

Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

July 2018 Newsletter

Saturday 21st Captain Pro Challenge and Party

Sunday 22nd 12.00pm Par 3 Competition

Monday 23rd 3 Clubs & Putter

Tuesday 24th Lady Captains Day & Mens Away Day

Wednesday 25th 9 Hole Stableford

Thursday 26th Paddy Glasheen (beat the score)

Friday 27th 9 Hole Social Golf - Fish & Chips

Captains Week 21st – 27th July

Sign up in the Pro Shop for all competitions

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

Chairperson Report (Ruth Reynard)

It doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing to hail the start of the golfing season and now here we are with summer well and truly upon us and the fantastic weather we've been having. This does mean though that the course dries out. I guess it is a price we pay for being able to play all year round. I notice that although it is very dry there is still a fair covering of grass on the fairways. I can remember times when the fairways were bare and members recall having to tee up when we played.

We have had the course report from our agronomist and Roger Moore has put a summary of that report in this newsletter, it makes for positive reading. The full report has been placed on the website and on notice-boards in both changing rooms.

By the time you read this newsletter I'm not sure how much ragwort will be left as a few willing volunteers have been digging it out from the rough and fairways. Can I politely ask members please not to hit the tops off the ragwort as it makes it very difficult, for those of us who are digging it out, to identify it. We want to dig it out at the roots.

Thank you to all members who completed our second survey. The response rate was excellent, 47% of you responded, the national average return is 36% and anything over 40% is exceptional – so thank you for that.

Another big thank you is to those of you who left your contact details with us so that we can follow up any points with you. We will be doing that.

We have started the initial analysis and I will report more fully on this shortly, but in the meantime here are the headlines

- More team social golf requested, in particular Texas scrambles
- Social golf on Friday evening requested.
- Bunkers are criticised – this happens at every club apparently but we are aware that not all are in a good state. (Please also see the agronomists report)
- The BRS booking system was praised because you know when you can play, but members were critical of the block booking system in general.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the social committee for all their efforts so far this year. There have been some imaginative social golf competitions, sometimes with a bit of entertainment and of course good food. I know they listen to constructive feedback I'm sure there's more varied events to come, and as more social golf has been requested please try and support it when it happens. Check the sheets in the foyer for details and the clubs website as well as the club page on how did I do.

Course Conditions (Roger Moore)

We are now well into summer and a very dry spell causing the course to dry up in areas not covered by the irrigation system.

We have had a visit from the agronomist which has been positive and below is a summary:

This was my first visit for 4 years and it was pleasing to see the green staff doing an excellent job whilst under pressure from limited resources and the usual dry summer conditions.

Despite being dry at the time of inspection, the transitions from an unusually wet and extended winter period had been dealt with well. Early season fertiliser application had been well timed, stimulating just the right amount of recovery and encouraging the development of full sward cover.

Greens were seen to be coping well with the summer heat. Soil moisture content was at the lower end of the researched target range but ongoing monitoring of moisture content using the Theta probe is helping maintain controlled dryness and avoiding the onset of moisture related stresses. Issues common to an aging irrigation system are yet to be fully resolved, but the most challenging aspect the club faces is the ability to commit the necessary requirements for hand watering. Ongoing dry conditions are ideal (within limits) to promote continued development of fine grass species. The narrow tolerance for moisture control also serves to maintain acceptable thresholds for green firmness. Surface firmness was hard leading to feisty ball interaction. This is ok as long as the greens remain smooth appropriately paced whilst avoiding turf grass stress.

The putting surfaces were just within target ranges for ball roll quality. Height of cut is maintained at 4mm and achieving acceptable speed given the firm surface condition. Green speed is likely to drop off as far as and when dry conditions ease. Adjustments in mowing height can then be considered.

Fairways have come on well during the past few years. Further over seeding is encouraged to strengthen the swards with an increase in drought tolerant fine grass fescue species.

Teas were in excellent condition. Projects to level off teas have succeeded in many areas either as upper profile renovations or full reconstruction. The latest reconstructed tee (18th) has established well but observation do note a shallow depth and less than ideal quality of topsoil/root zone profile.

Bunkers are a weak point of the course and an area I am sure the club will look at to improve as and when resources allow. The club must look to ensure a long-term sustainable plan is developed which gives the green staff a chance to maintain the bunkers.

The biggest chance I noted, having not visited since 2014, is the ingress of gorse, self-set oak and expansion of trees and scrub into playing areas and wider areas of native rough. This trend is leading to the expansion of secondary succession and damaging grassland, vistas and playability.

Pro's Tip

Do you take the club back too fast? Most people feel that their backswing can become too quick which causes them to lose their rhythm. A great tip to stop this is to focus on turning your left shoulder until it is underneath your chin. You can only turn your shoulders so fast, whereas it is possible to move the hands away very quickly.

Rules Question

In a fourball match a player plays a wrong ball, on inspection it turns out to be his partner's. Are they both ruled out of the hole?

Captain's Corner (Heather Squirrell)

With the dry hot weather we have been having it means there is tremendous run on the ball; but not always where you want it to run!

The Ladies Open was a very successful day and much appreciated by those that played.

Unfortunately the Cranworth team have been knocked out; Fynn Valley proving too strong.

The Stearn team have progressed to the next round after a thrilling match against Thorpeness at Aldeburgh.

With the score level at 1 each and our final pair 4 down with 7 to go it did not look good. However, the final pair staged a dramatic come back and won the match on the 18th green.

The Ladies Club Championship and Mary Rowan Rosebowl were played on a very hot day and 36 holes in the heat was quite an achievement. This is our most important day when we congratulate the Club Champions and the winner of the Mary Rowan Rosebowl. Congratulations to Lils James, Club Champion: Sue Strutt Holmes, Net Club Champion and Heather Squirrell Mary Rowan Rosebowl Champion.

We have Captains Week coming up. This starts with the Captains Pro Challenge, an all-day Texas Scramble. Come and try to beat the score of the Captains and Andrew. The Scramble will be followed by a buffet with music. Look out for more competitions during the week

Captain's Corner (Steve Rowe)

Huge congratulations to Paul Whiting who set a new Amateur course record 63 in the Matthias Kerrison Cup, which included just one Bogey but 7 birdies.

Three of the Men's County teams were eliminated from their competitions since the last newsletter. The Hambro side lost away to Thorpeness 8 down but fought well in the afternoon to keep the home side on their toes. The Tolly was a similar story, they weren't able to make the most of home advantage against Rushmere but recovered from 7 down after the morning's foursomes to lost narrowly by 3.

The Stenson had a very close encounter at home to Haverhill which went to the last putt on the 18th of the last match but they also ended up on the wrong end of the result. In the last two years I think our County teams are going in the right direction with a good spirit in all the squads, good support and more members involved in trying out for the teams. Peter Revell for the last two years with the Stenson and Hambro and Sam Cooper this year with the Tolly both did excellent jobs.

We are still in two Men's County competitions with the Parks and Beaumont teams flying the Seniors and club flag. Their next round matches are imminent, the Beaumont away to Bury on July 19th and the Parks at home to Fynn Valley on the 23rd. Your support would be very welcome and the results will be posted on the County boards, I wish them both well in their matches.

I must thank Roger Moore, Roger Thake, Steve Peet, Ruth Reynard and Belinda Rowe for guesting with Andrew Collison and I in our 72 hole marathon for my nominated charity MNDA. So far the day has raised close on

£1000, you can still donate in the shop or at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/birdiesformnda> I will be closing the donations page at the end of July.

The Men's Invitation Day went well this year with 18 pairs playing 10 holes in the morning and this figure rising to 26 pairs for the afternoon. The feedback from members and guests was very good, it's a chance for us to showcase our club and facilities. Please keep a lookout for the date next year, there is room for more to play. Congratulations to Tony James, it's usually his wife Lils who grabs the headlines but he hit a hole in one on the 7th during the Invitation Day. He says it was a pitching wedge but I have been reliably informed it was a 3 wood!!!

We also held the Vets Open recently. I took part for the first time and must congratulate all those involved in an exceptionally well run event. Congratulations to Tony Richards who won the overall top prize.

The last Social Golf went down very well, the Random Run with a different format for each hole played, was well attended and with music from Rumpus Ukulele and an excellent BBQ from the Roger and his staff and fine evening was had by all.

On August 12th the club will be hosting the Suffolk Open Championship. It's a great honour for the club to be chosen to host this most prestigious event. The Men's committee would like to present the club in the best possible light so I am appealing to members to come forward to act as ball spotters, bunker rakers, hosts and whatever else you can suggest. These volunteers can be for the day or for a shorter time, the more we have the less load we need to put on individuals. It's a good chance to see top class local golfers take on our course. James Gardiner has kindly agreed to help with this, if you want to get involved please get in touch with him or me.

As you can see from what is above, this is the busy time of the year, Captain's week is upon us and in keeping with Brien and Jo's initiative of last year the week is shared by all the Captains. The highlights include the Captain /Pro Challenge, a Par 3 comp, Men's away Day, beat the Paddy Glasheen winning score and Social golf with Fish and Chips. Keep your eyes on the notice boards and table stands for more detail on the things happening during the week.

I hope to see many of you over the next few weeks at one of the events we are putting on.

Competition Results

Men: Parks Trophy: Bungay v Bury St. Edmunds won 4up. M. Bond & B. Ford 3-0, P. Whiting & C. Block 4-0, J. Gardiner & T Moore 0-1, N. Owles & D Mc Gregor 0-2. Matthias Kerrison Cup: Winner Paul Whiting Net 62 & a new Course Record. Div. 1. P Whiting 63-1-62, 2.P. McCormish 78-9-69, 3.A. Taylor 70-0-70. Div. 2. 1. C. Whyte 83-15-68 2. R. Buttle 85-16-69, 3. B. Mills 85-15-70. June Stableford: Winner: A. Slade. Div.1 A. Slade 39pts, 2.O. Earl 38pts, 3.A. Wood 35pts. Div. 2 P. Christian 38ptsoeb, 2. O. Chipperfield 38pts, 3.A. Pidd 37pts. Tolly v Ipswich (H). Bungay lost 3 down. Parks Trophy: Bungay v Seckford Hall –won 2up. June Medal: Winner P. Bailey 74-6-68, 2. P. McCormish 81-9-72, 3. C. Weller 78-6-72. Div. 2. 1. A. Robertson 88-16-72, 2. A. Davet 91-18-73, 3.R. Hipperson 92-15-77.

Ladies: Friendly Match v Bury St. Edmunds (A) draw 2-2. Coronation Foursomes: 1. S. Goulter & Y. Guy 30pts. 2. V. Hindle & S. Blackham 34pts, 3. G. Roberts & Jo Moore 33pts. 9 hole Stableford: 1. J. Wilson 16pts. 2. S. Pull 14pts, 3.L. Peaford 12pts. **Val Moore Cup:** 1. Jo Moore 75-11-64, 2. C. Maycock 83-16-67, 3. S. Goulter 89-20-69 **Stearn Prelim.Rd.** Bungay v Ipswich –played at Southwold.-Bungay won 2-1. Team. H. Scott & D. Randall, S. Strutt-Holmes & B. Taylor, Ja. Moore & B. Rowe. **Weston** – Bungay v Aldeburgh (H) lost 3-2. Team: L. James, D.Jary, S. Cooper, D. Pottinger & Jo Moore. **Haskell:** Bungay v Bury St. Edmunds (A). Won 4/3 . Team L. James & S. Cooper. Ladies Open Winners.. C. Kilgallen, M. Hall, C.Herbert & C. Lynch-Bates (Bramford & Fynn Valley GC.) 89pts. Stableford -9holes. 1. C. Jamieson 18pts, 2. B. Wright 14pts, 3.J. Graham 14pts. 18 hole Stableford: Winners L. Lord 40pts. Div. 1. S. Mattocks38pts, 2. D. Randall 34pts, 3. R. Reynard 34pts. Div.2 1. L. Lord 40pts, 2. W. Green 38pts, 3.B. Collings 38pts. Div. 3. J. Wilson 36pts, 2.A. Johnson 35pts, 3. A. Smith 33pts.**Club Championship:** Winner of Salver (Gross) L. James, 72+78-150. Winner of Handicap Cup (Net) 64+75-139 S. Strutt-Holmes. Gross: 2. S. Cooper 164, 3.Jo Moore 173.Net: 2. D. Dandall73=67-140, 3. C. Ambrose 72+70-140. Mary Rowan Rosebowl : H. Squirrell 68, 2. J. Wilson 70, 3. K. Wolfe 70, 4 D. Jary 73. Cranworth: Bungay v Fynn

Valley played at Thorpeness lost 6-3 **Stearn Rd. 1** Bungay v Thorpeness –played at Aldeburgh. Bungay won 2-1. Team. S. Strutt-Holmes & B. Taylor, D. Randall & C. Maycock, 3.Ja. Moore & B. Rowe. July Stableford: Div.1. S.Goulter 41pts, 2.B. Collings 39pts, 3.H. Wright 38pts. Div.2 1. Y. Dye 35pts, 2.K. Wolfe 35pts, 3.H. Squirrell35pts. Div.3 1. Y. Guy 35pts, 2.E. Hoare 34pts, 3. J. Sherman 34pts. Friendly Match v Woodbridge (H) – Bungay won 2½ -½. July Medal: Overall Winner: V. Hindle. Div.1 : R. Reynard 80-12-68, 2.S. Goulter 88-18-70, 3. A. Lewis 91-20-71. Div. 2. V. Hindle 90-28-62. 2. B. Catchpole 101-36-65, 3. G. Roberts 92-23-69.

Mixed: Friendly Match v Thorpeness (A) Bungay lost 6-2. Vet's v Ladies – Rolling Pin Match. Vet's won 3½ - 1½. Friendly Match v Halesworth (A) Bungay lost 7-0

Vets: Bungay v Costessey Park: Lost 1-5. Bungay v Rookery Park (A) Lost 3½ - 2½. Bungay v Stowmarket (H) Won 4½ - 3½. **Vet's Open:** Winner of Vet's Open Trophy : Tony Richards 42pts. Div.1 S. Rowe 37pts, 2. K. Davey 36ptsocb, 3. M. Bond 36pts ocb. Div. 2. 1. R. Holmes 38pts, 2. P. Matthews (Costessey Pk) 37pts, 3. D. Whitmore 35pts. Div. 3. 1. T. Richards 42pts, 2. B. Richardson 38pts, 3. B. Moore (Stowmarket) 37pts. Best Visitor: Peter Thorpe Diss G.C. 38pts. Bungay v Eaton (a) Bungay lost 4&2. Bungay v Bawburgh (H) lost 4-2.

Rules Answer

If a player incurs the loss of hole under Rule 15.3a for making a stroke at a wrong ball, he is disqualified for that hole, but his partner incurs no penalty even if it belongs to him.