# NEWSLETTER

# Hickleton Golf Club Monthly Newsletter

# 2021 Committee

#### President :-Jeff Roden

Captain:-John Little

Captain Elect:lan Foster

Greens Chairman:-Charles McAllister

Comp's Secretary:-Dave Rees

Treasurer:-Mark Ellis

#### Members :-

John Holmes Steve Bridges Piers Taverner Jack Little Andy Goddard

Ladies Representative:-Angela Bowkett

#### **Next Meeting:-**

23rd August 2021

# Runner-up Spot for Debs!



Well done to Debs Henery for reaching the Final of the Sheffield & District Championships 2021 which was played at Dore & Totley G.C.

In what was a very close match, Debbie found herself 1 down after 17 holes. Sadly a birdie on the 18th wasn't good enough to beat the winner Cheryl Smith from Hallowes G.C.

Both Debbie & Cheryl are pictured above with their respective trophies.

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#### Northern Counties Match Week:-

Debs, together with Nicola Slater, were selected to play for Yorkshire in the Northern Counties Match Week in Northumberland.

The event was held at Foxton Hall Golf Club, Alnmouth from 28th June - 2nd July 2021 and the playing format was 3 morning Foursomes followed by 6 afternoon singles matches.

Both players played their part over the 5 days which saw Yorkshire triumphant in retaining the trophy.

|         | <u>Debs</u> | <u>Nicola</u> |  |
|---------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Played: | 8           | 9             |  |
| Won:    | 5           | 6             |  |
| Lost:   | 3           | 2             |  |
| Halved: | 0           | 1             |  |
|         |             |               |  |

Yorkshire now go on to play in the Women's County Finals to be held at Denham Golf Club, Uxbridge from 17th - 19th September 2021.

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# "In The Spotlight".....

# Welcome Tony Boyd - Assistant Greenkeeper

# 1. How long have you been a Greenkeeper and how did you get into it?

18 years....because I lived at the Golf Club when the job came up.

#### 2. Where have your previously worked?

Nowhere!

# 3. You are a keen golfer. What is your best ever round and where did you achieve it?

63....at Hickleton.

#### 4. What's a normal working day for you?

Alarm at 4.30am and in bed at 9.30pm.

# 5. What is the one course you would love to play? And who would be your dream 4 ball?

Augusta National / Tiger, Rory and Garcia.

#### 6. What interests do you have when you are not at work?

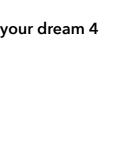
Golf!

# <u>Hole In One:</u>

Well done to Harry Whitehead (pictured opposite), who recently had a 'hole-in-one' on the 2nd hole.

Apparently, the excitement in his voice was heard for miles around!







# The Course:

Course Maintenance Week is a big part of keeping the golf course and especially the greens healthy all year round. This year, in August. Steve and the Team will begin the work by coring the greens on the Sunday afternoon after the Club Championship.

The program this year will see us core, top dress and Air2 G2 the greens.

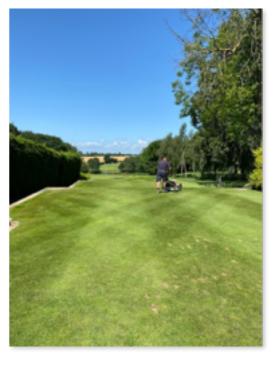
The golf course will be closed all day on Monday 16th August, but we are asking for volunteers to help the greenstaff remove the cores. This is the most time consuming process so the more people that are willing to help, the quicker we can finish and return to playing golf.

If you are available, please let Ash know.....it will be very much appreciated.

# Hand Cutting the First Tee

Many of you will have noticed that the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is now being hand cut by the greenstaff.

It Is one of the subtle changes that has been made to enhance the course, which will hopefully catch the eye of both members and visitors.



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# **Bunkers:**

Steve has begun work on certain bunkers on the course. Some of the bunkers were put in many years ago without the required drainage. See the photo's below of the 3<sup>rd</sup> greenside bunker.



You will see the drain that has been put in needs to be maintained. It did not have a filter in it to allow water to drain away with the mud / silt etc. The black plastic is also acting as a filter and, as you can see by the photos it needs cleaning.



#### Junior Section:

It has been another great month for the Juniors at Hickleton!

In the Monday Night Competition we have seen some superb scores resulting in handicap reductions across the board.

<u>Some notable handicaps:</u> Sonny Raikes 23 (blue tees) Tyler Bibb 28 (blue tees) Austin Marlow 40 (blue tees) Louis Little 41 (blue tees)

All these gents have recently either won or played well in the Monday Night comp' and have received subsequent handicap reductions. Keep up the good work boys!

We had our first Weekend Competition for quite a while in the form of Lady Captain's Day. It was on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July and there was a good turnout from the junior section. It was an 18 hole competition for those off of the yellow/ red tees and an 8 hole competition for those playing from the blue tees.

See the Lady Captain's report later in the Newsletter.

Depending on the success of this event I will look to restart the Saturday afternoon competitions.

Lastly, there will be a Summer Junior Camp on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup>, all the information is on the following page.

To book a place, contact Jak via email @ jaklee95@gmail.com



£35 PER JUNIOR - FOOD AND PRIZES INCLUDED -LIMITED TO 15 SPACES- TO BOOK CONTACT JAK @ JAKLEE95@gmail.com

# Luke Named GCAA - All American:

Our own Luke Palmowski has been named a GCAA Ping Division II All-American!

Luke received Third-Team honours after a stellar season that included a trip to the NCAA National Championships!

It tops off what has been a great season for Luke, I we are sure there will be many more to come.



Note: Luke is currently away playing in the English Amateur Championships,....we all wish him well.

#### Invitation Day - Sunday 18th July

Well, what a great day all round for Invitation Day, 30 degrees and solid sunshine.

The greens stimp meter reading was 10.3 and the course was in great condition for all members bringing their guests.

The winning pair was Jordan Harrison & Jamie Gaskell (Sandhill) with 42 points and a back 9 score of 24 points, They pipped Simon Harrison & John Benson (Hallowes) who also had 42 points but with a back 9 of 22 points.





Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Sunday carvery on offer afterwards so a big thanks goes to Jose.

#### Scratch Team:

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July Hickleton were involved in the Sheffield Union Team Championships at Wortley Golf Club. Again, we had many of our top golfers unavailable but that gave the opportunity to other players to show their quality.

We still turned out a strong team of Lee Hopwood, Max Whittaker, Daryl Lang and Mark Bennett. Scores of Lee Hopwood 72, Daz 73, Mark 76, and Max 83, saw our team finish in a very creditable 7th place.

The strength of the field could be shown as the winning team of Hallowes G.C. put out a team with a combined handicap of plus 15.

#### Match v Hallowes (a) - 5th July 2021

Result: Lost 8 - 0

| 1. Jamie Rave    | Lost 3&2 |
|------------------|----------|
| 2. Max Whittaker | Lost 5&4 |
| 3. Lee Hopwood   | Lost 4&3 |
| 4. Tom Little    | Lost 1dn |

#### Match v Phoenix (a) - 14th July 2021

Result: Won 7 - 1

| 1. | Luke Palmowski | Won | 1up |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|
|    |                |     |     |

- 2. Tom Little Won 2&1
- 3. Lee Hopwood Halved
- 4. Max Whittaker Won 4&2

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Scratch Team....continued

#### Match v Rotherham - 19th July 2021

Result: Won 7 - 1

| 1. Luke Palmowski | Won 2up |
|-------------------|---------|
| 2. Tom Little     | Halved  |
| 3. Steve Bridges  | Won 4&2 |
| 4. Max Whittaker  | Won 5&4 |

The victory over Rotherham has almost secured our safety in the 1st Division with just 2 fixtures remaining.

These are at home to Sitwell on 28th July and away to Wheatley on 11th August where your continued support will be much appreciated by the team.

|                |    |    |    | 26 Ju  | ily 2021 |
|----------------|----|----|----|--------|----------|
| FIRST DIVISION | Р  | w  | L  | Halved | Pts      |
| Hallowes       | 10 | 32 | 7  | 1      | 65       |
| Rotherham      | 9  | 19 | 15 | 2      | 40       |
| Wheatley       | 9  | 19 | 16 | 1      | 39       |
| Hickleton      | 10 | 18 | 19 | 3      | 39       |
| Hallamshire    | 10 | 16 | 23 | 1      | 33       |
| Sitwell Park   | 9  | 12 | 22 | 2      | 26       |
| Phoenix        | 9  | 10 | 24 | 2      | 22       |
|                |    |    |    |        |          |

# Sheffield Union League Tables 2021

# <u>6 - 18 League Update:</u>

#### Match v Wath (h) 19th July 2021

Result: Won 5 - 3

Team: Clive Whittaker / Martin Stringfellow / Rod Goddard / Martin Carpenter Clive Blaney / Paul Bradbury / Billy Webster / Paul Webster

#### Match v Rother Valley (h) 22nd July 2021

Result: Won 8 - 0

Team: Billy Webster / Paul Webster / Martin Stringfellow / Clive Whittaker Clive Blaney / Paul Bradbury / Martin Carpenter / Lee Seaton

Match v Concord Park (a) 26th July 2021

#### Result: Draw 4 - 4

Team: Tom Dale / Martin Stringfellow / Clive Whittaker / Billy Webster /

Paul Webster / Seb Webster / Clive Blaney / Paul Bradbury

| FOURTH DIVISION | Р | w  | L  | Halved | Pts |
|-----------------|---|----|----|--------|-----|
| Sandhill        | 9 | 19 | 13 | 4      | 42  |
| Hickleton       | 8 | 18 | 8  | 6      | 42  |
| Renishaw Park   | 6 | 14 | 7  | 3      | 31  |
| Wath            | 8 | 12 | 13 | 7      | 31  |
| Concord         | 7 | 10 | 14 | 4      | 24  |
| Doncaster TM    | 7 | 9  | 17 | 2      | 20  |
| Rother Valley   | 7 | 6  | 16 | 6      | 18  |
|                 |   |    |    |        |     |

#### Seniors:

#### Match v Pontefract (h) 12th July 2021

Result: Won 340 points to 330 points (using the cumulative stableford scoring system).

Team: 12 players (6 pairs).

#### Match v Sandhill (h) 19th July 2021

Result: Won by 13 points

This is always a two-legged affair, for which there is an Annual Trophy awarded. Following the away leg, Hickleton went into this game carrying a deficit of 26 points on a better ball scoring system.

Thanks to the effort of all players the 26-point deficit was turned into a 13-point victory. Well done, Hickleton.

Over the last couple of months, I have been pleased to welcome several new players to the team. Thank you to all of them and to the longer-term members who continue to support us.



# LADIES SECTION

#### Danum Cup:

On Saturday 3rd July the ladies took part once again in the Danum Cup, a team event played for annually amongst Hickleton, Wheatley & Doncaster. Hickleton have won the competition 10 times since being invited to play 13 years ago. We put out a great team this year but sadly it was not to be and we were beaten by the hosts Wheatley. Mr Captain, (pictured opposite with the team) came as our adjudicator and to give his support throughout the day.



Well done to all the ladies who played....we will be back fighting to win back the trophy again at Doncaster next year.

#### Ladies Championship:

The weekend of 10th / 11th July was the Ladies Championship, with some great golf being played on both days.

Congratulations goes to our new Ladies Champion Nicola Slater, who shot a total gross score of 143. (72 day 1 & 71 day 2).

The runner-up was Jasmine Rees who finished with a gross score of 161.

The best nett competition was won by our new young player Dee Pyatt with a nett 143.

Jas, Nicola & Dee are pictured opposite.



Nb: Nicola is currently playing in the English Women's Amateur Championships!

1st Pat Smith

2nd Sheila Inglis

# LADIES SECTION

#### Lady Captain's Weekend:

Well, what a great feeling when you wake up full of fabulous memories from the weekend at Hickleton Golf Club.

To start a lovely weekend Mr. Captain presented me with a beautiful bouquet of flowers prior to stepping on the first tee. Saturday's Mixed competition was an AmAm with 12 couples taking part. The winners were Sheila Inglis, James Inglis, Marcia Bradbury & Paul Bradbury with 87 points. Runners up were Lady Captain, Mr Captain, Lisa Little & Jamie Rave with 85 points.

Light refreshments were served at the halfway house by my daughter Debs & Carole Thorpe and a lovely tapas was prepared by Jose after golf, followed by some fun with Irish Bingo and Play Your Cards Right. What a great sight to see so many people in fits of laughter over a simple game of cards. The winner donated their winnings to Mr Captain's Charity (approx' £40).

Having watched the weather all week I awoke to a bright day that only got better and perfect conditions for golf. Before golf my husband David & Richard placed a champagne bottle on the putting green that was very difficult to get a ball to stop anywhere near! The winner of the champagne was Danny Wright - 108 cm from the bottle. The nearest lady was Pat Smith. This raised £46 for Mr Captain's Charity.

28 ladies played in Lady Captain's Stableford. Here is a list of the prize winners:-

3rd Julie Laver - 39 points (bb9)
4th Marcia Bradbury - 39 points
5th Jane Kettlewell - 37 points
Best front nine - Janet Hallet 20 points
Best back nine - Carol Ellis 23 points (don't ask about her front 9!)
Nearest pin on 6th - Sarah Fretwell
Nearest the line on 9th - Joan Yarnold
Nearest the pin on12th - Nicola Slater
Nearest black/white marker post on 16th - Joan Yarnold
Fewest putts in the round - Diane Hodgson

- 42 points

- 40 points

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# LADIES SECTION

#### Lady Captain's....continued

After the 'Champagne Putting' competition David and Richard took themselves to the halfway house to set up 'Pip's Prosecco Pitch', where they served some canapes and a glass of prosecco. Mr Captain very kindly came to join us for a while at the halfway house.

Two juniors played 18 holes and 6 juniors played a shortened 8 holes. The winner of the blue course was Finlay Wilson with 20 points. (Missing one 18 hole card so winner unknown!) All juniors received a little gift for taking part and joined me in the halfway house after their golf.

Immediately following golf Mr. Mark Ellis entertained and charmed our ladies with his 'dice game' and a light refreshment. Not sure quite what he does but not many ladies win the golf balls and he raised £76.60 for Mr. Captain's Charity.

A lovely Summer Platter followed by desert was once again prepared by Jose.

Following the presentation Lady Vice Captain Carol presented me with some lovely flowers and a voucher for the pro shop....a new putter going to be purchased! Thank you so much ladies. Carol also announce that her Lady Vice for 2022 is Alison Hope. This is fabulous news and will take our ladies section onwards and upwards.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend successful. Those mentioned above and of course Steve and his team for our stunning course, Martin and his team for bar service but most of all to all of you for being there to support my weekend.

# LADIES SECTION

# Ladies Open Texas Scramble:-

We had a turn out of 19 teams on Monday 5th July for the Ladies Texas Scramble. The weather was lovely and it was great to see a winning score from Hickleton.

# The results are as follows:-

| 1st Place: | S. Fretwell / N. Harrod / J. Davis / G. Wynvilleband    | 54.15 |
|------------|---|-------|
|            | ( Hickleton / Wheatley )                                |       |
| 2nd Place: | J. Foster / S. Bownett / W. Cousins / M. Wadsworth      | 61    |
|            | ( Hallamshire )   |       |
| 3rd Place: | A. Phillips / E. Exley / S. Taylor / J. Robinson        | 61.25 |
|            | ( Thornhurst Park )                                     |       |
| 4th Place: | D. Bennett / G. Dawson / H. Edge / A. Thompson          | 61.85 |
|            | ( Scarcroft / Moor Allerton / Headingley / Wike Ridge ) |       |

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