

# Bungay & Waveney Golf Club

## January 2020 Newsletter

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Photo taken by Sam Cooper on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

- Welcome to the Club's newsletter
- We welcome feedback via any of the Board members.

### **Chairperson Report (Bill Carson)**

As we enter mid-January may I wish you all a belated Happy New Year? Not sure where the time goes, but I am convinced that it is passing much quicker as I get older.

Many thanks to those who attended our AGM last month. I felt it was a positive meeting which afforded our members the opportunity to ask questions and have an input into the running of our Club. I know we can't please everybody at all times but the Board works very hard to ensure we do our best in helping to run a friendly and welcoming place to play our golf.

This was reinforced recently when we hosted the Suffolk Winter Alliance. Some 115 visitors spent the day here and there was nothing but praise for the course, catering and the welcome they received. Many thanks to Sam Cooper, Chris Potter and Roger and his staff for all their hard work in making sure the day ran smoothly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Moore for giving so much of his time looking after our course and managing the green staff.

I am delighted at how well Chris and Sally have settled in and the tremendous improvements they have made in the shop. Many thanks to all our members for welcoming them both so warmly.

It was good to see so many of you at the Bangers and Mash Texas Scramble on New Year's Day, the first social event of the year. Keep a look out for other events such as quiz evenings and another Race Night in the Spring as well as our charity days and invitationals during the year. We are open to other suggestions put forward as well.

Could I politely ask all of you to continue to look after our course and clubhouse? Please repair pitch marks, replace divots and feel free to take a divot bag and soil out with you once in a while. Also, keep trolleys away from the greens and valley banks at all times. If you use a buggy, do so safely, particularly in the valley where you should be using the established paths for going up and down. Lastly, please

clean the mud off your shoes before entering the changing rooms. We want to protect our greatest assets- our course and clubhouse.

## Course Conditions (Roger Moore)

We are now into winter and the grass growth has basically stopped. However, at the end of 2019 we had a lot of much needed rain. This rain has started a recovery of the fairways with much germination of the overseeding work we have done. It will still however take time for this new grass to spread out and merge together, so please be patient.

The greens / aprons / tees / fairways have been spiked and dressed (greens and aprons only) in preparation for next session.

The bunker refurbishment program continues. An additional 12 bunkers have been identified for this winter's work. The turfing of these bunkers will take place in Jan / Feb with an opening planned for April / May.

On the equipment side we have purchased a new greens mower with the current greens mowers becoming the mower for the tees and aprons.

**Whilst we do have some issues with dog walkers, I really do believe that the biggest and frustrating problem, relating to course condition (bunkers, greens fairways etc) is actually caused by us the golfers and the lack of care and consideration given by some. Our course is our most valuable asset and it is key that we ALL maintain this to the highest standard. It is all members (not only the green staff) responsibility to: -**

- **Rake bunkers after use.**
- **Repair and replace (yours and others) divots.**
- **Repair any pitch marks on the green (yours or others).**
- **Keep trolleys and buggies on the paths or areas as directed by the white lines.**
- **Use the divot bags and stations provided.**

## Captain's Corner (Ann Kemp)

Now we're into 2020, the days are starting to draw out and I look forward, as I hope you do, to the start of the golfing season.

### Winter League

A huge thank you to those who've volunteered to play in the Winter League. In past years, there has been a surplus of ladies wanting to compete but, this winter, some ladies have had to represent their handicap division two or three times in only 5 matches. So I'm hoping that the 21 who have played enjoyed their games and will be enthused to enter the Society Day at Gorleston on the 16th March. Thus far we have won two and lost two matches so there's all to play for in our final match at Diss on 30 January.

### Friendly Matches

There are 10 ladies' friendlies scheduled for 2020, with the first away to Thetford on 12th March. Please try to support these games by signing up; you meet new friendly people and, if it's an away match, (and 6 of our 10 are away), it's a great opportunity to play another course for free!

The mixed matches have proved more difficult to arrange, possibly due to having to be held on a weekend, but there will be 5 opportunities with the first being at home to Southwold on Saturday, 14 March. Also, thanks to Chris Potter, Royal Norwich are included in our short list for the first time.

### **County Matters**

The Suffolk Ladies AGM was held on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January with a pleasing number of Bungay's lady members present. Whilst we're obviously keen to keep abreast of SLGCA activities and changes, our special purpose that day was to support Belinda Rowe in her appointment as Suffolk Ladies County Vice-Captain for 2020. Congratulations Belinda!

Bungay is also honoured to have been chosen as the venue for the SLGCA Division 2 Ladies Meeting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, and every effort will be made to make it a memorable occasion for our visitors.

Meanwhile, the team captains are thinking ahead to the County fixtures and their squads for the Haskell (Jo Moore), Stearn, (Jane Cadge), Cranworth (Christine Ashe) and Weston (Belinda Rowe) competitions. Further congratulations are due to Belinda, together with last year's Weston squad, for winning all their matches thus being promoted to Division One this coming year.

Debbie Jary has assumed the role as Bungay's County delegate following Margaret Attlee's retirement and, having previously already represented Caldicott Hall as Norfolk delegate, we are fortunate to have Debbie offer to use her experience for our benefit.

We also wish Lils James and Sam Cooper every success in their participation in the Suffolk Ladies County First Team as well as welcoming the reintroduction of a second team in order to inspire our up and coming lady golfers to greater heights.

### **Bungay Matters**

One of the major concerns for the ladies in 2019 was the dwindling entry for our most prestigious annual event, namely, the Club Championship, due in part to many ladies now feeling unable to play 36 holes on the same day. There was a lively debate at our AGM as to the possibility of holding it over 2 days. However, a proposal was agreed to retain the original format for the future but to remove the requirement for a minimum entry of 12 ladies in order for the competition to take place. I am hoping, though, to see as many as possible of the fighting fit ladies being involved, regardless of handicap, in order to make it a spirited competition and representative of the whole ladies' section. The Mary Rowan Rosebowl 18-hole event will be held on the same day but whereas previously the ladies had to twiddle their thumbs waiting for the CC to finish before they ate, their celebratory meal and presentation will be made earlier in the afternoon, the CC meal and presentation taking place later.

Otherwise plans are under way for the Lady Captain's Charity Day, the Ladies Open and the Ladies Invitation events. The Bill Harding Texas Scramble, under Gill Willis's superb organisation, will get our social golfing calendar off to a start on Sunday 5th April, and our committee very much hopes you will support all the foregoing events.

## **Captain's Corner (Bill Carson)**

On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January we had our first competition of the year – the Bangers and Mash Texas Scramble. Twenty teams took part, with the weather being kind and mild for this time of year. Not only is this a fun competition played in good spirit but it is also a time when the outgoing Captain putts out and the new Captain drives in. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to Dermot for his excellent year as our outgoing Captain. Today he presented a cheque for £11,483.90 to the Big C Charity – a fantastic total for a very worthy cause.

I shall be raising funds for two causes this year – one for Prostate Cancer UK and the other for the completion of our new Coaching Clinic Room in the upstairs space behind the office. I am hoping that not only a fine total will be raised during the year but also some of our many skilled members will come forward to offer some of their time and expertise in helping to complete our Clinic Room. We have always been very lucky to have so many willing volunteers and generous members who have helped to make our Club such a wonderful place at which to play our golf. Nigel Edwards will be helping me to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK and will be organising a raffle that will take

place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, at the Vet's AGM and Texas Scramble day. Any unwanted Christmas presents and other donations for the raffle would be gratefully received on the day.

Many of you take part in the 100 Club. Could I remind any who have not yet paid for their number for this year to please see Roger or bar staff and do so as soon as you can. There may well be spare numbers for those who haven't yet bought one. All proceeds go towards Clubhouse improvements. The draws have now been made for all men's county competitions. Look out for displayed notices and emails with regards to our Tolly, Hambro and Stenson Teams as well as the Vet's Beaumont and Parks Teams. We have had some reasonable success in these competitions but it would be good to do even better this year. Many thanks to our Captains for these teams, Sam, Ben, John and Paul.

In conclusion I would like to thank you for your support and good wishes as I embark on my year as Captain. I would also like to thank my Vice Captain, Tony James, who will be working with me to ensure our Club continues to prosper.

## Competition Results

Men: December Medal: Div.1: 1. R. Lockhart 82-10-72, 2. M. Shead 83-10-73, 3. C. Sunderland 93-19-74. Stableford.: Div.1: G. Beck 37pts, 2. M. Shead 35pts ocb, 3. M. Spalding 35pts. Div.2: 1. O. Chipperfield 36pts, 2. D. Smith 34pts ocb, 3. D. Evans 34pts. Mid-week Stableford: Div. 1: 1. P.Vass 37pts, 2.P. Bonner 35pts, 3. D. Smith 34pts.

January 2020: Medal: Div.1: 1. P. Bicker 79-13-66, 2. B. Swann 74-7-67, 3. P. Revell 76-5-71' Div.2: 1. P. Bonner 91-17-74, 2. M. Heywood 101-24-77ocb, 3. A. Davey 94-17-77.

Ladies: December 2019 Xmas Medal: Div.1: 1. D. Pottinger 81-9-72, 2. Jo Moore 83-10-73, 3. G. Willis 95-21-74. 9 Hole Xmas Stableford: 1. K.Hardy 18pts, 2. H. Wilkinson 17pts.ocb, 3. A. Jones 17pts. Stableford: Div.1: 1. D. Randall 35pts, 2. Jo Moore 30pts, 3. M. Pacy 29pts. 9 Hole Stableford: 1. A. Jones 21pts, 2. C. Cundey 15pts, 3. A. Howes 10pts.

January 2020. Ladies Fun Comp: 1. S. Strutt-Holmes, S.Goulter & C. Taylor 48pts ocb . 2. Jo Moore, B. Collings & W. Green 48pts, 3. J. Skinner, Y. Guy & M. Pearson 47pts. 9 Hole Competition: 1. J. Trett, A. Howes & A. Jones 29pts. 2. A. Kemp, M. Dodd & A. Brett 28pts

Vets: Stableford: Div. 1: 1. P. Revell 37pts, 2. I. Mackenzie 36pts ocb, 3. G. Ling 36pts.

## Sponsorship

The club has a number of opportunities for sponsorship, Tee markers, tee boards and flags are all available and please ask in the pro shop for the various options.