

PREFERRED LIES MARCH 2021



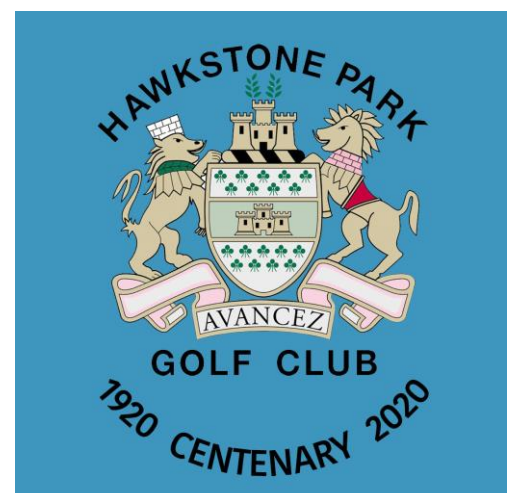
When you were a kid, you might have been told the Spring and Autumn rituals of adjusting your clock had something to do with farming. Yeah, that's not true. In fact, daylight saving time has less to do with tending to crops and more to do with practicing three-footers. Seriously!

The reason is: because it creates more daylight when people are likely to play. It could be going out to play nine holes or even just spending 30 minutes on the putting green. Surely any activity is good if it leads to

increased engagement in the game - especially if you're driving home from work one evening and notice you could still squeeze in a couple of holes, you probably aren't complaining!

Centenary Pin Flags

In order to celebrate our Centenary last year, the golf club bought Centenary flags for all the pins on the golf course. Should you wish to purchase one of these as a special memento, please contact Dave Ralphs, Chair of our Centenary Committee (dave.w.ralphs@sky.com) Each flag is £20 each. Only a limited stock available, so don't miss out!



A snippet from the past – from The Niblick Newsletter July 2001

As this year is 20 years on, I thought I would share an article from the 2001 Niblick.

Junior Section

Firstly, many thanks to **Mr Chairman, Mark Boler** for his kind sponsorship of the **Sandy Lyle Salver** which takes place on July 26/27th.

The junior team has successfully negotiated the regional section of the **SHUGC Junior Handicap League**, beating Hill Valley and Mile End in their group. They now play Llanymynech in the quarterfinals. This is the third successive year they have won their zone.

Individual achievements have been evident in both junior and senior events. **Tim Newsome, Stephen Apperley, Chris Brettel, Iain Tinsley, Ashley Chesters, Rob Morgan, Luke Thelwell and Chris Smith** have all captured junior events. Ashley, Stephen, Rob, Chris Brettel and **Captain, Mark Lloyd** have also succeeded against the seniors. **Dave and Rob Morgan** were victorious in the Robert Powis Trophy.

Sam Breakes and Ashley Chesters have continued to represent the Club at **County Boys** level and a notable gross 77 by Ashley at Shifnal certainly opened a few people's eyes to his potential. (He is now playing off his age – 11!)



Juniors in their new kit, with thanks to the Golf Club for their kind donation, which permits HPGC juniors to represent the Club, dressed appropriately.

Dave Swann, Joint Junior Organiser.

Pictured

Back row Iain Tinsley, Sam Breakes, Chris Smith

Sitting – Ashley Chesters, Mark Lloyd, Rob Morgan, Billy Mills

SHUGC County News:

Please feel free download the new IGCounty app to your phone.

The IGCounty App is not just a way of getting your County Card, it is a tool to help you make the most of your Shropshire & Herefordshire Golf affiliation.

Within the App you can;

- Explore the Affiliated Clubs in Shropshire & Herefordshire
- Receive Shropshire & Herefordshire Golf news or notifications
- Enter County events
- Check the latest County Championship results
- Check what your course handicap will be

The County Card is a pass which allows its holder to visit participating golf clubs once each year for a reduced green fee where you can expect to receive up to 50% discount.

Most Counties run a County Card Scheme for their affiliated members and from 2012 all golf club members affiliated to the Shropshire & Herefordshire Union of Golf Clubs have been entitled to receive a County Card as part of their annual Affiliation fee.

There is a fantastic number of Golf Clubs taking part in the scheme both in Shropshire & Herefordshire and Nationally, with currently over 1,400 courses available to play using your Card.

SLCGA County News:

Ladies – why not check out the Shropshire County Ladies Golf (SLCGA) website. Please use this website for up to date information about your County competitions, team performances, county Junior & Senior events, SLCGA and individual achievements. SLCGA county competitions are available to all affiliated members; these events are a great way to play different courses and an opportunity to meet new people, with a mixture of individual and team events to suit everyone.

New Golf News Website:

It is my great pleasure to inform you about a new golf news website which is designed specifically for club players.

www.golfnews.co.uk will celebrate the best in amateur golf, reporting on news from throughout the UK. The website goes live on 31st March 2021 – why not check it out!!

GETTING BACK TO GOLF

Spring 2021 course update

As we will soon be back playing again it has been pleasing to see Ian George and his small team of green staff have continued to work throughout the 2021 lockdown. Significant work has been carried out notably along the water margins of the Pollard Oak hole. The resultant views of the lake are very aesthetically appealing indeed.



On the Championship much of the lower branches of the trees between fairways have been trimmed and the rough cut back to present the course in a tidier condition.

On both courses:-

1. ALL Fairways have been aerated, some twice
2. ALL Tees have been aerated
3. Greens have been cored and top dressing applied and brushed in
4. Lawn sand has been applied greens as a turf hardener and to aid moss control
5. A calcium supplement has been applied to greens and aprons
6. A fertiliser & root stimulant has been applied to tees, aprons, approaches & surrounds
7. Slow release fertiliser will be applied to the greens prior to the commencement of play on 29th March.

Waste bins will be back in situ – thank you to some members who have gone around the course and picked up litter left from when bins had to be removed.

Please be aware as we start back the height of the cut on the greens will remain slightly high and the greens will be of a slower pace. The height of the cut will be gradually reduced as conditions allow. Please can we continue to be mindful of our buggy and trolley traffic around green aprons and surrounds. It is very noticeable the difference it makes.

Winter League - Update

Thank you to those who entered the winter league – obviously as a result of the Covid lockdown play in the event was drastically curtailed. As a result, we will resume the leagues in the Autumn of 2021 with those who entered previously being given a free entry into this years event.

Friendly Matches

Mens and Seniors matches are now in the diary on the website. Emails will be sent out for members to enter to play in these. The first Seniors friendly on the 20th April against Shifnal is now full; thank you to all who put their names down wishing to play. The first Mens friendly is against Church Stretton (away) on the 22nd May – details to follow shortly.

Roll Up

The ever popular Saturday morning roll up still continues, please check BRS for times allocated to members. Saturday 3rd April sees the first tee time at 8.04am, please just turn up and join in for a great social game.

On a Wednesday afternoon the ladies roll up begins, first tee on Wednesday 31st March is 1.10pm.

Captains Away Day

Mr Captain is pleased to announce that his **Captains Away Day for 2021** is to take place at the 130 year old **Whittington Heath Golf Club** Staffordshire. The Harry Colt designed heathland course has beautiful scenery with challenging approaches which provides a fair test for all levels of golfer.



The date for your diary is **Thursday 7th October 2021**

Timetable for the day

From 10.30 Bacon rolls & coffee

11.30 -13.30 tee times

One course meal on completion of play

Prize presentation

To reserve your place... full payment of £75 should be made to Hawkstone Park Golf Club. (Please email Secretary Louisa once payment has been made)

Sort Code 30-15-39

Account No. 00184975

There are only 50 places so please book early to avoid disappointment!

R & A Rules of Golf Level 2 Examination

Congratulations to Nigel Chesters (Chair of M & C) and Louisa (Secretary) who have recently completed their Level 2 qualification. This qualification is held in conjunction with England Golf and requires attending an online course over 3 weeks and then subsequently sitting an intense online exam.

Have any questions on the rules – check it out with either Nigel or Louisa!

Alternatively, why not download the 'Official R & A Rules of Golf App' - The **R&A's Official Rules of Golf App for the iPhone and iPad offers you the complete package, covering every issue that can arise during a round of golf**. The App includes nearly 30 diagrams and how-to videos that help to explain the Rules effective from 2019 and give guidance for many common situations.

Need more golf!!

In 2021 the Titleist FootJoy Matchplay Championship will be celebrating its 25th year. Entry closing date is 14th May – check out www.matchplay.co.uk for more details ...

England Golf News

- As long as golfers know their **handicap** index, they can then calculate their **course handicap** and just go out and **play**. It's as easy as **H.C.P**
- By registering with England Golf and downloading the 'My England Golf' app for all smartphones, golfers can discover their handicap index and use our course calculator to work out a course handicap before teeing off
- Alternatively, golfers can obtain details of their handicap index from the club, consult look-up charts on a notice board and work out their course handicap for any chosen set of tees.

In the very near future, the 'My EG' app will allow the following functions:

- Pre-registration of general play rounds
- Direct input of all scores from general play rounds

Finally, next time you are at the club, why not check out our new Centenary trophy cabinet – is your name on one of our fabulous trophies – if not ... make this year your goal!!

