



## 3rd Golf Liaison Meeting

Wednesday 24th January 2018.

**Venue:** Golf Centre, Terrace Bar

**Attendees:** Lewis Baker (Director of Golf), Sharon Jones (2017 Lady Captain), Louisa Goff (Secretary), Colin Young (Golf Course Liaison), Kath Thorneycroft (Lady Captain for 2018) & Robin Mackness (Captain for 2018) Ian George (Golf Course Manager)

**Apologies:** Dilya Airey (Golf Ops Manager), Ashley Burdock (2017 Captain),

### Summary

- Minutes from last meeting agreed.
- Welcoming to the New Captain (Robin Mackness) , Lady Captain (Kath Thorneycroft) & Secretary (Louisa Goff)
- Explanation for the purpose of the meetings with regards to building communication and to join as a force to work together.
- New Offices have now been built and are nearly complete, David and sales team, HR etc have moved in.
- New Restaurant is currently being built
- Drawing plans for the new clubhouse/bar can be seen on Shropshire council website. Plans not set in stone!
- Junior Social Events are now taking place for 2018, The New Year's Golf Party was a success and enjoyed by all that attended.

- The next junior social event is scheduled for Saturday 24th February at 'JUMP IN' Indoor Trampoline Park, Shrewsbury.
- The Seniors section & Mr Ian Balmforth have kindly made a donation towards the Junior section, which has been greatly received with much appreciation, Thank you
- Junior Organisers Position still available, Lots of parents are willing to give support in and around social events, Thank you
- Ted Bache (Junior Captain), to take on responsibility of organising events. Well done Ted!
- DOG has taken personal responsibility to respond to all comments noted in the golf course comments folder (*situated at members check in desk*), and will continue to do so.
- Ian George (Golf Course Manger) and his team make the decisions on the status of each golf course, with regards to temporary greens, trollies, buggies etc.
- Terrace bar is acting as a restaurant to serve any guests while the new restaurant is being built.
- Bunker on the 6th Hawkstone to be reinstated once netting has been erected.
- Monthly Members newsletters will continue to be sent out including the summary of the minutes from the Monthly Golf Liaison meetings, as well as a tri-monthly greens report! There has been lots of positive feedback around this communication. (*Hard Copies will also be available on request*)
- Events: - Open Par 3 Challenge, 30th June (*Proposed*) for all to play and enjoy.
- DOG is looking to achieve Golf/Club Mark for 2018. (*A Governing Body Club Mark Accreditation*)
- Hawkstone Park is looking to be an Inclusive club that's accessible for Disability Golf. An audit is imminent.
- Discussions around 8th medal tee improvements on the Hawkstone.
- Bunkers are continuously improving
- 8th Green drainage is nearly complete great progress made by Ian and his team.
- Discussions around putting much shorter tees out on the championship course to encourage juniors, beginners, elderly, disabled etc. The Weston or The Red castle Course was proposed as a name for it.
- Winter 10 hole comp of Golf on Championship, Terry Nixon to organise.
- Hollow-coring months are now stated on BRS and will be on a header in the Golf Club Diary. The proposed dates are March and August; exact dates will be published closer to the time as this is weather dependant.
- Divoting evenings to be organised with Ian George and House & Social.
- Soil sampling and a proposed seed for over seeding Championship fairways was discussed.

### **New Course Comments**

- Side of 2nd green Hawkstone has been clipped back so use of 3rd medal tees can be available, the rhododendron will grow back pretty quick but will be easier to maintain. It was pointed out that this slope

could be a risk hazard with golfers retrieving balls and there being numerous rabbit holes. Drop zone to be implemented.

- In between bunkers on 2nd hole Hawkstone is now rough not fairway.
- The 4th hole, the steps have been roped off, please be vigilant of golfers playing from 5th tee.

### **AOB**

- Robin Mackness (2018 Captain) commented on how constructive the meeting was.
- Ian George wanted a green keeping revenge day for the members including obstacles, cross country golf etc. the idea was received well by all, any monies to be donated to captain's charity.
- Night Golf was proposed.
- Colin Young wanted to make sure he knew who was making the course status decisions; it was made clear Ian George makes these decisions as Golf Course Manager.

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