



Chairman's Blog – May 2019

Welcome to the May Chairman's Blog, and I am pleased that winter is behind us and the playing season is under way again in earnest.

The Captain's Fun Day at the weekend showed just what a great club we have. A full field of golfers for the Competition, won in style by Jay, Veeru, Kiran and Bipin Patel with a great score of 99 points. Other highlights included a Putting Course, Penalty shoot-out, Trackman Wedge Challenge, plus the numerous indoor activities for both kids and the bigger kids!

Below is a short summary of the major points discussed at the last Board Meeting:

Health & Safety

Don Good – reported in excess of 40 balls landing in his and his neighbours' gardens over the last two months. Initial discussion on how we can go some way in negating these types of incidents. RE, SM & BR to review any possible course alterations and report back.

Catering Update; Four Seasons Cuisine

Today was the last day of the existing caterers and following the deep cleans, Four Seasons will start trading from 1st May, tomorrow. They will need the support of both the Board and the members to restore some confidence in the catering, which has sadly declined over recent months. Initial reports are extremely positive, and we are looking forward to a period of stability in the kitchen.

Treasurer's Report

£2k profit this month (against £2k loss in 2018). A cumulative loss of £21k compared to £22k last year, but with April and May more profitable months to come. Everything else is roughly the same as last year.

Membership

Membership continues to rise, although at this time of year, the number of new recruits tends to diminish somewhat historically. We are about to launch the summer recruitment program in June, so hopefully any losses that we normally sustain at renewal will be largely negated by the recruitment so far.

Golf and Greens

The course is in good condition especially following the drought symptoms from last year. Winter Rules are continuing until the end of May.

All greens have been scarified, seeded and fertilized and whilst they are being hand hosed there is no substitute for some sustained rainfall to encourage growth.

13th Tee Rebuild – is progressing towards an October start. Larry Coyne and Steve Denman looking for options for the retaining walls/sleepers.

House

Tiles, Card room - LC looked at the tiles on the roof of the card room. NP has offered to investigate and remedy. No H&S issues at present.

Tri-fold doors – in the dining room have come off their track and LC is speaking to the glazier who repaired the kitchen window earlier this year.

Visitors' Urinals – LC to speak to Micky Piludu about changing the size. LC will also speak to SD about the double vanity unity.

Baby Changing mat – has been installed.

The Trolley Shed – LC to see if light in trolley shed can be swapped out to a movement detector and NP to investigate ventilation which was mentioned before.

Lounge Bar – SM highlighted that the lounge bar now needs some serious refurbishment, repaint walls, re-upholster chairs and bar stalls and new curtains. This is an expensive project and the 1st step will be to request a quote from Ease & Co, who installed the original fixtures and fittings back in 2005.

Finally, a reminder that as we go full swing into golfing season, please help all members by replacing divots, repairing pitch marks, and keeping personal ride-on, and club buggies away from greenside locations.

Kind regards

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