

# Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

## September Newsletter

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

### Chairperson Report (Ruth Reynard)

Well sadly the nights are drawing in and our summer season of golf is winding down. I never like this time of year for that very reason, still it'll be an opportunity to sort my game out!

Anyway, more importantly let me get you up to speed with some on-going initiatives. The car park improvements are on-going but the plan is to have the parking divider beds planted out in mid-October, with additional grading of the gravel surface taking place at the same time. Thanks go to Richard Mares and all his helpers with that.

The steps have been removed from the 12<sup>th</sup> and placed on the ladies 18<sup>th</sup> tee, this has met with great approval from the ladies section because it means that female players can see the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway much more easily.

The changing room refurbishment isn't going as well as planned/expected. We had a guide price from professional(s) to work from, but sadly the tenders have come in way over budget. This has been very disappointing for all involved, including those on the working group. The Management Committee are just taking stock of what alternative solutions there might be. Suffice to say that the quotes are a non-starter and so we need to look elsewhere at other options in order bring our plans to fruition. I hope that you will bear with us, but the Management Committee could not sanction such high expenditure. I would like to record my thanks to all the work the group have put in, namely Mike Haslam, Mick Bond, Richard Mares, Jo Moore and Nigel Edwards.

### Course Conditions (Andrew Collison)

In the quest for better performance from putting greens, the use of a "greens iron" at top golf courses in the UK has become more popular. They are very obvious when in use due to their sideways movement across the green, the putting speed is increased by effectively smoothing out the surface.

You may like to know, we have a similar piece of machinery. Our vibrating roller has absolutely the same effect of speeding the greens up by roughly 10"-12" without the need to cut the greens shorter, with no detrimental effect on compaction. We use it after cutting and also has the additional benefit of helping to work top dressing into the surface more quickly, due to its vibrating action.

We have had the roller for about 5 years now and aim to use it 3 times per week when staffing numbers and other work allows.

## Pro's Tip

Have one aim this winter – improve your grip! How you hold the club is everything for a club golfer. The grip has a major influence on the angle of the clubface at impact, which obviously dictates direction. A poor grip will force a player into making compensations in their swing, which will be inefficient and difficult to repeat. Make time this winter for a check-up lesson and to get comfortable with any adjustments for the spring. It's worth it!

## Rules Question

A dog has run off with my ball, what can I do?

## Captain's Corner (Jo Moore)

Autumn is just around the corner, the days are getting cooler and the nights drawing in, but we still have important ladies golf dates in October. Our winter league games get underway, with fixtures against 5 other clubs, Diss, Rookery Park, Halesworth, Gorleston and Southwold, and our Challenge Bowl proves to be an exciting competition for those who have won prestigious cups throughout the year.

The ladies section have played in many medals, stablefords, matches and cup competitions over these last few months. Congratulations to all the winners, and those that have improved their handicaps. Special thanks to the ladies committee who run smoothly, these events.

We have just played the Husbands and Wives Trophy, a good day with 18 couples participating and Belinda and Steve Rowe returning a creditable 42 points to win.

Finals Day was another important date in our club fixtures, well done to all those worthy winners and we look forward now to the Joe Deacon Texas Scramble.

Also we stayed up in the County Division 1 League this year. Well done ladies.

Our junior members have competed in junior competitions run by the club, and the popular Geoffrey Watts Junior Open staged this year in September. Megan Bailey and Liam Hansey continue to play great golf, and show continued maturity, both have had an excellent year representing both the club and the County.

At the ladies 18th tee we have the steps installed and removed from the 12th tee. Thank you to the green staff, and this feature helps us play the hole more safely, as we can see, players in the dip or spot walkers on the paths.

On the 3rd September our Haskell pair of Lils James and Sam Cooper played at Stowmarket Golf Club in the Haskell semi-final V Ipswich over 36 holes. Our girls played well all day, but were out-gunned in the end and lost the match by 3/2.

Many thanks to Roger Thake our Bar and Catering Manager, and his team of staff, who have provided us with superb and delicious meals throughout the year. The standard and quality of the food has been great, and this element of the golfing day has received well deserved praise from our many visitors and players alike.

Our elite SLCGA players this year qualified for the National County Championships played at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club. Congratulations to Lils James our lowest handicap lady golfer who was selected to play in the team. Suffolk came 3rd overall in the country, with many matches decided over the last few holes. The standard of golf set so high, it does not reflect how well our team played, considering Suffolk do not have the number of players or resources to choose from that the other counties have. Well done Suffolk, and it is something to build upon for the future.

Back home to Bungay, I have detected a certain atmosphere and buzz around the club, long may it continue, do enjoy your golf, and après golf.

## Captain's Corner (Brien Traves)

That's it then....Summer is officially over and Autumn has arrived!

There were some great events throughout August & September and some fantastic individual results.

August began with the Vet's Championship. Well played Robin Ashe for shooting a very good 76 to win the Rosedale Trophy. Congratulations to John Eason for winning the Handicap Cup and to John Slade the Over 75's Salver.



The club received a very complimentary letter from the SGU after we hosted the Suffolk Seniors Open on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. Massive well done to Paul Whiting for winning and then going on to represent Suffolk at Woodall Spa in the English Counties Champion of Champions Tournament.

At the end of August the Junior Championship was played. Very well done to Liam Hansey for winning the Judith Hood Cup for best gross (75) and to Megan Bailey for winning the Handicap Shield with a nett 72.

I hosted my Charity Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. My grateful thanks for those that entered, members' raffle donations & to all those that kindly offered their help running and making the day run smoothly. Special thanks go to Andrew and Robert Pearson for bravely staying out in the torrential rain to relieve you of your cash!! The day was far more successful than I had dared to hope for. At the last count, the day raised **£5276**, which completely exceeded my expectations. Thank you all for your continued generosity!! (The winning team of Roger Thake, Pat Donagh & Mike Copsy (Paul Whiting not present)



I hosted the annual Past & Present Captain's Day on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 21 past Captains sit down to dinner with 16 playing golf beforehand. Congratulations to Chris Whyte for winning the Captain's Barometer for 2017.

On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, the club hosted the BWVGC Junior Open and I was especially pleased to be asked to act as starter and be privileged enough to see some fantastic young golfers, including our own Liam Hansey, Sam Bingham and Megan Bailey. Well done to Sue Strutt-Holmes and Andrew for the excellent organisation.



Coming right up to date, huge congratulations go to Liam Hansey for winning the Club Championship, winning both the Ronald Wightman Cup for best gross score

(76 +67 = 143) and the Doug Mattocks Trophy for the best nett score (72+63=135). My thanks to Nairn Black for organising the competition so well. On a day when the weather conditions were not the easiest to play in, a huge well done to all that took part and to the new Club Champion Liam.

Looking forward into October, there are plenty of competitions and events happening before the clocks change and we lose evening golf for this year! I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Joe Deacon Texas Scramble.

## Competition Results

**Men: Hodgson Silver Salver:** Winner: David Tye +4 ocb Div. 1 R. Dyer 4up, 2. O. Earl 3up, 3. D. McGregor 2up. Div.2: 1. D. Tye 4up ocb, 2. I. MacKenzie 3up, 3. J. Taylor level. August Medal: Div.1: 1. C. Block 77-11-66, 2. B. Wilson 82-10-72, 3. B. Carson 82-9-73. Div.2: 1. A. Davey 84-17-67, 2. P. Vass 90-18-72, 3. P. Christian 91-17-74. August Stableford: Div.1 D. Bicker 39pts, 2. T. Moore 39pts, 3. D. McPhillie 37pts. Div.2: 1. A. Pidd 40pts, 2. B. Mills 39pts, 3. F. Savage 38pts. September Stableford: Overall Winner Chi Yeung. Div. 1 C. Yeung 41pts, 2.R. Collard 38pts, 3.P. Paice 38pts. Div.2 1. D. Middleton 37pts, 2.G.Collins 35pts, 3.D. Cronin 34pts. Match v Beccles (H) Bungay won 3½ - 1½. Past & Present Captains : 1. C. Whyte 39pts, 2. B. Traves 38pts, 3. N. Owles 37pts.

**Men's Championship: Winner of Gross & Ronald Wightman Trophy** L.Hansey 76+67=143, 2. A. Taylor 74+74=148, 3. T. Brown 80+74=154. **Winner of Nett & Doug Mattocks Trophy** L.Hansey 72+63 =135, 2. P. Crockford 70+68=138, 3<sup>rd</sup> O. Earl 71+68=139. September NQ Medal Winner: T. York. Div.1 T. York 77-13-64, 2.N. Owles 73-6-67, 3, R. Lockhart 78-11-67. Div 2: 1. L.Cobb 87-17-70, 2. G. Ling 86-16-70, 3. G. Stannard 87-17-70.

**Ladies:** Busted Cup: Gross. Mrs. Jo. Moore, Nett: Miss. Y. Guy. 1. Y. Guy 99-36--63, 2. M. Dodd 94-25-69, 3. B. Ra-Bett 102-32-70. Friendly Match v Dunston Hall (H) Bungay lost 1-3. Ladies Invitation:

1. A. Chipperfield & L. Rivett (Eaton) 46pts. Ocb, 2. B. Taylor & S. Coles (Eaton) 46pts, 3. E. Lord & E. Field (Cromer) 41pts ocb, 4. L. Jeary & S. Bentham (Ramsey) 41pts, 5. C. Ashe & B. Whitworth (Colchester) 40pts.

**Maree Owen Cup:** Winner: L. Lord 94-27-67, 2. S. Potter 93-25-68, 3. S. Mattocks 84-15-69. Winner of Captain's Brooch (75yrs+) Anne Smith. Friendly Match v Rookery Park 2-2 Haskell Semi-final: Bungay v Ipswich –played at Stowmarket. Ipswich won. September Medal: Overall Winner: D. Randall (ocb) Div.1 S. Barker 80-8-72, 2.J.Wharton 85-11-74, 3. S. Mattocks 89-15-74. Div. 2 D. Randall 93-21-72, A.White 95-22-73, 3. S. Potter 98-24-74. Friendly Match v Thorpeness (H) Bungay won 2-1.

Golf Foundation Stableford: Winner: S. Potter- 36pts, 2. Y. Guy 35pts, 3. S. Barker 35pts. 3 Clubs & a Putter: C. Ambrose 36pts, 2. S.Sibthorpe 35, 3. C. Jamieson 34pts

**Vets:** Friendly Match (H) v Thorpeness – Bungay won 10up. Friendly Match (A) v Stowmarket Bungay lost 3½ -4½. Friendly Match v Rushmere (H) lost 5 down. Friendly Match Felixstowe (H) lost 3 – 5. Friendly Match v Royal Cromer (H) Bungay won 4 up

**Mixed:** Friendly Match v Eaton (H) Bungay lost 3½ - 4½. Last Chance Cup: 1. D. Douglas 33pts. 2. A. Davey 33pts 3. S. Wright 33pts. Friendly Match v Dunston Hall (A) draw 3-3 Husbands & Wives Trophy: Winners: Mr & Mrs. S Rowe 42pts, 2. Mr & Mrs D. McGregor 40pts 3. Mr & Mrs. S. Jamieson 39pts, 4. Mr & Mrs. M. Wood 38pts.ocb.

**Juniors:** Junior Championship: Winner of Judith Hood Cup (gross) – Liam Hansey 75-3-72. Runner up: S. Bingham 77-5-72. Handicap Shield: Megan Bailey 84-12-72, Runner up: G. Collison 111-33-78. . Div. 2: 10 holes: 1. J. Drage 12pts, 2. F. Maynard 10pts. Div.3 6 holes: A.Hope 10pts, V. Cole 6pts.

## Rules Answer

If your ball is moved by an outside agency (dog), there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

**Note:** It is a question of fact whether a ball has been moved by an outside agency. In order to apply this rule, it must be known or virtually certain that an outside agency has moved the ball. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must play the ball as it lies, or if not found, proceed under the lost ball rule.