

Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

April 2018 Newsletter



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

Chairperson Report (Ruth Reynard)

I am very grateful for all the work everyone has undertaken to ensure that the clubhouse has had a facelift. It makes me proud to be a member of Bungay.

The changing rooms are almost finished with just the snagging to do. It all looks absolutely fantastic. It was great timing as the men's changing rooms were just about ready for the Suffolk AGM that was held at the club on Friday 23rd March. We have already had very favourable comments from both members and visitors. There are many people to thank, firstly the working group that help kick-start this project early in 2017 especially **Mick Bond** who has project managed it from inception to completion. He has shown immeasurable patience with all the headaches of reducing costs and then improving facilities as donations came in. **Richard Mares** who has always been there to do all the jobs that we didn't pay the builders to do. He has refurbished the benches in both changing rooms and he is still working on making sure everything is in place for the new lockers. I'd also like to thank another member for a further donation of £3000 which means we can make further improvements to items we originally had to remove from the plan. The ladies too have done their bit by making donations for a new carpet and sundries to ensure that their changing rooms look as good as the new showers. My sincere apologies if haven't thanked you personally, I am aware I haven't got round you all yet. I wonder where we would be without all the members who help to keep this club running for no personal gain other than to see the club succeed. All this free help enables us to keep down costs and ensure that you get value for money from your membership.

We have ordered the new lockers and again we have been very fortunate that another member has given us an interest free loan of £10,000 so that we can finance the lockers without the cost of a loan. I'm sure that the lockers will complete the renovation perfectly.

Thank you to all the members who attended one of the two sessions to launch our **Strategic Plan – "A Plan for Growth"**. The Management Committee have worked hard to formulate the detailed plans within the document and we value your thoughts. We will take your comments away and revise our plan before finally publishing it to the members.

Also at that meeting the club launched two new perks for members. We have done this to reward and thank you for continuing to be a member at Bungay. A reminder about the **Membership Special**

Offer, if you introduce a new member you will both receive vouchers that you can spend in the pro shop, bar or on food.

We are the second club in the country to secure a deal with **Golfing Rewards**, although I am sure many more will follow us. You cannot get this perk anywhere else locally. Although you need to make an initial payment of £12, through this scheme you can save a lot of money which you gain in actual cash back, it goes straight into your bank account and you can spend it as you wish – maybe even put it towards next year's subs?! Please note that the club is not gaining anything financially it is just another way to thank you for continuing your membership with the club.

CHANGES TO CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS

As part of the general review of compliance & control documents in use within the Club structure, the Rules & Regulations have been modified by implementation of the following changes:

- Subscriptions are payable annually in advance, with the 30 days of grace previously given being removed, unless specifically authorised otherwise by the Management Committee.
- Following changes to our liquor licence, we have now included outside event functions, sanctioned by the Club. (Weddings, Wakes, Parties etc will no longer need to be hosted by a member).
- Changes to the Club disciplinary procedure have been made.
- Dogs are permitted on the course in general play (not whilst the owner is participating in competitions) and must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Phones may be used on the course for distance measuring, subject to being kept in silent mode.
- Only food and drink purchased on the premises may be consumed in the bar, dining room and conservatory.

A full copy of the Rules & Regulations is posted on the Club website with 'hard' paper copies being available from the Administration Office if required.

Andrew Collison

I am running two courses through "Getintogolf"

1. Starts Thursday 26th April 6-7pm
2. Starts Saturday 21st April 3-4pm

Both courses will involve some on course play and will run in a very informal relaxed manner. All equipment will be provided. Cost £20 for the 4 week course.

Pro's Tip

Fluffing chip shots – Most golfers who fluff their chip shots generally do one of two things. They either try to help or scoop the ball into the air, becoming too wristy as a result, or decelerate through the shot. You must always try to keep a smooth acceleration in all your shots, it is all too easy to slow down into the ball when chipping. The next time you practice take note of the length of your

backswing, then half it and add it to the follow through. Don't worry about the result at first, just feel that acceleration into the ball. Learn this and your chips will improve.

Rules

A player's ball lies in the rough near a stone the size of a water melon. The stone can be moved but with a lot of effort. Is it a loose impediment which may be moved

Captain's Corner (Heather Squirrell)

We are now officially in Spring and with the changing of the clocks the days are longer. Hopefully we can now look forward to lighter warmer days.

On 6th February we had Andrew's Rules Quiz. This contained some very useful information as well as some amusing comments. We have had several competitions cancelled due to snow.

Since the New Year the refurbishment of the locker rooms has been the main topic of conversation. Very many thanks must go to Wendy Walpole, Gill Willis, Belinda Rowe and Kirsty, Sam Cooper, Hilary Mares, Rob Holmes and Richard Mares for the redecoration work and all those who anonymously contributed financially to enable us to have such a smart Ladies locker room.

Our friendly matches have been adversely affected by the inclement weather with some of both the Ladies and Mixed matches having to be cancelled. We hope the spring weather will get us back on track with these events which are always enjoyed by everyone. Teams are being selected and fixtures planned for our County Competitions.

We have several social golf events and evenings planned and I would encourage you all to attend and give your support to these friendly and enjoyable occasions.

An advance note for your diaries. On the afternoon of Sunday 1st July I will be holding a Garden Party at Ivy Farm, Denton in aid of my Lady Captain's charities. For a modest fee all are welcome for afternoon tea. Watch the notice board for more details. We look forward to sunny days and happy golf in the months ahead

Course News (Roger Moore)

Firstly, may I say a big thank you for trusting me to run and continue the improvement to the club's biggest asset the course. It has been an interesting start with the unusual need to close the course for longer periods due to snow laying particularly deep and therefore dangerously on some slopes / banks and in many bunkers.

Whilst I hope you agree the course is looking in reasonable shape, what we really need is for warmer weather and the grass growth to start. The greens have been fertilised to support growth and kill the moss. A further spiking, top dressing and over seeding will take place mid-April.

Fairways are now being regularly cut, but the decision to remove preferred lies has been delayed due to again this lack of growth and the need for fairways to recover. The bunkers on the 4th and 14th have now been finished and opened.

I am holding a Volunteer Divot Day on Friday 13th April from 15.30 to 18.00 to replace and fill divots and repair some minor animal damage. Divot material will be available, just bring yourself, a bucket, trowel and wear suitable footwear. The idea is, given we get the support, to form a line and then walk down the fairway repairing the divots as we go.

Finally, to support the course improvement we have a new Part-time Green keeper starting 3rd April. Whilst his main responsibility will be the tees, he will also work some weekends to enable us to deliver a better course for our major competitions.

Captain's Corner (Steve Rowe)

Since the last newsletter the club was privileged to host the Suffolk Golf Union AGM for the first time in our history. The day was well organised by the SGU, with golf, food and the AGM. I had a very enjoyable round with Andrew and the SGU secretary Charlie Wilderspin and Vice President Bill Darling. The club was praised for the quality of the course, food and hospitality.

I think there has been a difference in the course since Roger Moore has taken on the role of course manager. Andrew had done an incredible job given the time he was able to devote to the course among his other roles within the club. Now we are starting to see the benefit of someone being able to devote their time to it. With this in mind please try to support Roger's divot filling initiative on April 13th, the more support we can give the more can be done on the day.

The first Hambro/Tolly trial at home against Swaffham fell victim to the weather but the second, at home to Halesworth, went ahead. It was a very enjoyable day with our Hambro side coming out on top but the Tolly team losing. It was a good opportunity to welcome some of the new hopefuls into the fold and see what they can do.

The refurbishment of the changing rooms is virtually complete. They are in use and I must say they are a vast improvement on what was there before. There are too many people to thank in getting this over the finishing line but a special thank you must go to Richard Mares who seems to have been a permanent fixture at the club in the last few weeks.

On the social front we have had a quiz night which was enjoyed by those who attended and there is a 10 hole flag competition coming up on the evening of April 20th.

The clocks have gone forward so with the lighter evenings and summer on the way, I'm hoping we will see the end of the extreme weather of late and all have lots of great golf coming our way.

Competition Results

Men: February Medal: Winner A. Wood 70-4-66, 2. M. Bond 78-9-69, 3. D. McPhillie 80-10-70. Div.2: 1.B. Mills 84-16-68, 2.M. Gibson 87-15-72, 3. A. Davey 90-18-73. March Medal: Winner: N. Black 72-4-68, 2. P. Whiting 70-1-69, 3. P. Platford 82-13-71. Div.2. 1. M. Spalding 85-16-69, 2. L. Bicker 84-15-69, 3. B.Mills 86-15-71. March Stableford: 1. B. Carson 33pts, 2. P. Bailey 32pts, 3. S. Prentice 31pts.

Ladies: February Stableford: Winner H. Mares. Div.1: 1.C. Taylor 29pts, 2.C. Maycock 28pts, 3.C. Ashe 28 pts. Div.2 1.A. Chipperfield,29pts, 2.L.Lord 28pts, 3.C.Ambrose 25pts. Diiv.3: 1. H.Mares 30pts, 2. M.Pearson 28pts, 3. J. Sherman 28pts. 9 Hole Stableford: 1. C. Cundey 20pts, 2. H.

Wilkinson 13pts, 3. J. Graham 12pts. Waltz -10 holes -Competition: 1. M. Pacy, C. Ambrose, B. Catchpole 34ptsoeb, 2. B. Rowe,S. Sibthorpe, B. Ra-Bett 34pts, 3. C. Maycock, D. Randall, A. Smith 30ptsoeb. 4.S. Goulter, H. Squirrell, J. Skinner 30pts. 4BBB Stableford: 1. J. Cadge & C. Maycock 38pts. 2. B. Rowe & S. Pull 37pts, 3. A. Smith & Ja. Moore 35pts. 9 Hole Stableford: 1. A. Johnson 12pts, 2. J. Graham 10pts,ocb.

Ladies Friendly Match v Thetford (reduced to 10 holes due to weather) – Bungay lost 3-1. MacMillan Spoons –Stableford: 1. W. Green 37pts, 2. B. Taylor 34pts, 3. S.Read 34ptsLadies Friendly v Halesworth (A) V. Hindle & J. Campbell v R.Goldsmith & S. Lord – Half, Jo Moore & M. Pearson v C. Enery & J. Ralph – 1 down, C. Maycock & J. Skinner v A. Wallace & J. Janney won 7+5. March Medal: Overall Winner :D. Randall. Div.1 C. Maycock 94-19-75, 2.S. Read 95-18-77, 3. R. Reynard 90-13-77. Div.2: D. Randall 92-21-71, 2. W. Green 103-27-76, 3. K. Wolfe 98-22-76.

Mixed: Match v Southwold –cancelled due to bad weather

Vets: Vet’s Friendly v Dunston Hall (H) lost 2½ -3½, Friendly v Costessey Park (H) lost 2-4, Friendly v Eaton (H) lost 2½ -3½.

Rules Answer

Yes. Stones of any size are loose impediments and may be removed, provided removal does not unduly delay play.

Diary Changes

Event	Diary Date	New Date
Brag Cup	Friday 13 th April	Friday 27 th April
Social Golf	Sunday 22 nd April	Friday 20 th April
Social Golf	Friday 25 th May	Sunday 27 th May
Ladies’ Stableford	Sunday 10 th June	Saturday 9 th June
Men’s Stableford	Omitted	Sunday 10 th June
Men’s Medal	Sunday 12 th August	Saturday 11 th August
Men’s Stableford	Saturday 25 th August	Sunday 26 th August