

Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

February 2019 Newsletter

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

Chairperson Report (Ruth Reynard)

It is quite some time since I last wrote to the membership.

Firstly I'd like to thank all the members who attended the AGM in early December. It felt like a positive meeting to me and I thank those present for giving the Management Committee a steer on subscriptions for 2019/2020. For those of you who are unaware those present voted strongly for a 5% increase, this equates to 73p per week for a full member. Those present also passed the following proposal from the Management Committee about overdue subscriptions.

Annual Membership Fees are due on or before the stipulated due date for each member. The Management Committee reserves the right to impose an additional charge of £25 for late payment beyond the due date.

This club has always has a long history of people willing to give their time for free to help support the club and this year is no exception. At the AGM I did thank most of the volunteers for their voluntary contributions but I did miss out one very important person and that was Paul Muttitt for his support and guidance with regards to the club finances and general advice from time to time. My sincere apologies Paul.

I'd like to give you some feedback on block bookings. Contrary to what some members think – we have not ignored the response from the survey. In fact we have formed a sub-group to look at the issues from both sides. Having a block booking is indeed a privilege but any group of 12 players have the opportunity to have a block booking. On balance the Management Committee feel that these groups are a positive thing for the club.

In October the sub group published guidance for these groups both on our website and on the management notice-board. Since then we have had a further scheduled mid-term review, we believe we have made further improvements to the system. Remember we can please some of you most of the time and most of you some of the time but we will never please all of you all of the time. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Polite requests to members

- i. We've had a couple of complaints recently from members of the public who walk their dogs on/around the course that on the odd occasion our members have been rude. I know that it is frustrating for players, but do please try to be patient, the situation is not ideal but if members are rude then it just makes matters worse.
- ii. If you take your dog onto the course whilst playing please keep them on a lead, and remember you cannot take them out with you in a competition.
- iii. If you could all remember to clean your golf shoes on the brushes outside before entering the changing rooms it will help to keep the carpets cleaner.

Lastly I'd like to wish you all A Belated Happy 2019 and good golfing in the year to come.

Course Conditions (Roger Moore)

The extensive program of work on the fairways, greens and aprons has been completed successfully. The greens and aprons have recovered and look and play well. The fairways are still far from what we would like, with the recovery very slow due to winter and the lack of growth. Following various discussions with our Agronomist on the condition of the fairways, the following work will be completed over the next few months: -

- Shallow spiking
- Application of a moss killer
- Application of a wetting agent
- Repeat overseeding.

(Teeing up on the fairways has also been discussed, but it has been decided not to introduce at present).

We have spiked the tees and with the additional work we have done (top dressing etc) positive results are now evident, but still a way to go.

We have completed the work on the trees to increase the light and air flow (particularly targeted at the tees, greens and safety), and in addition this will make it easier to find balls and hopefully improve the speed of play.

As I have stated before I believe our course is our most valuable asset and it is key that we deliver this to the highest standard. It is all members' responsibility to: -

- Rake bunkers after use.
- Repair and replace any divots where ever they are taken.
- Repair any pitch marks on the green (yours or others).
- Keep trolleys and buggies on the paths or areas as directed by the white lines.
- Use the divot bags and stations provided.

Captain's Corner (Val Hindle)

We have a lot to look forward to in the; ladies Section this year, the team Captains are busy sorting out there squads.

Belinda Rowe -Weston Captain

Jo Moore Haskell Captain

Jane Cadge - Stearn Captain

Christine Ashe- Cranworth Captain

I'm sure they will do a very good job and will I look forward to supporting them in every way.

The Suffolk Ladies AGM was held at Kesgrave on Saturday 12th January and was well attended with many of the club's signing up to the new website.

Big thank you must go to Wendy Walpole & the handicap committee for all their hard work in putting the new rules across to the members efficiently.

Andrew has agreed to give the ladies section a further talk on the rules on Tuesday 5th February after a 10 hole competition.

Pro's Tip

It is often easier to hit good shots on the practice ground but harder and more pressurised on the course. Try to simulate on course feeling on the range, including pressure. Give yourself a limited amount of balls and aim at a specific target, develop a scoring system and practice with a friend for competition. All of these things will make your practice sessions more meaningful and will prepare you for those on course nerves.

Rules Question

Is this statement true - Under the new rules I am allowed to remove leaves and ground my club at address in a bunker.

Captain's Corner (Dermot Cronin)

I am honoured to be Men's Captain 2019 and I would like to thank all the past captains and members for their good wishes and support and guidance as I get to learn the role.

My Vice Captain is Bill Carson who as Chairman of the Vets has been a great advocate for the club and I look forward to working with Bill through 2019.

The Big C is my charity of the year and at the Captains Drive In and Bangers & Mash Texas Scramble on New Year's Day £135.00 was raised for the Big C. Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

The first social golf event of the year took place on 20 January with three clubs and a putter Texas scramble over 10 holes followed by a Burns inspired meal. This was well received, and we hope to schedule an 18-hole version later in the year. Our next social event is a general knowledge quiz on Friday 15 March. The sign-up sheet is in on the Social board in the clubhouse entrance.

The first Tolly practice dates organised by Tolly Manager Sam Cooper have taken place with excellent support and further practice dates are scheduled. If you hold a handicap between 10-18 and would like to be considered for this year's team, please contact samcoopersjc2607@gmail.com.

We will be introducing a new Bank Holiday Monday rollup stableford competition which will be open to all club members. To win you must complete 3 out of 4 events (Winner is aggregate best 3 out of 4 stableford points). More details will be announced soon.

With the current challenging weather conditions, it is important that we all play our part and support Roger Moore and his team to maintain the course. One area we can all really help make a difference is in keeping our excellent greens in tip top condition. Please carry a pitch repair marker and help by proactively repairing pitch marks you may find. Please also replace divots taken on the fairways.
Thank you

Competition Results

Men: Mid-week Stableford: 1. R. Dyer 37pts, 2. A. Braddon 35pts, 3. I Ransby 35pts. January Stableford: Div. 1 R. Robertson 36pts, 2. B. Mills 35pts, 3. N. Read 35pts. Div.2. 1.O.Read 36pts, 2. M. Gibson 34pts, R.Smith 31pts

Ladies: Stableford: Div.1. -C. Maycock 30pts, 2. J.A. Moore 29pts, 3. H. Wright 29pts. Div. 2- M. Phipps 32pts, 2. H. Mares 30pts, 3.L.Lord 29pts. Div. 3 - H.Mason 32pts, 2. C. Holland 30pts, 3. M. Stevens 30pts. 9 Hole Stableford: 1.S.Blackham 11pts, 2. C. Cundey 11pts, 3.L. Hood 11pts. Pink Ball Stableford: 1. S. Goulter, H. Mares, H. Mason 80pts, 2.Jo. Moore, M. Stevens, L.Lord 68pts, 3. A. Brett, M.Phipps, C. Ashe 67pts. 18 hole Stableford: Div. 1 J. Wharton 34pts, 2. C. Jamieson 30, 3. B. Collings 28. Div. 2 1. W. Green 27pts, 2. Y. Guy 27pts, 3. M. Phipps 25pts. Div.3. 1. J. Evans 29pts, 2.H. Mason 25pts, 3. J. Skinner 25pts. (Hole Stableford. 1. H. Wilkinson 15pts, 2. C. Cundey 14pts, 3. A. Howes 11pts.

Warwickshire Card Game

1. A. Lewis, Y. Guy, J. Elden 60pts 2. C. Jamieson, G. Willis, J.Evans 53pts 3. B. Catchpole, S. Goulter, S. Sibthorpe 46pts ocb 4. Jo Moore, P. Goff, J. Sherman 46pts.

9 Holes 1. M. Dodd, J. Wilson, A. Jones 27pts. 2. J. Cadge H. Wilkinson 23pts

Vets: Vet's Winter League v Caldecott Hall (A) Lost 1-3 .Vet's Texas Scramble _ Winning Team 1J. Kelly ,C. Fennessy , F. Savage & K. Chamberlain 58.1.

Mixed:Burn's Comp .3 clubs & Putter ; Winners Liz & Adrian Lord,Penny & Mark Goff., 2.Val Hindle & Mike Copsey, Heather & Richard Wright, 3. Tony Richards & Di Randall, Gill Willis & Deborah Pottinger.

Rules Answer

No. You may now remove natural objects such as leaves and twigs but you may not ground your club at address in a bunker. You may ground your club in a penalty area (formally water hazards)