Ryburn Golf Club Christmas Newsletter 2019



... to all our members from your Club Captains and Committee

Club Officers and Committee Members 2019/20

<u>President</u>: Barbara Jones, <u>Captain</u>: Dean Brady, <u>Lady Captain</u>: Lizzie Haigh, <u>Rabbit Captain</u>: Allen Hopkinson, <u>Secretary</u>: Andy Emms, <u>Treasurer</u>: David Palmer, *Competition & Handicaps*: David Scott, <u>Vice Captain and House</u>: Michael Haigh, <u>Greens</u>: Neal Hesseltine. <u>Membership</u>: Pamela Wadsworth, <u>Lady Vice Captain</u>: Ruth Jackson, Stephanie Handsley-Brady, Dave Riglar

Ladies Section

It's been a busy year with lots of different winners for the Medals and Majors.

Our September weekend away at Cave Castle was a great weekend unfortunately rain on the second day defeated all but the truly committed golfers (or rather those clever sods who booked a buggy!)



The 9 hole Winter League has now started on Thursday and Sundays and we are keen for all the ladies to join us. You don't have to play every week – it's just for fun and we have a draw for playing partners so you can just turn up at 12.30 for the draw.

The weather has stopped play on a couple of occasions this year including November's Turkey Trot. This has now been re-arranged for Sunday 8th December. All ladies are welcome to join this 9 hole stableford - the draw for partners will be at 12.30 with coffee, sherry and mince pies after play.



The course has been playing really well this year and the Greens team have been working as hard as ever. To help keep our course survive the winter please make sure you use mats on the course as per the signs in the club house and lockers rooms.

Also, when playing from tees during Medals please make sure you use a mat under you ball when teeing off with an iron.

<u>Tees Fundraiser:</u> Neal and the Greens Committee are keen to replace the path behind the $9^{th}/18^{th}$ tees but to complete the job they need the support of members. Any donations, financially or physical, are welcome - please speak to Neal (Tel 07742 045145) if you are able to help.

TO ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE COULD YOU ADVISE DAVID SCOTT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY CHANGES TO PHONE NUMBERS SO HE CAN INCLUDE THEM IN THE 2020 DIARY. DKSCOTT999@HOTMAIL.COM OR 01422 831364

Ryburn Golf Club Spirit Drive (Off-Sales)

No, a ghost has **not** been seen driving off at the first hole. This concerns the 19th Hole and your help with increasing sales across the bar at the clubhouse.

We have recently been discussing a number of ways to improve the experience of you, our members. You will see in other parts of this newsletter a number of social events that are being planned over the next few months. These events will be an opportunity to meet more of your fellow members and have some fun. It will also help the club to increase the money spent over the bar, which helps us to keep subscriptions as low as possible.

I want to tell you about a new service we will be offering in the clubhouse. We will be stocking a number of popular one litre bottles of spirits, priced competitively, which you can buy to stock up your Christmas cupboards or even buy as presents. We will also stock popular wine bottles, such as Prosecco, which again is a frequent purchase at Christmas time.

Every bottle you buy helps us to balance our costs against our revenues. Think of us as your personal shopper, buy your booze from us, and save time and frustration at those busy supermarket queues.

If you want to discuss this initiative further I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. See you at the bar, (we are all lawyers really!)

Seasons greetings, Dave Riglar <u>RiglarDave@Gmail.com</u> or 07582 959586



Rabbit Section

Firstly we are delighted to announce that Colin Marshall has agreed to be Rabbit Captain for the coming year.

In regards to the 100 Club which is run by the Rabbits - since the draw started in April 2018 prize money worth £4200 has been paid out with the same amount being raised for club projects. By the second anniversary it is predicted that this will have reached £5400. A fantastic achievement.

To date the club has been able to purchase Groomer's to assist the Green Keeper - Tony, to produce what I hope everyone will agree have ben excellent greens to putt on throughout the season.

Further financial support is being provided to improve the winter tees and a new generator for cleaning our trolleys and other golfing attire.

A big thank you to all member's who have and continue to contribute to the draw.

Anyone who wishes to join the 100 Club can do so at anytime during the year, just make yourself known to Jonathan Hoyle for further details.

Good luck in the Christmas Bonus Draw (date to be announced soon) - you've got to be in it to win it!



PLEASE BE AWARE OUR COTTAGE HAS NOW BEEN RENTED OUT TO PRIVATE TENANTS SO DON'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE NEW FACES AROUND.

Social Events

A great night was had at the Club on Saturday 30th Nov - well over 60 members attended and there was standing room only. Thanks to the Brady family, led by Dean, for manning the bar and serving up the pie and peas. Acoustic Dogz were fantastic -Very welcome to come back again. Thanks also to John Coupe and other members who pitched in too. If you have a favourite



local band who you think would go down well please speak to one of the committee members or if you have an idea for another social event, or would like to run one, then please let us know.

...and finally a few dates for your Diary:

Ladies AGM: Sunday 15th March Ryburn Dinner and Presentation: Saturday 21st March Ryburn GC AGM - Thursday 26th March

More information will be sent out to members as soon as details are finalised.