

October 2018 Members' Newsletter Ryder Cup Fever!

This year's Ryder Cup was one of the most exciting in many years. Le Golf National in Paris was the perfect venue to watch the Europeans regain the Ryder Cup. Intensely vocal crowds cheered on both teams (in good humour!) and it was great to see how well the home team handled the pressure.

We kept the USA quiet (Patrick Reed), Mollywood (Molinari and Fleetwood) had a perfect record and everyone played their part in the victory. We hope you all had a chance to enjoy it!





Men's and Ladies' Captains

A massive thank you to the outgoing Captains of Rosi Brown and Shane Phelps (pictured) for a very successful year under their leadership. They have raised thousands of pounds for the charity and will be leaving their respective sections in an excellent state for the new committees and Captains. A report on the new Captains will be on next month's newsletter. Thank you also to all the section committees for all their hard work through the year and special gratitude to Paul Thomas who will be leaving the Men's committee after 10 years service.

Other News

Planning application

A new Planning Officer has been appointed to our application meaning the closing date for objections was moved to 28th September. Some positive emails have been exchanged since that date and we remain optimistic to the outcome. We will keep you posted!

Fireworks Night - Friday 2nd November

- 6.00pm Gates Open
- 6.30 Family Disco starts in the Park Suite
- 7.30pm Fireworks
- Tickets are available from the bar or online. Adults £5.00, Children 4 11 £3.00, Under 4s free (Online tickets have a booking fee attached)
- The course and clubhouse will be closed from 5.00pm.

Double Up Nights on the Driving Range

- Double Up Nights are back! Buy 25 balls and get 25 free after 4.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from October 1st.
- Offer available October 1st 2018 March 31st 2019





News from the course with Andy Grabham

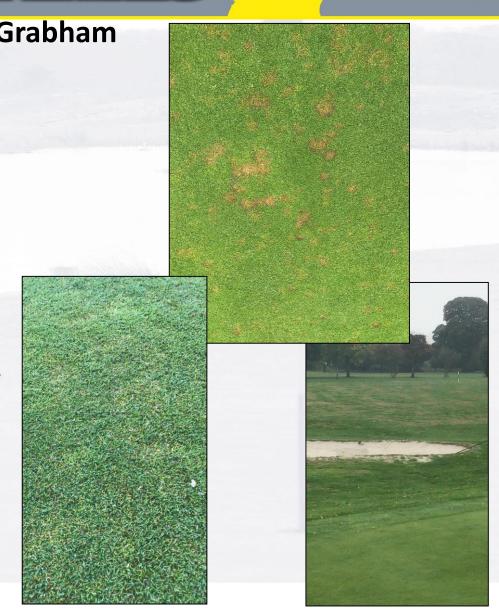
Autumn has arrived!!

Leaves have started to fall especially with the high winds and a few frosts already! Lower night time temperatures and shorter daylight hours, leads to grass growth rates slowing down. Usually this is good for us, but with plenty of areas needing to recover before the winter, it's not so good!

We have fertilised selected areas to try push recovery, but unfortunately grass in many areas will remain bare or thinned out. Fingers crossed for a warm spring to help recover for next season.

Greens are slowly recovering from the disease outbreak which is positive. I am confident we can create a healthy sword again going into the colder months.

Aeration practices and disease preventative measures have already started on the greens, as mentioned in the last newsletter. It is impotent to keep the canopy open as much as possible to help with oxygen and gas exchanges. So when needed and conditions allow, we will be carrying out one of the following practices, star slitting, solid (5"depth,10mm) tining, Air2G2 (air injection), sorrow rolling, micro hollow tining (max 1" depth) and vertidraining (8"+ for sub surface drainage). All these will help keep the greens canopy open with little or no disruption to playability. This is vital for a healthy sword going forward.



News from the course with Andy Grabham

I have just had soil tests taken on 9th,16th,18th and 6th Manor greens, These will be sent off to America for analysis and we should get results back in a couple of weeks. I will report on these in the next newsletter.

Other jobs that my team have completed/are in

Other jobs that my team have completed/are in process over the past month are:

17th walk on/off walkway next to 17th green (pull up rubber mats, re-turf, lay rubber mats back on top).

13th winter mat plinth (the concrete had sunken, so remove old and replace with new)

Winter tees have been over seeded, fertilised and top dressed. (please keep off them due to weak seedlings).

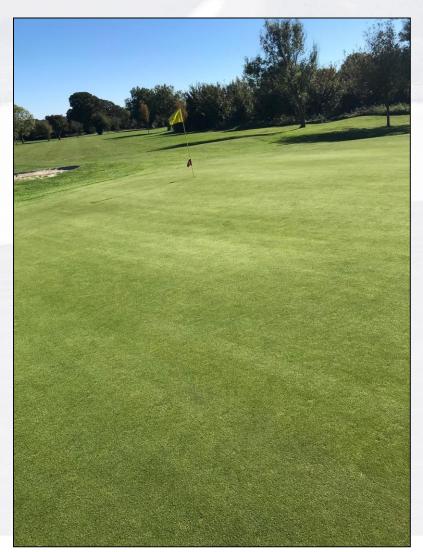
Edging bunkers and moving sand around.

On the 5th of November the summer tees will be brought in for repainting over the winter. Winter markers (yellow & red) will be put out in place. Please ONLY play from these markers, the summer tee boxes need to be rested for recovery.

The winter mats will be put back out shortly as well, we will change to these on selected holes at first then to all of them when conditions change.

Please repair pitch marks and divots.

Thanks Andy



News from the Pro-shop THIS MONTH'S PROMOTION

DEAL OF THE MONTH

Grab yourself a bargain

1 DOZEN
ONLY £37.50
RRP £45.99



NEW IN



Come and have a look at the new range, and gear yourself up for the winter. We have a large range of colours and sizes to choose from. As a wise man once said "There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes.



News from the Pro-shop

LOOK OUT FOR IN STORE



Always struggled to get the right yardage with your long irons or found them difficult to use? Look no further, The new TaylorMade GAPR hybrids, 3 new clubs to suit all abilities.







GET YOUR
FEET READY
FOR WINTER!





FOOTJOY'S STARTING AT

£54.95

News from Head PGA Professional Jonathan Lawrence









DO YOU WANT TO HIT MORE GREENS?

I'm sure the answer to this question is yes, however there are some key fundamentals we need to understand and improve, the components that directly effect the result are strike, direction, club selection and swing speed. With the help of the Skytrak we are able to directly pinpoint these key elements, to significantly improve your consistency, along with regular practice. If you wish to hit more greens and consistently play better then come to see me in the Pro Shop and book a lesson or a course of lessons at very reasonable prices.







Book a coaching session today, email: Jonathanl@farringtonpark.co.uk

News from Head PGA Professional Jonathan Lawrence









PLAYER OF THE MONTH

My player of the month I'm pleased to announce is Jon Cox. He's worked hard on his game and made so great improvements to his swing, giving him more control and consistency. Jon has brought his handicap down from 19.1 to 15.7 in just over a month. Well done Jon, keep up the good work and I'm confident your handicap will continue to fall.



KNOW YOUR DISTANCES

One of the most important elements to know about your game is - how far do I hit the ball? Do you know the answer?

Knowing how far the ball carries with each club can help you plan your way round the golf course and lower your score. A distance gap exercise could be the most important hour of your season. You can do this by either spending some time on the practice ground, however the best option is to come and see me and I can measure your club distances using the Skytrak launch monitor. We are able the tell within a yard how far you ball has travelled. Another consideration, more common than you think, is that lofts on clubs might not always be correct. I have come across many sets where the 7 iron has the same loft as the 8 iron, this is normally the case with a set of clubs more than a year old.





PGA Professional Terry Williams

Stars not Stripes

Hopefully reading this, the Ryder Cup was fantastic viewing and Justin Rose holed an eight footer on the last for Europe to win back the Ryder Cup. Either way with 2 amazing teams going head to head on the last day it will have been nail biting stuff fit you all.

I played a Ryder Cup game called Stars not Stripes with my Tigers the Sunday before and if the spirit is half as good in Paris as it was in the teaching bay, then it will have been a good one. We certainly had no U.S.A or Mash PotatoooooH shouts which was good!

Europe win you a half price lesson

If Europe win back the cup you can get a half price lesson on any weekday between 10am and 3pm

Remember I wrote this before leaving for Paris with our 9 hole junior organiser and we had our Berets at the ready......Well at least I did I'm not sure what's he's wearing!

Finally, I hope you guys were inspired watching the Ryder Cup to work hard on your game throughout the winter. Take advantage of the double up range deal and maybe come and have a chat about a lesson program to reach your golfing goals!

Terry Williams
P.G.A Professional



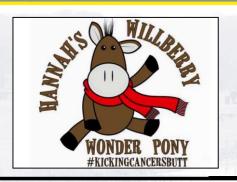




Farrington Park members at the Ryder Cup







Captain's Blog



Well that's it, my year as Captain of Farrington Park is over and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all those who have made it a wonderful 12 months.

Working with the committee has been a real eye opener into just how much hard work goes on behind the scenes, all provided voluntarily and most of it in harmony! My special thanks go to Paul Thomas who is stepping down after 10 years of serving on the committee and running the Avalon team, Paul you will be sadly missed but I am sure you'll return in the near future. Also thanks to my Vice Captain Gary Prater, Chris Liberty, Steve Ball, Rob Riccio and Tom Snelling. They have all made my job so easy that all I have had to do is turn up at meetings and act like I know what I'm doing.

Thanks also to Jon Cowgill who is an expert on anything golf and has always been available whenever I have needed him for advice or just a quick chat.

Well done to head greenkeeper Andy Grabham and his team for presenting us with a golf course in great condition. I know it's been a challenge with the weather being as changeable as it has been and many courses are still having to live with the fallout of the long dry spell earlier in the year. I am sure it will be a tough winter ahead but I know the course will continue to improve as it has done over the past few years. We have had some very successful golf days this year with both majors being played in great conditions and then my Captains day going off without a hitch even though the weather was not quite perfect. These events don't happen without a team of people working hard behind the scenes, so I would like to acknowledge the fine job that the bar and catering staff headed by Rich and Fay, have done this year to keep us all happy off the Course, and also all the guys in the pro shop, with a special mention to Jon Calway for helping with the prize tables this year. Finally thanks to all the golfers who have been so generous both in spirit and also in supporting my chosen charity financially. The final total has yet to be confirmed but the men's and ladies section combined have helped to raise over £7000 pounds for the Willberry Wonder Pony Cancer Charity. As a small charity this is a huge amount of money and will go a long way in helping those affected by this horrible illness.

Ladies

Centenary Plate Final – Sunday 2nd September 2018

Last year's winners of the County Centenary Plate made it all the way through to the final on Sunday to play against Worlebury at Bath Golf Club. Jackie Walker and Angela Hudd put up a magnificent fight and after losing the first hole were either even or up right up until the 19th hole. A great putt from the Worlebury team put paid to them winning the Plate once again. Congratulations and commiserations in equal measure on a very fine effort. They were presented with the Runners Up Vase by Amanda Mayne, President of the Somerset Ladies County Golf Association. Pictured from left to right: Ange Hudd, Amanda Mayne and Jackie Walker.

Also played this week was the Daily Mail Foursomes. This was a very small field as it coincided with a popular Ladies Open — only 28 players took part and the result was decided on countback with Lin Papas and Claire Salter taking the glory from Jacquie Gregory and June Symonds with 74 points. Third place went to Lena Warren and Rosi Brown.

Warm weather tempted the "Saturday Ladies" onto the Duchy course for the September medal competition including Paula Chivers, whose fine score of 40 points in last week's Stableford had earned her a handicap cut.

It was a day to capitalise on the good playing conditions and the field tried hard to do so; six birdies were recorded including two spot birdies from Sharman Bradshaw (5th) and Jane Ball (8th). It seemed to be a day for "trick shots", Jane Ball's fourth shot onto the 18th green hit the flag stick and veered off. When she laughingly challenged her playing partner, Sue Forshaw to do the same; Sue promptly did so and made a birdie!

However, that rarest of "birds" was found on the par four 4th hole by Corrine Durbin. Corrine said "I didn't hit a particularly good drive on the fourth, so I took a rescue club to try and land the ball "soft" on the green, instead, I thinned my second shot. I was very fortunate that the ball hit the bottom of the flag stick and went in! I put my eagle down to correct aim and good luck!"

The final results were a close finish in Division 1, Mandy Hobbs winning by one shot over Terri O'Shea, who beat June Symonds on count back into third place. Jane Ball won Division 2 and received a handicap cut. Linda Rogers was second and Sue Forshaw took third spot.

Division 2 Result 1st Jane Ball 92-23c=69, 2nd Linda Rogers 107-29c=78, 3rd Susan Forshaw 111-29c=82

Division 1 Result 1st Mandy Hobbs 86-12c=74, 2nd Terri O'Shea 87-12c=75 3rd June Symonds 95 -





Ladies

Ladies Away Day at Orchardleigh

Bobby stepped in to organise this day out at short notice and did a splendid job, with a fun format of step aside texas scramble, a good meal and some lovely prizes. There was a brief shower but otherwise it was good golfing weather. The course was suffering a bit from the hot weather earlier in the summer but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Rosi presented Bobby with a thank you card and voucher. Photo of the winners, Mandy Hobbs, Corinna Bates and Jackie Hobbs with organiser, Bobby Appleby

The competition format was a Step Aside Texas Scramble, teams of three comprising of a low, a medium and a high handicap player. It was a shame that the weather was the usual British summer standard of a cold wind and drizzle, but the teams' scores were sizzling!

Par for the course is 73 gross, the nett scores were:

1st: Mandy Hobbs, Jackie Hobbs, Corrina Bates - 67

2nd: Lena Warren, Sandra Hares, Maureen Goodsir - 68

3rd: Carol Redman, Karen Wills, Gillian Seaward - 71

4th: Jenny Ahlberg, Jane Ball, Bridget Rylance - 72

5th: Suzanne Young, Hazel Guthrie, Jane Richardson -73

6th: June Symonds, Pat Roscoe, Kay Clarke - 74

Nearest the pins: silver category: Mandy Hobbs and Lin Papas

Nearest the pins: bronze category: Jenny Ahlberg and Jane Waller. Jane's ball was so close to the hole it was almost a hole in one. She sent a picture of it to her husband, because she said he would never believe her otherwise!

After dinner, the winning team members received a prize each from Bobby, who received a gift herself from the ladies in appreciation of a well organised and thoroughly enjoyable day

out.

After last week's good turnout on Saturday, only four ladies braved the less than summer like conditions in the Saturday Stableford on 8th September. Linda Rogers had the best score of the day with 36 points.

Division 1 Result

1st Gail Proctor 33pts, 2nd Margaret Seery 23pts

Division 2 Result 1st Linda Rogers 36pts, 2nd Tracy GRIST 33pts



Ladies

A large field of 48 players assembled on Thursday, 13/9/18 to play a Stableford competition in memory of Mara Sheppard, a former member of the Ladies' Section, who sadly died of cancer some years ago. Her memory lives on in the form of a competition trophy named in her honour and a plaque on a wooden bench situated by the ladies' 10th tee.

The lovely early autumn weather should have contributed towards a day of good scoring, but for some reason only nine ladies managed to score over 30 points and one player played below her handicap par. The rest of the field were left wondering where they went wrong.

The four winners received handicap reductions. In fourth place with a score of 34 points, which included a two spot birdie at the 5th hole, was Corrina Bates. 35 points secured 3rd place for the ever-consistent Carol King and second place went to Tracy Grist on count back, for her second handicap reduction in a week. The winner with a fine 40 points, for her first handicap cut and a maiden victory was Nadine Spong (pictured). A delighted and slightly emotional Nadine received the Mara's Morning Trophy from Captain Rosi Brown to great applause from the ladies.

After the surprisingly low scores recorded at Mara's Morning last Thursday, the course carried on "playing tough" on Saturday. No birdies were scored, neither were there any pars on the lower stroke index holes, so Gail Proctor's score of 38 points and June Symonds 36 points score in Division 1 were very impressive given the playing conditions. Kay Clarke won Division 2 with 28 points.

Division 1 Result

1st Gail Proctor 38pts, 2nd June Symonds 36pts, 3rd Clare Salter 28pts Division 2 Result

1st Kay Clarke 28pts, 2nd Linda Rogers 27pts, 3rd Tracy GRIST 21pts



Ladies

Only two players, Terri O'Shea and Clare Salter ventured out onto the Duchy course for the medal competition last week. The rest of the ladies preferred several rounds of coffee in the clubhouse as they watched Storm Ali roar overhead. This week the dismal weather was a distant memory as high pressure brought in glorious autumnal sunshine and temperatures of 20C. The largest field of the year, 52 players, took to the course for the Committee Cup; a Stableford competition played in pairs off a 90% handicap allowance, the best score being counted.

The players certainly took advantage of the fine weather. There were five two spot birdies on various par 3 holes: Lally Gibson (5th), Gail Proctor & Ang Hudd (10th), Gill Seaward and Gill Russell (15th). Scoring was so close for the final winning pairs, that the competition organiser had to employ count back to separate them. Kay Clarke & Jenny Howarth's 38 points would have seen them far up the leader board on most days, but it was only good enough for sixth place. Three teams scored 39 points with Ang Hudd and Shar Bradshaw taking 3rd place on count back ahead of Jane Richardson and Maureen Goodsir (4th) and 5th placed Gill Seaward and Suzanne Young. Jenny Ahlberg and Lena Warren (40 points) were the clubhouse leaders and looked likely winners, until the final pairings of the day finished their round. A fine 42 points from Maureen Charlton and Pauline Young (Pictured left and right) ensured they were the Committee Cup winners by a two point margin.





Seniors

Farrington Seniors played their Wednesday Medal with the choice of a free health check after the game. Medal competition always sorts out the blood pressure but keeping calm with their golf on the day in Division 1 was Dave Harvey at the top with a nett70 beating Graham Bradley into second on count back and Fred Grist third also on nett 70. Round of the day in Division 2 was by Jim Farmer with a nett 73 beating Chris Liberty into second on count back and Peter Barnes third on nett 75. Controlling the pressure of a medal in Division 3 was Mo Duery on top with a nett 77 followed by Steve Mitchell in second with a nett 79 beating Geoff Clare into third on count back. After the golf had finished the free medical took place and many seniors were advised to start their diet plans.

Results

Division 1

- 1 Dave Harvey nett 70
- 2 Graham Bradley nett 70
- 3 Fred Grist nett 70
- 4 Bob McKeegan -Brown nett 72
- 5 Colin Glibbery nett 72

Division 2

- 1 Jim Farmer nett 73
- 2 Chris Liberty nett 73
- 3 Peter Barnes nett 75
- 4 Tony Thorp nett 75
- 5 Phillip Toogood nett 77

Division 3

- 1 Mo Duery nett 77
- 2 Steve Mitchell nett 79
- 3 Geoff Clare nett 79
- 4 Hugo Pike nett 80
- 5 Richard Collier nett 81

KNOCKOUT BLOW BY HURRICANE ALI

The hurricane season appears to have hit the United Kingdom with a vengeance. 50 mile an hour winds made it extremely difficult to play a number of holes. Taking into account the demanding conditions the overall scoring for the senior men was more than acceptable. Results of Bowmaker with 2 scores to count was as follows:

1st Andy Snook, Graham Marsh, Boyd Francis 85 points 2nd Barry Hall, Jim Farmer, Mo Duery 84 points 3rd Alan Skivington, Steve Banfield, Steve Mitchell 83 points

4th Rob Thain, Eric Nott, Martin Hares 80 points 5th Chris Standen, Terry Thatcher, Mike Astle 79 points Nearest the Pins on 5th Alan Skivington, 8th Rob Thain, 14th George Tyrrell, 15th Len Salter.

Seniors

TEXAS TRIUMPH FOR TRIO

Early doors there was a definite nip in the air. By mid-morning the clearest blue sky imaginable. Not the time to be counting shopping days to you know what (89 if you're interested). Incredibly a local eating establishment already has their Xmas tree up and decorated! Whatever next - Easter eggs in the shops by November? Texas Scramble (6 drives each) was this week's format and the formidable trio of Captain Ray Guthrie, Paul Cains and Mel Field blew away the opposition with a marvellous score of 51.6. Results

1st Ray Guthrie, Paul Cains and Mel Field
2nd Graham Bradley, Martin Clark and Vic Clarke
3rd Don Perry, Ray Wilkinson and Gerald Shearn
4th Alan Skivington, Ham Ridene and Eddie Cheasley
5th David Metcalfe, Geoff Potts and Steve Park
Nearest the Pins 5th Alan Smith, 8th David Metcalfe, 14th Bob
McKeegan-Brown 15th Paul Cains.



Mixed

MAGICAL MOLINARI MASTERMINDS EUROPEAN VICTORY

An unbelievingly tense final day in France concluded with a thrashing of the USA by a jubilant European team. Every one of the 12 players contributed to the winning score of 17.5-10.5 proof indeed that the Europeans were more focused and together that the fragmented and distinctly unhappy USA team. Back on British soil fourteen mixed pairs competed for the Romaine Punchbowl. A change of format ensured an excellent turnout and all keen to finish their games in good time to witness the conclusion of the singles matches in the Ryder Cup.

In occasional gusty but warm conditions some excellent scores were recorded but many congratulations to Terri O'Shea and Neil Morgan in winning the trophy with an impressive 48 points.

Results Terri O'Shea & Neil Morgan 48 points, 2nd were June & Steve Symonds with 44 points, in third place Bobby Appleby & Phil Thompson with 43 points on countback from Jane & Steve Ball also on 43 points in 4th place.

Juniors

Abby wins by one

The weekend of September 1st & 2nd saw 15 players compete in the Farrington Park Junior Club Championships. Day one saw some exceptional scoring creating and exciting second round grouping with reigning champion Alex Marshall (77) leading by one shot from Junior Captain Abby Gray (78) and by four from Jackson Carey (81). The battle for the Nett prize was just as fierce with new 18 hole junior Libbie Dezis, fresh from a large handicap cut, shooting an eye-watering 64, closely followed by the ever improving Caleb Wickham on 66. Day two saw the three leaders out together all with eyes on the prize! A crowed gathered on the patio overlooking the 18th green and witness the tense conclusion, and this time last year's runner up Abby Gray managed to get her hands on the silverware with a final round of 82 to win with a total of 160, followed by Alex Marshall on 161, Alex Bendall on 163 (after shooting the tournament low round of 74) and Jackson Carey on 164. The nett prize was claimed by Libbie Dezis with a total of 136 with runner up Caleb Wickham on 137 and Josh Barlass on 141. Well done Abby and many thanks to all that took part in what was the best

turn out in many years. Pictured form left to right: Winners Libbie Dezis and Abby Gray

9 hole Manor Junior Club Championship - Double delight for Libbie!!

34 juniors took part in the 9 hole Manor junior club championship on Sunday 16th September. In very windy conditions, 22 juniors competed off the red tees and 12 juniors off the white tees. Sisters Frankie and Libby Dezis sealed off a fantastic year by winning the White and Red tee competition.

The winning scores are below:

White tee gross 1st place - Frankie Dezis gross 33 (back 6)

White tee gross 2nd place - Jake Russell gross 33

White tee net 1st place - Jenson Barker net 25

White tee net 2nd place - Abby Gray 30 (back 6)

Red tee gross 1st place - Libbie Dezis gross 33

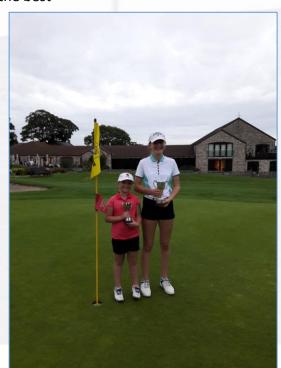
Red tee gross 2nd place - Ffion Richardson gross 35 (back 6)

Red tee gross 3rd place - Abbie Moore gross 35

Red tee net 1st place - Rory McDonald net 22

Red tee net 2nd place - Oscar Alexander net 25 (back 6)

Red tee net 3rd place - Charlie Pawley net 25





Monday to Friday - £6.95 - Full English Breakfast 8.00am - 10.00am

Wednesday - Pizza Night 5pm-9pm. Create your own 12" Pizza*, and a Free Drink! Only £10.50.

T &Cs apply, a choice of 2 different toppings for the pizza, selected drinks only, no further discounts apply.

(Additional toppings can be added for 50p each.)

Thursday Steak Night – 2 rump steaks for £20.00, other steaks available

Friday Happy Hour – 5.00pm – 7.00pm - £2.50 pints, glass of house wine

Saturday - Help Yourself Breakfast Buffet - £7.95 - 9.00am -12.00pm



Sunday Carvery - 2 courses for £14.95, 12.00pm – 4.00pm

	October 2018					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Dave Sherborne Trophy 9.30am Manor Course	3 Seniors Morning 8.00am – 11.30am	4 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am Seniors match vs Cumberwell Park 12.00pm Men's AGM 7.30pm		6 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
7 Members Trophy - All Day Junior Manor Comp – 12.00pm	8	9 Ladies Coppers 10.04am Both Courses	10 Seniors Morning 8.00am – 11.30am	11 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am Ladies AGM 7.00pm		13 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
14 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Generation Trophy 10.30am Junior Duchy Comp – 11.30am		16 Ladies Grannies Trophy 10.00am Seniors match vs Knowle 11.00am	17 Seniors Morning 8.00am – 11.30am	18 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am		20 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
21 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Mixed Comp Romaine Punchbowl 10.30am Junior Manor Comp – 12.00pm	22	23	24 Seniors Morning 8.00am – 11.30am	25 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am	10.00am	27 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
28 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Junior Duchy Comp – 11.30am	29	30	31 Seniors Morning 8.00am – 11.30am			

Duchy Course unless otherwise stated