



NEWSLETTER

Hickleton Golf Club Monthly Newsletter

2021 Committee

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Jeff Roden

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John Little

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Ian Foster

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Dave Rees

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Steve Bridges
Piers Taverner
Jack Little
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Ladies Representative:-

Angela Bowkett

Next Meeting

23rd February 2021



President's Statement

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is safe and well under these testing times.

I would like to thank all members for keeping their faith in the Club during the lockdown periods. I realise that this is extremely difficult for some members to do, but rest assured, the Management Committee have your best interests at all times. Without your commitment the Club could not survive.

The Management Committee have agreed that we should re-introduce a monthly newsletter to keep the membership (and visitors) informed as to what has been happening at the Club.

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Also, what is in the pipeline for improvements to both the Course and the Clubhouse. We feel that you will be pleased with what is planned.

There are some exciting proposals for improvements and you will be advised of these in subsequent newsletters.

Hopefully, we will be able to recommence playing golf and sometime in the not-too-distant future, enjoy a drink (or two) with each other in the bar. Obviously, this will depend on when the lockdown rules and guidelines are relaxed.

I sincerely trust that you will enjoy reading the Newsletters as these are intended to keep you all well informed.

Jeff Roden
President.

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"In The Spotlight".....

'In The Spotlight' will be a feature every month with a different member of staff. With the current situation, the first two editions will be based on Mr Captain and Lady Captain Pip Henery next month.

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Welcome Mr John Little - Captain 2020/21

John was elected Captain back in December 2019. He has been a long standing member at Hickleton for many years and the Coronavirus pandemic has given him a second year as Captain. This follows a long family association with the Club.....his father Alan was a Past Captain and Trustee. John is a proud Yorkshireman and was born in Doncaster in 1967. He is married to Lisa, they have 6 children, 5 of whom play golf at Hickleton.....so the future looks bright!

He has won the Club Championship 3 times and has been runner-up on several occasions (twice losing in play-offs to Andy Herbert and Rob Jones).

John made his debut for the Scratch Team in 1988 (away at Stocksbridge losing 5&3)...and he has played every year since!

He is pictured here with two of the smartest dressed golfers at Hickleton; I asked him the following questions to get to know him more.



- 1) What year did you join Hickleton golf club? - **1976**
- 2) What is your lowest Handicap? - **-2**
- 3) What is your lowest ever round? - **65 off the yellow tees (after 6 pints) 6 under through 13 then the beer wore off.**
- 4) Which is your favourite golf course you have played obviously other than Hickleton? - **Loch Lomond then Woodhall Spa (Hotchkin) in a close second.**
- 5) Who was your golfing idol growing up? - **Seve**
- 6) You're a Leeds United fan, Where do you think they will finish this season?
- **The Mighty Whites will finish 8th.**

An interesting fact about John, did you know he was Club Manager at Hickleton Golf Club?

Another very interesting fact....John bared his bottom for the Club's Centenary calendar in 2009!

COURSE MANAGEMENT

Course Update:

Steve and the Team have been very hard at work during the current lockdown.

- An Open Ditch has been put in on the 7th hole.
- Trenching has been put in on the 7th, 8th, 10th for new drains to be laid to improve drainage.
- Current open ditches have been cleared of leaves and debris and will continue to be cleaned throughout the year.

Fortunately, there appears to have been no serious snow damage to the greens.



The ditch is just about finished on the 7th and the good news is it does have water in it when it rains.

You can see the New Bridge (for walking over) on the photo below..... there is still a little to finish off but it's progress.

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Course Update:



The trees at the back of the 6th green / 7th tee have been tidied up and the fallen Beech Tree at the side of the 6th tee has been removed.

The greenstaff plan to carry out the essential greens work in March by slitting the greens and top dressing if the weather permits. They will then carry out the hollow coring in August as planned, after the Club Championship.

Moving forward we will continue working through the winter programme, we have the materials to hand for the Winter Tee construction.

Work will continue and we will keep you all updated.

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Club Projects:

A little update on the Club Projects - the Projects Committee of Ian Foster, Jack Little, Angela Bowkett, Mark Ellis and Ashley Lerigo are working hard behind the scenes. Watch this space for updates.

Pro-Shop News:

Before we went into lockdown at the beginning of January, Jak Lee returned to take up the position of Head Teaching Pro. He will spend little time in the shop and we hope you can keep him busy on the range.

Oliver Whittaker has started as part of the professional team, he's new to this side of the game but his mum Penny Grice is a former Open champion.

It's been a tough start for the both of them as they have not being allowed to teach or even meet you guys. However we have all been very busy.....

The Clean-Up:

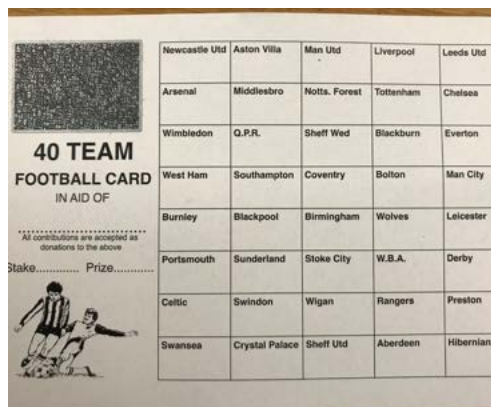
During the current lockdown, Ashley, Jak and Oliver have been working hard clearing and cleaning the area around the Pro Shop. There was a lot of mess that has been there for years, it's all gone now so you will notice the difference on your return.



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Prize Draw:

In the meantime we have been running a Prize Draw every week to keep people in the loop and interested at the same time. They will continue through the rest of lockdown, so keep an eye on the Facebook Members page and your emails.



New App:

There is a New App on the horizon, The XPOS Caddie that will allow you to buy and check your pro shop accounts similar to the Club V1 member's hub, it's going through the final testing at the minute but I will update you when its available.

Follow us for updates on the following social outlets:-



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If anyone has any queries they would like answering during the current lockdown please send them to alerigo100@gmail.com