



NEWSLETTER

Hickleton Golf Club Monthly Newsletter

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Next Meeting:-

27th April 2021



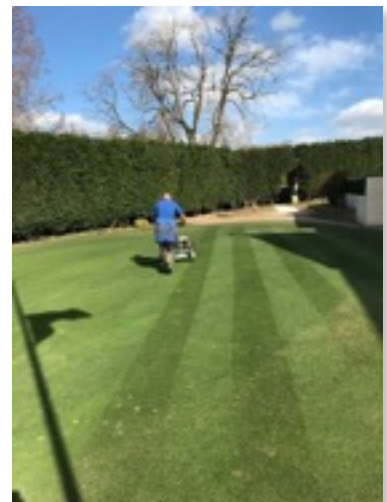
The Return to Golf

Well, lockdown has eased once again and we have now returned to golf. I think you will all agree that the course is in great condition. It has taken a lot of work behind the scenes to make that possible.

Steve and his Team have worked tirelessly to present the course in its current condition. Although they were hampered a little by the snow and rain through January & February.

There are a selection of photographs, on the page following, of the 'Team in Action' and the course when we re-opened.

Well done to Steve and the Team!

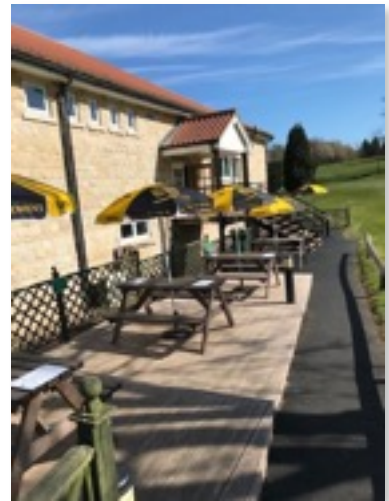


Above left: Back on the 1st Tee - 29th March 2021.



The Re-Opening of the Bar

On the 12th April, 2021 the bar re-opened. It is waitress service but such a delight for everyone to be able to sit, chat and enjoy a drink in the sunshine after their round of golf.....'Socially Distanced' of course!



"In The Spotlight".....

Welcome Steve Pickering - Head Greenkeeper.

1. How long have you been a Greenkeeper and how did you get into it?

"I have been in greenkeeping 27 years. I got into greenkeeping by luck, I was out of work after the pits closed and I liked fishing at night. I started night fishing at Bondhay Golf Club and was asked if I would like to work there as night security. I then went from night to day and helping out with the greenkeeping. This then led to full time greenkeeping".

2. Where have you previously worked?

Bondhay Golf Club
Rotherham Golf Club
Grange Park Golf Club
Renishaw Golf Club
Hickleton Golf Club - present day.



3. You are a keen golfer. What's your best ever round and where did you achieve it?

"My best round was at Sherwood Forest. I got 42 points off a 14 handicap and won the competition. I got my name on a replica British Open Claret Jug"

4. What's a normal working day for you?

"A normal working day for me is 3.30am wake up, 4.30am set off for work to open up before the rest of the Staff arrive. At 5.30am we start work and finish at 3pm, then its home time with half an hour to 45 minutes' drive".

5. What's the one course you would love to play? And who would be your 'Dream Four Ball'?

"St Andrews with Lee Westwood, Thomas Bjorn, Henrik Stenson and Seve Ballesteros"

6. And finally.....What interests do you have when you are not at work?

"Cycling, Films and ironically.....Gardening!"

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CLUB NEWS

Pro Shop:

The Pro Shop also re-opened on 12th April. A variety of new stock has been landing over the last 3 months, so why not call in and have a look. If there's something you need that's not in stock, Jak or Oliver will be happy to assist and give you a competitive quote.



CLUB NEWS

Members Survey:

Next month we shall be sending out a Members Survey. We will be asking you for your thoughts on your Golf Club so please keep an eye out for it landing. We really will appreciate all your feedback.

New Members Evening:

We will be introducing a 'New Members Evening' in which we would like to invite all Members who have joined the Club in the past 6 months to come along, have a game of golf, a few nibbles afterwards and few drinks. The date will be confirmed by email as and when Government restrictions allow us to do so.

Hole in One:

Well done to Gary Camplin who had a hole in one on the 170 yard, 6th hole. Gary hit a solid 7 iron, it did happen on April Fool's Day, but contrary to reports it wasn't a joke!

A very happy Gary, who has a playing handicap of 10, is seen opposite celebrating.



CLUB NEWS

Luke Finally Gets His Win:

Hickleton Golf Club's Luke Palmowski has been named the MIAA Men's Golf Athlete of the Week following his performance at the NSU Golf Classic on Monday and Tuesday.



Luke claimed medalist honours at the 22nd Annual NSU Golf Classic on Tuesday, winning on the second playoff hole for his first 'Career Victory'. He made a par on the third playoff hole to break a tie to win the Individual Event.

Rounds of 69 (-2), 68 (-3) and 70 (-1) to finish the event at -6 overall. Luke led the Hillcats to a third-place finish overall.

The honour is the first for Luke and the men's golf team from the Association this season. It is the second MIAA Golfer of the Week honour for Luke, having won the award once last spring.

This is the third MIAA Golfer of the Week award won by the men's golf program since joining the MIAA last season.

Luke and the rest of the Hillcats will return to action at the MIAA Championship, which is set to take place on April 19-20 at Shangri La Resort in Monkey Island, Oklahoma.

Watch this space for more updates on Luke in future Newsletters.

CLUB PROJECTS

New Pro Shop:

We are currently waiting to here back from Doncaster Council regarding the Planning Application for the extension of the new Pro Shop we highlighted in last months newsletter.

New Swing Studio:

Obviously, this will happen when the New Pro Shop is completed.

New Buggy Compound:

The new Buggy Compound has now been priced and finalised. The work will start in August and be ready for the start of September.

New Driving Bay:

It has now been 3 weeks since we officially opened the new practice bays at Hickleton. It has been great to see so many new and familiar faces partaking in lessons, using the facility to practice and improving their golf. From a teaching perspective, I feel very proud and grateful to be able to use the new bays on a daily basis, and would like to thank everyone for their co-operation over the past 3 weeks.

Jak



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New App:

We are not able to give you further update on the New App..... The XPOS Caddie, which will allow you to buy and check your pro shop accounts similar to the Club V1 Member's Hub. We will inform you as soon as it available.

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If anyone has any queries they would like answering during the current lockdown please send them to:- gm@hickletongolfclub.co.uk