correct procedure a member has to follow to propose a new member, below is a brief process stream:

- 1. Any member who wishes to propose someone for membership should submit a letter or email to Honorary Secretary, advising him details of the proposed new member. The Honorary Secretary will pass then pass this on to the Chair of Membership
- 2. The proposer will be asked to collect a membership pack from the office, this pack contains a copy of the Club Rules and Byelaws, as well as a standards document. In addition it includes a Personal Statement and Proposer's Statement which require completion before the interview. The prospective new member should complete the Personal Statement and hand it back into the office, the proposer should complete their Statement and bring it to the interview with them.
- Chair of Membership will arrange a convenient date for the applicants interview, which if possible should be attended by both the proposer and seconder.
- 4. Subject to a successful interview an application form will be made available for completion. Once completed it should be returned to the office where it will be posted on the notice board for a period of 28 days. During this period the application shall also be submitted for committee approval. If there are no objections from existing members or the committee the new applicant will be offered membership.

Prospective applicants will require a proposer who has been a member for at least 2 years, or in the event of an applicant not knowing a member (e.g. someone new to the area) then the Membership Committee will appoint one.

A member may only propose or second any one application in a calendar year.

Once membership is offered it remains the proposers responsibility to ensure the applicant is successfully integrated into the club for a period of up to 12 months.

Please note a less informal entry process is applied to prospective Junior applicants.