

Doncaster Golf Club

Newsletter - October 2019



View from the Chair

The preferred lies notice has gone up so that heralds the start of winter golf and the apparently annual arrival of plant and equipment around the course. The good thing is that this is the last year of the course development programme so next year we can look forward to continuing to enjoy the full course throughout the winter months.

The Committee's attentions turn to the year end and preparations for the AGM so is an intense time particularly for Ges, Duncan and the office staff. Happily, things are going to budget which is giving us confidence to consider some more improvement projects next year.

We will be sending out a communication in November to provide some detail so that members have this in good time before the AGM and can bring any ideas or concerns to the open session at the end of the meeting. Watch this space.

Regards
Jon

Care for the course during Autumn/Winter

As we move into the Autumn / Winter months with wet conditions and soft ground, the potential for damage to our course increases. We will all benefit if we follow the guidelines set out below.

Buggy Users

Please do not drive in circles looking for balls. Wherever possible please get off the buggy when looking for balls. Also you should keep away from the right side of the 12th & 15th tees.

Trolley Users

Please keep trolleys away from greens. You will see exclusion zones marked out for this purpose but you should aim to keep at least five metres away from greens.

All Golfers

Please repair your pitch marks. With the soft ground, every shot may leave a mark when it lands on the green.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Morris
Chair of Greens

Safety on the Course

As we move into the poorer weather, it is timely to remind Members that the course and surfaces may be slippery when damp or wet. Members are asked to wear appropriate footwear at all times and to take care when walking on sloping or rough ground.

We have also recently had reports of Members slipping and falling when entering and leaving bunkers. All bunkers will have a point where safe access can be achieved and Members should therefore always ensure they are gaining access/egress in a safe manner.

Progress from 8th

The following pictures show the work progressing on the 8th hole. Members are politely asked to please stay off the turf to allow it to settle.



Captain v Hat

At the Captain's Team versus The Hat match on Sunday 13th October, Howard Fiddler presented a cheque for £845 to the Captain on behalf of the Hat.

This money was raised by members of the Hat in support of the Junior Foundation and development of Junior golf at the Club



Doncaster Rabbits Achieve Clean Sweep

No fewer than 30 Rabbits played in our inter-club matches this year and all contributed to the achievement of a clean sweep of the trophies.

The results were as follows:

v Wheatley: Won 8 – 4 v Selby: Won 6½ - 5½

v Driffild: Won 8½ - 3½ v Bawtry: Won 7 – 5

v Town Moor: Won 8 - 4

Tridon

DGC/Bawtry/Town Moor: Won 15 – 12 – 9

Quadraddon:

DGC/Wheatley/Hickleton/Town Moor:
Won by 7 points with Chris Carling winning the best individual score

It has been my honour and privilege to be this year's Rabbits Captain and lead what was truly a great team effort – my thanks to everyone who took part and who has supported me so well throughout the season.

Phil Leadbetter



Annie's Salver 2

The 4th Annie's Salver event took place on Saturday 19th October. It attracted its largest field so far with 84 members taking part, with a team of juniors past and present taking on a Captain's team made up of lady and male members of DGC. The junior team led by the Junior Captain Shane Longworth were victorious by 11.5 points to 9.5 points.

The day once again highlighted the great club spirit and friendship when members from all sections come together to compete and socialise. Through a raffle and auction the day raised £1,310 for course improvements and the Captains' charities.

I would like to thank all those who took part and contributed to a great day, not only members but to the bar and catering staff, and of course to Annie and Rick.

Captain Allan

Years Free Subscription

The draw for the 'Win a year's free subs' was made after the match and the lucky winner was John Leedale. John now enjoys a year's free membership.

The draw was introduced as part of the 125th Celebrations, it was looking doubtful as to whether the draw would go ahead due to lack of interest, but in true DGC style members dug deep in their pockets after Annie's Salver to allow it to proceed. The raffle excess raised a small donation for the Captains Charities.

Porsche Experience Day & Golf Event

The winner of the Porsche Experience Track Day was Rosy Crowley the Partner of Member Neil Pratt. Rosy is very excited to have won this once in a lifetime event and looks forward to burning up the track at Silverstone.

Porsche also donated a 2 Ball Voucher to play in their Porsche sponsored golf event at Hallamshire Golf Club in 2020. This was auctioned off at Annie's Salver, a bid of £110 by John Leedale secured the prestigious prize.

Our grateful thanks go to Porsche Sheffield for donating these fantastic prizes.