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'Masked' Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

140 members and guests attended the Annual Dinner & Presentation. A night to celebrate the winners of the



trophies, and also our 2023 Captains, Stephen Saunders, Angela Boxall, Barry Loynes and Ben Carr. Thanks must go to Issi Brisbourne and her H & S team who organised the event and decorated the room, along with Hawkstone Park Ltd and their staff.

Thanks also to Wendy Simpson and Dave Ralphs for sorting all our beautiful trophies and getting them engraved. The stage was set, with some great masks, which kicked off a really fun night with dinner, speeches, presentations and dancing till late.



2023 SENIORS MEMORIAL DAY ON 24TH OCTOBER – Gerry Whitby (Organiser)

The annual Shot Gun, Texas Scramble was held on a slightly damp day, but nevertheless enjoyed and supported by 52 members of our club; who paid tribute to departed colleagues.

Thirteen teams were named after those who are no longer with us and this year we lost three more dear friends - Ted Bowen, Mike Haseley & Phil Johnson.

The golf scores on the day were extremely good, with the first three teams who scored less than 60 points. The winning team was that of **PHIL JOHNSON** and represented by Bill English, Peter Williams, Stuart Gower & Richard Williams with a score of 58.2 points.

This year we raised £225 for the Club Captain's Charity.

Tips & Tricks from Ben Hogan

How do you lower your golf score??

1. If you will practice only as long as it will take you to hit five balls before you start it will help you to lower your score on the front nine. Club members familiar with the course have a higher score on the front nine than they have on the back nine because they are just getting 'warmed up' when they play the back nine. Furthermore, it's not just a case of 'warming up' your muscles. You've got to start thinking golf.
2. Common sense will help you lower your score. People throw away strokes because they don't take the time to think about a shot before they attempt it. For instance, in playing over a bunker make sure to hit the green. Play your shot so as to make the allowance for the margin of error on the further side of the cup rather than risk being short because of the danger of landing in the bunker.

3. Invariably a novice doesn't use enough loft playing to the green. Consequently he/she doesn't get the ball into the air high enough and is short. On the next shot he/she remembers that he/she was short but he/she again takes the same club. This time he/she hits the ball too hard and overruns the cup. Result: his/her mistakes have cost him/her two strokes.
4. Out of the rough play safe to where you can get a clean shot at the ball. Don't take any unnecessary chances in the rough because you'll probably lose two or three strokes just trying to get the ball out. It is better to concede the loss of one stroke than it is to take a chance and sacrifice three or four.
5. Learn to use the sand wedge. Most novices don't appreciate what a utility club it really is.
6. Let your clubs do the work instead of trying to manoeuvre them with your body, arms and hands. Trust their loft and your swing instead of trying to scoop the ball up with an unnatural swing.
7. The novice should never take a chance by trying to play for the pin when it is cut in a corner of the green that is severely bunkered. Play for the centre of the green. Rely on your putting ability rather than your second shot.
8. Fear will influence your muscular reactions so dismiss all ideas of being afraid of shooting over water off the tee at a green with water around it or any other hazards. It's foolish to be frightened by hazards because most players have the club range to miss these hazards if they swing freely.

POLITE REMINDER: Temporary greens will soon be clearly marked and any ball landing in these areas must be lifted, dropped at the nearest point of relief within one club length outside of the marked area no nearer the hole, and subsequently placed in accordance with local winter rules.



CHRISTMAS TEAM TEXAS SCRAMBLE – Sunday 12th November

Even with torrential rain, members all turned out in style for this annual event. Laughter could be heard all around the course and in the bar



afterwards with everyone thoroughly enjoying the event (even trawling round the course,

some with very wet feet!) Congratulations to the winners – Angela Gwilt, Mark Bates, Alistair Cartwright & Richard Sutherland with an amazing score of 46 points, apparently their putters were very hot!



Our annual 'turkey shoot' competition is scheduled for Sunday 3rd December, add your name to brs should you wish to play before the closing date of Thursday 30th November.



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