

## House Improvements

Dear Member

In April of this year, we implemented a new management structure with an Executive Committee mandated to be more forward looking. To that end House and Course Committees were requested to identify strategic objectives and actions to achieve them. This has been completed and the Executive/Finance Committee are now prioritising the actions that we wish to implement in the next two years. More detailed information will be published in the New Year.

Although we have been through a difficult couple of years, dealing with the COVID pandemic, the Club is in a strong financial position, with a healthy cash balance, due to robust management and utilising government help.

One of the key objectives/actions defined by the House Committee is 'to provide an environment that is welcoming and relaxing' and 'attract members back to the Clubhouse post Covid'. It was agreed by the Executive Committee that we should act on this immediately.

The clubhouse upstairs has not had significant investment since the balcony was done and we strongly felt this was an area we wanted to improve. We are pleased to announce that works on the bar and snug area have been approved by the Executive/Finance Committee, with the hope these works will be booked in and completed in February/March 2022.

The snug area will be transformed into a more modern area with a nice transition moving into the main bar area. This will be achieved by re-locating the trophy cabinet to the far end wall of the clubhouse and raising the floor in the snug area to give a nice flow. The carpet in this area will be replaced with laminated flooring which will reach up to the bar. A double-glazed window will be put in to ensure good ventilation can be achieved. We will add new furniture in this area of a more relaxing nature such as sofas and coffee tables, along with a new TV, with another TV being located in the main bar area. Sky TV will be returning to RCGC to enable us to get the most out of these new televisions and give the members the availability to watch sport in the clubhouse which we know many members want.

We will be changing the doors on the right side that go out onto the balcony into Bi-folding doors, to mirror the existing bi-folding doors. This will be a brilliant feature in the summer months with the balcony flowing into the main bar much better.

The bar as a whole will be getting a full upgrade. The current bar will be removed and slightly shortened, with a much more modern bar and backdrop replacing it. We will be moving the tills onto the bar to ensure staff are not turning their backs on you when serving. We will also be trialling a new coffee machine upon the opening of the new bar.

Lastly, we will be adding a disabled toilet, in line with government legislation, to where the existing ladies' toilets are upstairs, which will be unisex and available to all. This is something we have wanted to do for a while now as we currently do not provide a disabled facility upstairs, which we agreed was not acceptable for a club of our stature. This is brilliant news and a big tick in the box for the accessibility of the Golf Club.

The cost of these works is £80,000 and will be met from our cash reserves. We hope these improvements make you as excited as they have us. Significant investment upstairs has been a long time coming and it is brilliant we can do this ahead of the new season.

Many thanks

Shah Bani-Sadr, on behalf of the Executive and House Committee.