

Harwich & Dovercourt Golf Club

July/August Newsletter

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Welcome

The club is now in full swing with new catering in place, the course in great condition, competitions thick and fast with summer knockouts edging closer to the final rounds.

James held his first Sunday roast on Father's Day where member's and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and the feedback so far has been fantastic.

We also kick started some of the social scene during Euro 2020 in which a number of football supporters made the most of our 70" TV we now have in the Clubhouse.

We're soon approaching our AGM which had to be moved due to the extension of Covid regulations and is due to be held tonight on Friday 6th August. We welcome all members to attend and to vote for your committee representatives.

H&D GC

Men's Club Championship

37 golfers competed for the Men's Club Championship on Sunday 11th July in almost perfect weather conditions.

The first round was well contested with Jamie King leading with a gross score of 72, 3 shots clear of 2nd place Paul Sims and 3rd place Eric Bushell with 76. For the Silver Plate, for those with a course handicap of 13 and above, it was led by Jamie Roots with an impressive gross score of 80, 7 shots under his handicap.

In the afternoon round two took place where the field was reduced to 25 golfers, with 9 of those competing for the Silver Plate, it was down to the chasing pack to hunt down the morning leaders. John Oakley shot the best score of the day with 71 and was followed by last year's winner Luis Reynolds with a 74. The 3rd best round was shared between Jamie King and Eric Bushell with scores of 76.

With both Morning and Afternoon rounds combined, the 2021 Men's Club Champion was awarded to Jamie King with a total score of 148, congratulations! 2nd place went to Luis Reynolds (151) and 3rd place to Eric Bushell (152).

The Silver Plate winner was Tommy Armstrong who shot an impressive 78 in the second round to bring his total score to 160. James Roots had the best net score from the two rounds and was awarded the Paul Partridge Trophy with gross scores of 80 and 85 giving a total net score of 133.

Many thanks go to Steve & Kate Fender for organising the event, James Webb for hosting a hog roast in the evening, the bar staff for exemplary service they provided throughout the whole event and the greens staff for setting up a fantastic course for the day.



Ladies Club Championship

On Tuesday 20th July the Ladies held their Club Championship – congratulations go to Sue Keen who overcame the heat of the day to win the 27 Hole Scratch Championship with a brilliant score of 145. Runner-up and winner of the Trixie Lambert Handicap Competition, also played over 27 holes, was Paige Wakefield with a net 105. Congratulations to Paige who has only been playing for a year – a force to be reckoned with in the future. Congratulations also go to Anne Myers who won the 18 Hole Handicap Competition with a net score of 75.

Lady Captain Georgina Grout, presenting the Championship Trophy to Sue Keen, Championship winner, 2021.



The Course

The greenkeepers are carrying out general course maintenance and with the current perfect growing conditions the grass growth is at its peak. The 3rd and 8th green is coming back to better playing conditions alongside the 2nd tee.

The bunkers are getting regularly raked and weeded so hopefully players will start noticing the difference and with rakes hopefully coming back into



play soon we should start to see them becoming less compacted.

Please remember to repair pitchmarks, replace divots, seed tees and walk your trolleys around bunkers avoiding the green fringes.

Inter-Club Team Competitions

Thornton Challenge Plate

Team Captain: Phil Elwood

The team were due to play away to Muswell Hill (North London) on Sunday 27th June for the Thornton Club Plate Competition, however due to limited players we withdrew from the match.

Jubilee Cup

Team Captain: John Oakley

Hard luck to our Jubilee Cup team who lost 5-4 against Mardyke Valley on Sunday 6th June in their final league match. Wins for Matt Adams, Richard Bushell, Joe Cheeseman & Alan Challis unfortunately weren't enough to get us over the line and meant they failed to qualify to the next round.

Division E	P L A Y E D	HOME			AWAY			HOLES		P O I N T S	H O L I E S
		W I N	D R A W	L O S T	W I N	D R A W	L O S T	F O R	A G A I N S T		
Mardyke Valley	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	98	-41	6	57
Braintree	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	49	-48	5	1
Harwich & Dovercourt	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	71	-51	4	20
Manor of Groves	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	69	-61	4	8
Castle Point GC	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	44	-83	4	-39
Ballards Gore	4	0	0	2	0	1	1	16	-63	1	-47

Norman Plum Trophy

Team Captain: Tommy Armstrong

Congratulations to our Norman Plum Team for beating Basildon in Round 3 on Saturday 26th June. The home team collected 3 points whilst the away team won 2-1 resulting in a 5-1 victory.

Home	Away
Carl Jobling & Marcus Smith 2&1 Win	Sam Eldridge & James Roots 6 & 3 win
Tommy Armstrong & Darren King 5 & 3 win	Kieran Brown & Ronnie 2 up win
Kev Routledge & Adrian Gray 3 & 2 win	Bryan Shears & Graham Pomfrett 3 & 2 loss

ESSEX GOLF UNION

NORMAN PLUM TROPHY

Quarter-Final Draw

To be Played by Sunday 25th July 2021

Club		Club
The Warren	v	Harwich & Dovercourt
Chingford	v	Ilford
Wanstead	v	Woolston Manor
Crondon Park	v	Upminster

The team played The Warren on Sunday 25th July in the quarter finals and lost 4-2 with wins from Bryan Shears & Steve Bushell and Marcus Smith & Kevin Routledge.

Essex Matchplay / Allan Lockwood Trophy

In Round 3 Phil Elwood went to Mardyke Valley on Sunday 20th June and unfortunately lost on the 19th hole. On Saturday 10th July in Round 4 Darren Law played against Graham Bowers (8 course handicap) from Burnham-on-Crouch at home and lost on the 3rd play-off hole.



Lady Captain's Day Out

A wonderful day was enjoyed at Brett Vale Golf Club – good weather, good food, good golf and fun were the order of the day. The Ladies took part in a Stableford Full Handicap competition and Tracy-Lee Carter was the overall winner with an amazing 44 points, Anne Myers was second with 41 points and Sue Hayes was third with 36 points. Nearest the pin was won by Kate Fender.

Tracy-Lee had the shot of the day, coming out of the bunker on the 11th which saw the ball hitting the top of the pin and dropping into the hole, much to the amazement of Brett Vale members waiting to tee off on the 6th.

An after golf meal and celebration completed a special day. Congratulations to Tracy-Lee and many thanks to Georgie Grout for organising and providing the prizes for such a brilliant day.



Vets Captains Away Day

Vets Captain Ken Stapleton away day at Rivenhall Oaks. Mel Boley and Bernie Burrows nearest the pins. Mel Boley, Ron Turner, Bernie Burrows and Geoff Parks were runners up in team game, Steve Fender Runner up overall & Ricky Chambers overall winner.

First in the team game were Ken Stapleton, Steve Fender, Rick Chambers and Tony Sage.



Forthcoming August Club Competitions

*Fixtures are subject to change - please check club diary online for confirmation

<u>Comp</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Mens</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Vets</u>
Charity Day	Saturday 7 August	✓	✓	✓
Ladies Medal	Sunday 8th August		✓	
Ladies Midweek Medal	Tuesday 10th August		✓	
Basil Warner	Wednesday 11th August			✓
Men's Weekend Medal	Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th August	✓		
Hulton Cup Mixed	Sunday 15th August	✓	✓	✓
Men's Midweek Medal	Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th August	✓		
Ladies Elizabeth Bernard Cup	Tuesday 17th August		✓	
Breakfast Golf	Friday 20th August	✓	✓	✓
Centenary Cup	Saturday 21st August	✓		
Presidents Day	Sunday 22nd August	✓	✓	✓
Caravan Society	Friday 27th August			
Hambro Cup	Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th August	✓		
Campbell Cup	Sunday 29th & Tuesday 31st August		✓	

The Clubhouse, Bar & Restaurant

Bar Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday: 11:30 to 21:00

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 - 21:00

*Closing hours are subject to demand

Catering

James and Mel have had a couple of months under their belts and we've received very positive feedback. You will start to see regular catering events so you can all enjoy their fabulous theme menus with an American theme coming this month.



The next roast is on Sunday 15th August and places are filling up fast so book early to avoid disappointment, bookings can be made via the following methods:

Telephone the club and ask for James / Mel or

Call / Text / WhatsApp to:

James: 07581 403 044

Mel: 07728 829 897

Facebook: M&J Catering Essex Limited

Email: mandjcateringessex1@outlook.com



June Winners:

Competition	Winner
Men's Weekend Medal	Div 1: Richard Bushell Div 2: Rob Warren
Men's Midweek Medal	Div 1: Peter Cheeseman Div 2: John J Stace
Simpson Cup	Jamie & Neil King
Strawson Cup (Vets)	Tony Armstrong
Basil Warner (Vets)	Tony Sage
Men's Summer Foursomes	T. Armstrong & A. Rogers
Dumbarton Quaiche Cup	Kate Fender
Ladies Medal	Tracy-Lee Carter

July Winners:

Competition	Winner
Men's Weekend Medal	Div 1: Neil Blackburn Div 2: Tony Doherty
Men's Midweek Medal	Div 1: Neil King Div 2: Peter Reece
Pro Am	Eric Bushell
Pybus Cup	Glynis Hutchence & Colin Daines
Basil Warner (Vets)	Ricky Chambers
Kitty Edmonds Cup	Sue Keen
Ladies Medal	Georgina Grout

Clubhouse Terrace

A reminder that the front terrace is a no smoking area to allow those eating and drinking a pleasant experience. We also ask members and visitors to be careful of their language whilst in and around the Clubhouse.

New outside furniture has been ordered and will replace the existing furniture very soon.



**No smoking
or vaping**

Summer Knockouts

We're close to the final stages of the draw with the semi finals now in full swing, please keep a close eye on the play by deadline dates.

Competition	Round 2	Round 3	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final
Scratch Cup	20th June	N/A	25th July	29th August	19th September
Pilot Cup	6th June	4th July	1st August	29th August	19th September
Garland Cup	6th June	4th July	1st August	29th August	19th September
Johnson Cup	20th June	N/A	25th July	29th August	19th September
Mixed Summer League	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
E D Saunders Bowl			11th July	15th August	19th September



An interview with... our Honorary Treasurer

This month we interviewed our Honorary Treasurer, Geoff Woolley.

Q1: How long have you been a member at H&D GC for?

I live in Ipswich and have stayed loyal to the Club for around 20 years. I've made a number of good friendships over those years with many laughable moments and some great 1906 trips across the country.

Q2: What is your handicap and current swing thought on the tee?

16 and don't take the club back too far.

Q3: What's your favourite golfing moment?

Winning the Garland Cup in 2003 before my putting woes!

Q4: Who's your favourite golfer & why?

Tiger Woods, legend.

Q5: If you had a reasonable sum of money, what one thing would you do with the Golf Club?

Move the 8th Tee

Modernise computer systems with real time scoring linked to gadgets for everyone to see.

If money was unlimited, then making it an 18 hole course and developing a brand new Clubhouse.



Smart Golfer Network & 1906

In next month's issue we will share information about Smart Golfer Network & 1906 which allows you to play at other courses around the UK for free or at reduced rates.



Away Competitions

Sid Neenan played in the Seaton Robson Trophy at Aldeburgh Golf Club of the Blue Championship Tees on Friday 18th June in adverse weather conditions. Sid came in joint 2nd in the Net and tied 5th in the Gross, Shooting 77.

Sid Neenan, far right, represented Suffolk County in the six man team in the England Qualifier, shooting 73 and 74 at King's Hill GC in Kent.



Professional Golf

2021 Major & Ryder Cup Dates

The Masters, Augusta National - April 8 - 11

Winner: Hideki Matsuyama

PGA Championship, Kiawah Island - May 20 - 23

Winner: Phil Mickelson

US Open, Torrey Pines - June 17 - 20

Winner: Jon Rahm

The Open Championship, Royal St George's - July 15 - 18

Winner: Collin Morikawa

Olympic Gold Medal

Winner: Xander Schauffele

Ryder Cup, Whistling Straits - September 24 - 26



Photography

Our course flyover is up and running and can be found here: [Course Flyover](#) - many thanks to Charlie Dennis' grandson for taking the time to put the flyover together. You can also find the flyover on our YouTube page or via the website.



New Member's Corner

Golf has a language all its own, including many old Scottish words and some real oddities, but also everyday words used in a special way. Here's an D - F:

Divot - Turf removed when hitting a shot.

Dogleg - Left or right bend in the fairway.

Dog Licence - If the winning margin in match play is 7&6, the victory (or defeat) is called a dog licence. In Great Britain, until 1987, dog owners bought a licence for their pet which cost 7/6d (pre-decimal currency = 37p).

Dormie - meaning and origin In match play, having a lead equal to the number of holes remaining to be played, ie. two up and two to play.

Draw - Controlled right to left shot with a moderate curve (or left to right for left-handers).

Drop - When the ball is lost, or there is an unplayable lie, a ball is dropped from arm's length at shoulder height onto the course.

Eagle - Two under par score on a hole.

Fairway - The short-grass area between the tee and the green.



Follow-through - The latter part of the swing from striking the ball to completion of the motion.

Fore! - Warning shout when a shot may endanger another player.

Four-Ball - Group of two pairs of golfers recording the better ball score of each pair based on gross or net scores.

Foursome Group - of two pairs of golfers playing shots alternately with the same ball. The partners drive at alternate holes, so one will drive the even numbers and one the odd numbers.

Free drop - When a player is entitled to make a drop without a penalty stroke.

The Committee

Temporary Captain: Chris Day | **Vice Captain:** Alan Challis
Honorary Secretary: Kate Fender | **President:** Chris Day | **Vice President:** Rodney Osborne | **Honorary Treasurer:** Geoff Woolley | **Past Captain:** Barrie Wheatley
Handicap & Competition Secretary: Steve Fender | **Greens Chairman:** Graham Pomfrett | **House Chairman:** Mel Boley | **Bar Chairman:** Dave Day
Ladies Captain: Georgie Grout | **Ladies Vice Captain:** Sue Hayes | **Vets Captain:** Ken Stapleton | **Communications Officer:** Darren Law

Administration, Bar & Catering

Administrator: Danielle Stace
Finance Administrator: Carol Fay
Shared Bar Managers: Phil Murray | Sharon Challis
Catering Manager: James Webb | Mel Allen

Greenkeepers

Course Manager: Lee Squire
Greenkeepers: Graham Pomfrett | Dave Passfield | Neil King | Tim Leeks



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