

# News & Views

**Doncaster Golf Club OCTOBER 2018**



## Junior Foundation

Last month we sent out information about the Junior Foundation which we set up to support the youngsters in the club who are making progress towards county and national success. The success brings with it a substantial amount of costs in terms of travel and accommodation and so we have set aside some funds to help any qualifying junior to meet those expenses. Young Josh is the current example but as a result of the great work by Simon and Jill we are enthusing other youngsters and some are showing signs of following in Josh's footsteps.

The club has contributed to the Foundation and we are hopeful that some members might be prepared to add their financial support to this cause.

If you would be interested in doing so, please contact the office and you will be given guidance on how to donate.

## Annie's Salver

88 members, (ladies, men, juniors and former juniors) took part in the 2nd annual Annie's Salver Match between a Captain's Team and a Team of Juniors and Past Juniors, as a Past Junior myself I felt some pride when announcing that the Juniors had won 12:10 as well as some disappointment when 3 of the last 4 matches went in the Juniors favour to give them the result on the day. Well done to my (The Captains) team and hard luck, well done Cameron and your team of 44 professionals who prevailed on the day.

Past Juniors travelled from as far away as London to play in the event and it was great to see them all and catch up. Chips and Sandwiches followed by a trophy presentation and raffle saw the clubhouse full and the atmosphere exceptional - what a day!

Rick Morris once again deserves special mention for his generosity and organisational skills, the day raised over £1000 to be put towards replacing the damaged rubbish bins on the course, one for the diary next year.

## View from the Chair

The playing season has drawn to a close and the work has started on the winter programme. In the Committee room work has scaled up on the planning process for the next club year in readiness for the AGM.

We have had a tremendous response to the membership survey with over 270 members completing it to date. If you haven't yet done so you still have the opportunity as we aren't closing it until the 15<sup>th</sup> November. It would be nice to get over the 300 mark.

I have had a good look at the responses to date and there is some really useful information coming out of it which we will be using to inform the three year plan that we will be presenting to members at the AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. We are really keen to use the attendance at the AGM to share our plans with as many members as possible so please put the date in your diary. There will also be an opportunity that evening for members to ask any questions of the Committee and wherever possible we will be giving answers there and then.

Look out for an email attaching a Course Policy Document. This is the result of a lot of work led by Rick Morris with the support of both the Greens Committee and some of the main Committee. It is a comprehensive statement of how the course should be prepared. We felt that it was important that we had something that sets out the detail of how we want the course to be presented. No doubt it will provoke some comment from members and I hope that people will appreciate the effort that has gone in to its preparation.

Wrap up well and enjoy your winter golf!

Jon Whiteley



## Remembrance Sunday Lunch - 11th November

Members will be aware that this year marks the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1.

With Remembrance Sunday falling on the 11th November the Club is holding a special Sunday Lunch at a cost of £21.00 per person with £1.50 going to the Royal British Legion. Children will be charged at half price.

Bookings for this event can be made at the bar, and it is hoped that members will support this event.



## Greens News

A big thank you to all those who have:

- Repaired Pitchmarks, it only takes seconds but the damaged from an unrepaired one lasts for weeks.
- Replaced or filled divots, again seconds to do with long lasting gains.
- Raked their bunker, we all know how depressing it is to find the ball in a bunker and then even worse to see it in a footprint.

Please all members be reminded not to take trolleys over the greens, surrounds and onto tees. Do not practice on the course by hitting lots of balls from the fairways and stay calm if you miss a putt. These actions cause more harm to the course so please respect it.



Winter is on its way, the new bunkers are coming on well and the course is recovering from the very hot and dry summer. Help it stay in good condition by not attending the flagstick unnecessarily, if you only go on to a tee to play your shot think how much less wear there will be from footprints. Buggy drivers please don't drive all over looking for someone's ball, keep off fairways when frosty and don't drive right up to a white line, allow yourself some turning space so you don't have to scuff the ground to turn.

When the newly bunkered holes are in play please keep off the new turf, use a scoop to retrieve your ball from the turf and enter the bunker from a board. You can walk in the bunker rather than scoop at the ball that will try and evade you.

Those early morning starters from the 10th please remember that the greens staff have to try and get their work done so be prepared to wait or better still tee off from the 1st so that you are behind us.



The reconstruction of the bunkers on holes 2, 6 & 7 has gone really well. All of the construction and liner is already in place and turfing is well underway.



### Take care on the Course

We would like to take the opportunity to remind all members that the course, its steps and surfaces may be slippery when damp and wet. Golfers must ensure that they wear appropriate footwear to meet the prevailing conditions. Wherever possible, keep to Footpaths & Steps.

## Launch of the new Rules of Golf

Many members will now have obtained a copy of the new Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf, due to come into effect in January 2019. This is an abridged version of the Rules of Golf and is written with a focus on the golfer, covering the rules most relevant to you as a player. This Rules Book is very much slimmed down compared to what we have been used to and uses diagrams and charts to help visually explain the Rules. This is a great opportunity for us all to refresh our knowledge of the rules. In addition to publishing this new book, the governing bodies are providing further information through their websites and I would encourage you to look at the R&A and England Golf websites if you require further information. You can also choose to "Become a Rules Guru" by signing up on the England Golf website. You will then receive a weekly email written by their in-house Rules experts, which includes explanations, reasoning, videos and a quiz to test your new-found knowledge. Having a good knowledge of the rules of golf can benefit us all.



Do not commence or continue play in fog/poor visibility, when you cannot see the clear distance of your intended shot.



## Finals Weekend

Congratulations to all the finalists this year, it's always an achievement to make a final and of course it's always nice to win on the day too.

May I personally say a big thank you to Duncan Macphee, Paul Elliott and the Golf Sub-Committee for devising a new format for Finals Day which judging by the feedback received on the day was a great success.

Good luck everyone in 2019

Captain Ian Atkinson



**Burnett Foursomes**  
**Bob & Stuart Rawson**



**Captain's Prize**  
**Simon Hickson**



**Clarvis Cup**  
**Jill McGarvie**



**Dicky Dunn Trophy**  
**Tony Wesley**



**Men's 4 Ball Better Ball**  
**Gavin Pickering & Joe Leedale**



**Mixed Foursomes**  
**Paul Liddle & Jen Rowland**



**Julie Horncastle Trophy**  
**Ginette Botting**



**Margaret Walters**  
**Judith Hudson & Anne Moore**



## Presentation Evening - Friday 16th November

Why not come along and celebrate the achievements of your fellow golfers at this years Presentation Evening, see them accept their trophies from the Captain.

Enjoy a 3 course meal priced at £23.50 per person and then enjoy this years entertainment provided by comedian Duggie Brown.

Please book your place with Ray or his team at the Bar.

### Ryder Cup

Great weekend at Doncaster Golf Club watching Europe win the Ryder Cup with Hot Roast beef and Pulled Pork sandwiches and Heineken at £2/pint.

Thank you to all the members who supported the club on Sunday which made for a great atmosphere and a great day



### Bob Smith 90 years young

Bob Smith was the Captain during the highly successful Centenary Year in 1994 and was made an Honorary Member for his contribution towards several aspects of the administration of the Club over many years.

Members of his Friday group celebrated his 90th birthday by giving him a surprise party at the club on Friday 28th September.



Bob Smith  
Honorary Member Doncaster Golf Club  
Celebrating his 90th birthday with friends

## 125th Anniversary - 8 weeks and counting!!!

As we draw ever closer to 2019 and the start of our 125th anniversary year, arrangements are still ongoing as to what events we can offer our members to make this a memorable event.

We welcome your ideas and feedback on how we can achieve this, please forward your thoughts to Chris in the office (admin@doncastergolfclub.co.uk) and she will pass them over to us.

Vice Captain's Allan Beaumont & Carole O'Neill



Members received a spooky welcome this week in the Pro Shop from our resident witch Michelle Allen



Christmas is coming

It's Children's Party Time!!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Bring your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren.

Disco, games and party food

Meet a very special SANTA when he arrives on his sleigh

Cost per child - £7.00

Please add names to the attendance list on the House & Social Notice Board and provide a **wrapped and clearly labelled present** plus payment of £7.00 per child to the Club Office **by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

