

GOLF MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

December 2018 Golf Members' Newsletter

2018 Weather - Year of extremes!

After the worst winter for quite some time, including the 'Beast from the East' as well as record heavy rain, we have had a good decent dry summer in 2018. Extremely high temperatures in June, July and August browned the fairways out but at least we had the pleasure of playing in the sunshine.

The inevitable rains have hit us back over the last week which is why we now have the winter course set up. An explanation of the winter course conditions is on page 3 as well as on Head Greenkeeper Andy's blog. Please be patient with the Farrington Park staff and understand the decisions made are to keep the course in good condition through the winter and in to next season.

New Year's Eve Fun Competition

We are holding a members only New Year's Eve fun competition on Monday 31st December. There will be some excellent prizes including a discount on golf membership for next year! Teams of four players. Any combination. Book a tee time in the pro shop if you want to play. We will also be holding an afternoon family disco from 1.00pm – 5.00pm in the restaurant and the bar will be open. Bring along your friends and family!

There is also a Members' Texas Scramble on the 27th December. Book in the pro shop.





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Other News

Christmas Opening hours

The club will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and will reopen on the 27th December. (Clubhouse hours on page 21)

Drop zone on the 3rd

Due to the extreme weather, we have reintroduced the drop zone on the 3rd hole. This drop zone is compulsory and you may place your ball within this area. Further signage is now in place.

Planning news

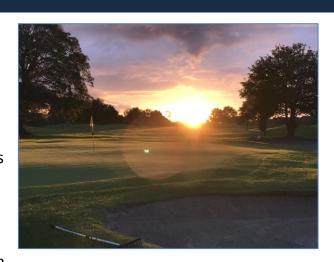
Unbelievably, Mendip Council are now saying that they forgot to ask the Archaeological Society as well as Historic England about our planning. We are hopeful that the historical survey we had done will cover this but it has still pushed the planning decision back again!

Office Space Available

We have an office available for rent from February 1st 2019. The current occupiers, Heating Engineers London, are staying on site but are moving to the old pro shop (current fitness studio). If anyone is interested in the office space, please contact Jon Cowgill on jon@farringtonpark.co.uk or call into the office.

Driving Range

During the winter months it may also be necessary to 'hand collect' the driving range balls. This takes place when the ground is too wet to use the ball collector. Please understand that this may mean the range is closed for a period of usually one hour. The timings on this depend on availability of staff but we try to keep disruption to a minimum. Timings will generally be 11.15am – 12.15pm weekdays and 1.00pm – 2.00pm weekends. During wet periods, please call the golf shop on ext 110 if you intend to use the range.







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Winter conditions

Winter Course changes

The start of full winter course changes were implemented on Thursday 29th November (Monday 20th November last year). All winter mats are in play and there are shortened holes on 1st, 4th, 7th, 12th and 17th. (16th until tee is back in use following works.)

As UK temperatures drop, grass growth slows and therefore course recovery does not occur. With up to 200 golfers per day trudging across the course, it is very easy to ruin all the hard work that takes place during the season.

We are fortunate to have buggy paths to help move golfers around the course as well as free draining greens to keep temporary greens to a minimum. Ropes and hoops are also used to direct traffic away from the problem areas where possible. We will bring back to normality as soon as ground conditions and temperatures permit.

Course closures

For prolonged periods of heavy rain or snow, it is sometimes necessary to close some or all of the course. This decision is based on the ground conditions and is made by the greenkeeping team first thing in the morning. If they feel the course is waterlogged and damage can be done or there is a risk to golfers, they will close the necessary holes. This decision is never taken lightly but, as in previous years, it will happen at various times through the winter. Please call the course status line on ext 115 or view the course status page on the members area of the website.

http://www.farringtonparkmembers.co.uk/Home.aspx

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding why we need to do this.







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News from the course with Andy Grabham

What a busy month!!

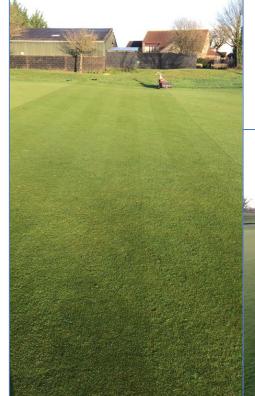
November has seen the weather go from mild to cold, back to mild and now mild and very wet and windy.

This has thrown some challenges during this month especially with us starting the changes on 12th and 16th holes.

Leaves have continued to fall with just the big oak trees left to fall. We have had a few problems with the machines that help move and collect the leaves of late, this has hampered our efforts to keep on top of them (sorry for any lost balls). Also with the works starting on the 12th and 16th, the machinery used for construction are also the ones used for collecting and moving leaves, therefore leading us to prioritise the vehicles to construction while the weather was dry. We will get out ASAP when the rain stops to tidy the course up from leaves.

I'm still happy with the greens surfaces going into the winter although there is a bit of disease on a few greens again!! This is unstoppable in these conditions where spraying is not possible and climatic conditions are perfect for pathogen and spore reproduction. I have sprayed preventives and can guarantee if we hadn't sprayed and carried out aeration practices of late the disease outbreak would be a lot more devastating. I have solid tined the greens and have put on a granule fertiliser, this will breakdown quickly, especially with the rain around. In return this will provide the plants with the nutrients they need going into winter.

From now on and for the rest of the winter the greens will be hand cut at 6mm and turf ironed on occasions.







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The full winter course is now in play with shortened holes on 1,4,7,12,16,17, this is due to health and safety from steep terrain and wet areas that we need to protect for next season. Please follow all signage and stay on paths as much as possible. Buggies are to remain on paths at all times now, apart from 11,13 and 14 where you can drive in the rough as directed. Any course furniture moved for the playing of your shot should be replaced when finished please. 16th works are well underway with the white and yellow tee complete, apart from seeding the remaining bank and putting in irrigation (great effort by the boys to get this done in 7days, as well as preparing the course each day). The old green/yellow tee has been levelled to the path height, we will create a smaller green tee at the back of the old yellow tee. The weather has been against us with the latest storms, which has stopped our efforts for now. Work on planting trees and finishing the tees will continue when conditions allow us. The 12th tee construction is well underway and is starting to take shape. The new design will create a bigger teeing ground area, lower maintenance and a real feature to our feature hole. Obviously with construction comes interruption and mess!! We will do our best to localise the damage and repair it when complete. Please play all traffic marks and construction areas as GUR until further notice. We will keep you all updated on progress on these projects as much as possible, will post on social media photos and progress along the way. Regards





News from the Pro-shop DECEMBER PROMOTIONS





FLASH SALE

Fri 7th & Sun 9th







M4 Drivers £259 SAVE £70

M3 Drivers £319
SAVE £110

M4 FW £139.95 SAVE £70 G400 Drivers £269 SAVE £80

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G400 FW £169 SAVE £50 Rogue Drivers £319

SAVE £110

XR Speed Drivers £229

SAVE £70

XR Speed FW £139

SAVE £60

News from the Golf Shop Continued

DECEMBER PROMOTIONS cont...





Fri 7th & Sun 9th



THREE DAYS ONLY

WEEKEND

UP TO 50% OFF

FLASH SALE

DON'T
MISS OUT



£50 off
ALL CLEVELAND
PUTTERS



(includes fitting)

News from Head PGA Professional Jonathan Lawrence



Give The Gift Of Golf This Christmas

Buy 2 sessions and get 1 session

Free

(3 x 30 min sessions £50)



Each time you make a golf swing, there are 2 factors that determine the direction and the flight path of the golf ball. One is your **swing path** and the other is the **club face angle** at impact. I talked about club face angle last week, this week it's the turn of swing path.

Swing path is the path or direction that the golf club travels during the downswing and through impact with the golf ball. Whenever we talk about swing path, it's always in relation to the **ball-to-target line**(see the image to the right)'

There are only ever 3 possible swing paths relative to our ball-to-target line:

- •Out-to-in the club head travels from outside the target line, across it, and then inside the target line. In effect, the path of the club is travelling to the left of the ball-to-target line.
- •In-to-out the club head travels from inside the target line, across it, and then outside the target line. So the path of the club is travelling to the right of the ball-to-target line.
- •Straight the club head travels straight down the ball-to-target line as it makes contact with the ball.



News from Head PGA Professional Jonathan Lawrence

Prepare your Putting Lower your score by 5 shots

Putting is one of, if not the most important part of the game and can save lots of shots with a little bit of coaching and practice. I've got 3 key putting practice routines I would like you to try before the on:

Distance Control

1. Start off 2 feet from the hole with 20 balls or less and try to sink as many as you can. Take a pace back and repeat this process until you are as far away from the hole as you can get.

Scoring

2. Play 9 holes around the putting green and try to achieve the lowest score possible then record your score, with your next go try to beat your score.

Pressure Putts

3. Position 20 balls 2 feet from the hole and try to sink them all in a row if one is missed you have to start again. When you have to hole that 20th putt you certainly feel some pressure. This definitely will help to handle some of the pressure 's experienced on the course. If you this comes easy to you increase the amount of putts, but do exceed 100.





PLAYER OF THE MONTH

My player of the month I'm pleased to announce is Guy Stobart. He has been working hard on his game and made big improvements to the swing, which Guy should be very proud of. It's starting to come together on the golf course, with some money being won in the Monday morning rollup. Well done Guy, keep the good work up.

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



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PGA Professional Terry Williams

I AM NOW A CERTIFIED MIND FACTOR COACH

From last Friday I spent 3 days in Manchester with 29 other like minded delegates learning and listening to all the golden nuggets of information from Karl Morris and his many guest speakers who are at the top of their game. I'm excited, keen and ready to share so much with you all, to get you ready for and enjoying your game of golf.

One of the best talks was from a leading health, strength and conditioning coach Phil Richards who is also a golf biomechanic and he has offered to come to Farrington. He has also just wrote a very fascinating book on diet which he will share some of the information with you.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT DIET, STRENGTH & CONDITIONING AND THE BEST EXERCISES FOR GOLF?

......And raise money for the junior section!

Phil has agreed to come to Farrington for FREE to share his knowledge with us and trust me you will be blown away, he's extremely knowledgeable and has a great sense of humour and I would be surprised if he doesn't stir some thoughts in you.

The talk will cost £10 and approximately 90% of the money will go to the junior section and 10% towards Phil's accommodation...We are thinking a midweek night in January 7pm to 9pm with 30 minutes Q&A at the end.

I would very much appreciate it if people would come forwards and say they would like to go or get a few or half a dozen or a dozen people to attend....this is open to golfers and non golfers.

Message me on 07989751659 or email terryw@farringtonpark.co.uk so I can get a feel of the interest.





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ONLY A FEW VOUCHERS LEFT FOR CHRISTMAS

I only have a few Christmas Vouchers left, so act quick if you want to work on your games with me in the new year.....I've got a new outlook after my 3 days in Manchester with Karl Morris and Co.



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Monthly Photo Competition



Congratulations! This month's winner of the monthly photo competition is Andy Snook with 'Pot of Gold'. He wins £20 on his bar card.

Want to take part? Simply take a photo on your phone and email it to jon@farringtonpark.co.uk.

The photo can be of anything at Farrington Park....golf action shots, food, exercise classes, sunsets, wildlife, etc. etc.
We will have a winner each month and they will receive a £20 credit to their bar account!



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Men

Saturday Stableford 3/11/18

With the winter yellow tees in place it was a top day for last year's Men's Captain Shane Phelps topping Division 1 with 40 points followed in second by in form Dan Raisbeck on 39 points and Alan Mannings taking third on 38 points. In Division 2 great scoring from Paul Panton with a total of 41 points followed closely by Paul Brown on 40 points in second and Jon Flitter third on 39 points.

Sunday Stableford 4/11/2018

It was tight at the top of Division 1 with Craig Adams taking the honours on 35 points and Steve Coles a close second on 34 points beating Dave Harvey into third on count back. In Division 2 Jon Cox was in charge of the top spot with 37 points and Paul Brown on 36 points continuing his weekend form in second beating Paul Goddard into third on countback.



Saturday Stableford 10/11/2018

With the weather causing waterproofs to be worn it was a sign of the winter on its way. In Division 1 Mark Crook topped the charts with 34 points and Jamie Lake a close second on 33 points and Charlie Holmes third on 32 points. A great day for Chris Clegg in Division 2 winning with a great total of 40 points followed in second by Mike Godwin on 32 points beating Nick Farrar into third on countback.

Sunday Stableford 11/11/2018

With the better weather of the weekend Craig Adams took charge of Division 1 with 39 points followed in second by Lee Callow in second on 37 points beating Charlie Holmes into third on countback. Warren Cowling took charge of Division 2 with a outstanding 39 points followed in second by Paul Brown on 31 points followed by Jon Cox third on 30 points.





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The ladies battled the Duchy course and the elements on Saturday, 3rd & Thursday, 8th November in the qualifying Stableford competitions.

It was winter golf with rain, wind and mud all thrown in for good measure and the scores reflected the playing conditions.

Two birdies from Wendy Butt in Saturday's competition at the par 3 8th & 15th Holes was impressive, especially as those holes had a strong cross wind to contend with each time. No two spot birdies were recorded on Thursday, but Mandy Hobbs had an eagle 3 at the par 5 9th hole, a feat in itself on one of the longest holes on the course .

In each competition the best score was 32 points with noone playing to their par.

Jackie Walker & Tracy Grist scored 32 points each to take the honours on Saturday; one point ahead of Terri O'Shea (31). Angela Hudd took third place with 28 points. Jackie's consistent play showed again on Thursday, when she took second place on countback ahead of Linda Rogers after both scored 31 points in Division 1. June Symonds was the winner with 32 points. In Division 2, Bridget Rylance was the winner with 25 points, two points clear of Corrina Bates, Denise Baker, Patricia Rouse and Lesley Stone.





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Friday, 16/11/18 was BBC Children in Need appeal day, but the ladies supported Pudsey one day earlier, with all proceeds from their Thursday competition "3 Clubs and a Putter " going towards this good cause. The large field of players ensured that nearly £200 was raised for the charity.

Many entered into the spirit of the day by wearing fancy dress or dressing up in Pudsey style spots and stripes attire.

The competition was a non-qualifying Stableford with each player having three clubs of her choice plus her putter. Given that the maximum number of clubs allowed in a golf bag is fourteen, many of the ladies must have wondered why they carry so many clubs each time they play; when they can get around the Duchy course in winter conditions with three clubs and still finish with a decent score.

Two spot birdies were made by Lin Papadopoullos (5th), Clare Salter (8th), Margaret Seery and Lena Warren (10th).

Top "Pudsey" in Division 1 was Margaret Seery beating Carol King on countback after both scored 33 points. Lally Gibson took third place with 31 points beating Clare Salter on countback.

Top "Pudsey" in Division 2 was Lesley Stone with 30 points. Corrina Bates was second with 28 points. Nadine Spong's 27 points beat Jayne Brown and Brenda Michael on countback to take third place.

After Thursday's silliness, the last qualifying Stableford of the year was a more sedate affair. The weather was sunny but a stiff cold wind and several "tucked in a corner" pin positions made scoring difficult. Two spot birdies were scored by Liz Thomas (5th) and Mandy Hobbs (8th). Jackie Walker continued her consistent run of top places on a Saturday with 33 points to win Division 1. Jane Ball was second on countback from Clare Salter after both scored 30 points. Tracy Grist took the Division 2 honours with 25 points beating Jayne Brown by one point and 5 points ahead of Lo Dallocco.





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Mixed

RAIN DID NOT DAMPEN THE SPIRIT

The forecasters were correct, it was not a nice day. You know the sort of rain when it's not actually pouring down but that fine stuff that still gets you very wet. Thankfully everyone who signed up turned up, no last-minute phone calls with funny tummy or the cat dying again! The Sanders Challenge attracted 14 pairs playing an American Greensomes format (no space to explain - look it up!)

The sodden conditions reflected the scoring but the top five were all pretty close.

A carvery was enjoyed before the presentation of the trophy to this year's winners Kevin Brimble and Gail Proctor (Pictured top). Preceding this was the award of the Davies Cooler to winners Steve and Jane Ball (Pictured bottom) who were also presented with the prestigious 'Trophy Cabinet Key' as from 1st December they take over the running of the Mixed Section from Rob Thain and Lin Papadopoullos.

Thank you to all who have supported us during the last 2 years. We are sure you will show the same support to Steve & Jane.







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Seniors

SENIORS ALL TIED UP

A crisp sunny morning greeted players well wrapped up for a chilly start to the day. A fourball betterball was the format for the day and scoring was exceptional.

With 44 points pretty well guaranteed to be in the money sadly on this occasion not even good enough for the top six.

Farrington Park seniors participate in over fifty Wednesday competitions every year and a tied result is an extremely rare occurrence. However this was the case with two cards having identical scoring on every single hole and no ruling on splitting the two teams. A unique experience indeed.

Results:

1st Steve Cope/Mike Henton 49 points, 2nd Pete Maule/Bill Waddington 48 points, 3rd Dave Harvey/Steve Banfield 47points,

4th Mike Woodward/Richard Dancey 45 points, Tied 5th Colin Glibbery/Roger Stone & Mike Bradbury/Alan Smith 45 points. Nearest The Pins on 5th Steve Ball, 8th Chris Liberty, 14th George Tyrrell, 15th Tony Thorp.

SHATTERED SENIORS SURRENDER SHERBORNE SHIELD

A huge thank you to the 36 Ladies and Seniors Men who took part in The Sherborne Shield on Tuesday 30 October. A frosty morning ensured that the majority of winter clothing possessed was on display with four layers deemed as par!

With the Senior men three ahead on overall wins since the inception of of the shield the Ladies were in no mood for niceties or small talk and immediately got down to serious business.

Their strategy was bang on course and they duly delivered with a fine 7-2 win.

The men have been ordered in for extra training the results of which can be seen at the bar later in the week!

Congratulations to the Ladies on a well-deserved victory.







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SENIORS SUCCESS IN THE MATCH - AT LAST!

The Ladies were on a high after winning the Sherborne Shield some two weeks previously with an emphatic victory over the Seniors. The Match Shield played for on the 18 hole Duchy course was also won by the Ladies in 2016 and 2017 so the men were clearly looking to put things right. In last year's rain affected match the competition was reduced to 9 holes and the Ladies ran out comfortable winners 6-3.

This year the weather forecast was not favourable for the midmorning. With a sudden downpour of stinging hail followed by fierce winds, momentarily it looked as if it would yet again be a 9 hole competition. However, the skies did improve and everyone completed their rounds safe and sound albeit a bit damp. A number of matches were closely contested, others not so! With the Seniors clearly on tenterhooks they eventually secured victory with a close 6-4 result.

The playing of these competitions is vital to the Mixed Section continuing to thrive under the new leadership of Jane and Steve Ball. For a number of the Ladies and the Senior men playing in this competition for the first time it was clearly an enjoyable experience and goes a long way to bringing the sections together for the social side of this great game. Remember its not the winning its the taking part. We all look forward to next year's encounter.



Picture shows Rosi Brown outgoing Ladies Captain with a beaming Rob Thain!



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THE ELLIOTT CUP

A bitterly cold morning awaited the Seniors at Farrington Park competing in their annual take on The Ryder Cup. Past Seniors Captain David Elliott put up the trophy, unsurprisingly known as the Elliott Cup where English players take on a combined Irish, Scottish and Welsh team of 12 players.

The validity of some of the Celts nationalities is a moot point with claims varying from 'been on an Irish Ferry' to 'had a postcard from Snowdonia'!

The format of 9 holes each of Foursomes and Better Ball was played out on the Duchy Course with the English contingent leading by a solitary point after the morning session. With the luxury of a 9 hole facility we were able to play 12 singles matches on the Manor Course.

There were some keen encounters but as in last years competition the Celts fell just short of the mark losing the singles matches by 7-5 meaning the English were once again victorious with a closely fought 13.5-10.5 win. Many thanks to Fred Grist who organised the event and to all of those who participated and played the game in the right spirit.

Picture shows Captain Ray Guthrie beaming Ryder Cup winner with a despondent losing Captain Rob Thain.

FINGERS NUMB FACES AGLOW

It was one of those days when no matter how many layers of clothing you wore it was never enough. Bitterly cold and a harsh wind penetrating the tiniest unprotected area. Thankfully as the morning wore on the skies cleared and the welcome sun burnt off the remaining low laying mist. So here we are winter golfing at its majestic best.

Results of Bowmaker (2 scores to count)

1st Don Perry/Pierce O'Shea/Mel Field 83 points

2nd Rick Clark/Paul Cains/Hugo Pike 82 points

3rd Martin Clark/Steve Ball/Tony Thorp 78 points

4th Colin Glibbery/Dave Harvey/Vic Clarke 77 points

5th Chris Standen/Dave Brain/Graham Robinson 75 points

Nearest the Pins on 5th Ray Wilkinson, 8th David Brown, 14th Richard Dancey, 15th David Metcalfe





Juniors

9 hole competition 18th November 2018

Player	Gross	Net	
Division One			
Alexander Leonard	43	30	
Abbie Moore	38	31	
Jenson Barker	44	35	
Division Two			
Oscar Alexander	42	19	
Daniel Drayton	46	22	
Amy Skivington	51	23	





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Offers in The Lounge Restaurant and Coffee Bar, The 19th Bar

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

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

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

Clubhouse closing times for Christmas week

(All Open 8.00am)

Christmas Eve Bar 5.00pm Food 3.00pm

Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed

27th December Bar 7.00pm Food 6.00pm

28th December Bar 7.00pm Food 5.00pm

29th December Bar 7.00pm Food 5.00pm

30th December Bar 7.00pm Food 5.00pm

New Year's Eve Bar 7.00pm Food 6.00pm

New Year's Day Bar 4.00pm Food 3.00pm (Open 9.00am)







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
2 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Junior Manor Comp – 12.00pm	3		_	6 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am		8 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
9 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Mixed Comp 10.30am Junior Duchy Comp – 11.30am	10			13 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am		15 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
16 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day Junior Manor Comp – 12.00pm		18 Ladies Coppers 10.04am Both Courses		20 Ladies Morning 9.24am – 11.30am		22 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
23 Men's Sunday Stableford – All Day	24	25 Closed All Day	,	27 Members Texas Scramble		29 Men's and Ladies' Saturday Stableford – All Day
	31 Members New Year's Eve Comp					

Duchy Course unless otherwise stated

11.30am