

**PREFERRED LIES OCTOBER 2021**



# Centenary Gala Dinner & Prize Presentation

**Friday 26th November**

**Black Tie - Hawkstone Park Hotel Restaurant**



Reception Drink 7.00pm then a 4 course  
dinner from 7.30pm

Live Entertainment & Disco

£25 per person

Closing date for booking is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
November (tickets limited – on a first  
come, first served basis)

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

## COURSE IMPROVEMENTS:

Here at Hawkstone, we are indebted to the team of greenkeepers; under the watchful eye of Ian George, this small team are always kept busy on the course. They are absolutely core to the club and we celebrate and thank them for their work in providing us with a splendid golf course in superb condition all year round. Ian George has been employed at Hawkstone for around 22 years – his skill and knowledge of the course is second to none. Ian said to me recently, “there are times when a greenkeeper’s job is unenviable, but that is probably true of most jobs. Most of the time greenkeeping is a very enjoyable and challenging job in a pleasant environment.

One of the best things about the work is that it is very varied both seasonally and throughout the average day or week. For this reason it’s difficult to describe a typical day but some tasks such as bunker raking and changing the position of the hole are carried out regularly throughout the year. Reconstruction and development work is usually concentrated in the winter months with mowing dominating the timetable during summer.”

Ian’s team consists of: Andrew Tudor who in total has worked at Hawkstone for 40 years; Sam Breakes 20 years; Mark Minton 18 years; Bradley 8 years; Stu 7 years and Luke 3 years

HAWKSTONE COURSE – 15<sup>TH</sup> FAIRWAY – With the cutting down of many trees, the view is now accentuated on the right hand side.



HAWKSTONE COURSE 4<sup>th</sup> HOLE THE RAVINE – Many hours work chopping down trees and bushes to make a fabulous view of this hole.



As members, there are always some basic rules of golf etiquette that help everything run along smoothly. We know there will be the odd player who may be thoughtless or careless – please don't let it be you.

Please make sure that you ALWAYS repair pitchmarks - this includes any you see which may not be your own.

As well as looking unsightly, from a golfing point of view, pitchmarks can affect ball roll and cause a player's putt to bobble and deviate offline. Studies have shown that on average, a golfer will make 8 pitchmarks during a round of golf. If 130 rounds are played per day, that's over 1,000 pitchmarks per week; no surprise then that it can be difficult to hole a putt!

It's essential that all players are diligent in their repair of pitchmarks on greens. A correctly repaired pitchmark will recover in 24 hours. An unrepaired pitchmark left unattended for two hours will take up to two months to recover.

Members are requested not to take their trolley:

Onto the greens and tees

Between a greenside bunker and the green

Onto the fringes and aprons of the green

Hawkstone Park Ltd are also focusing on buggy use through the winter when there are adverse ground conditions; they are asking that both members and visitors drive your buggy from the tee shot in the semi rough until you reach your ball and then drive 90 degrees to your ball where applicable. All buggies should also not be driven on the tees, green aprons and surrounding area. Buggies on the course during the winter months will be for visitors/members that are disabled and hold a blue badge.

## CENTENARY CAPTAINS' CHARITY PRESENTATION – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

HPGC Centenary Captains, Stuart and Christine Apperley were very proud to make this presentation to their chosen Charity, the League of Friends of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry.

They chose this wonderful cause as Christine had trained and worked there as a Physiotherapist and held it in high esteem.

The amount raised throughout their Captaincy in 2020 was £4550 - which is a fantastic sum especially considering the restrictions of Covid, which also curtailed much of the League's other funding.

They would like to send a massive 'thank you' to everyone who so generously contributed. Over half the money was raised on the special day of the 100 hole Challenge to mark the 100 years of the Golf Club. The rest was donated and raised through running raffles at golf events.



Head of Fundraising at the RJAH League of Friends, Heather Thomas-Bache said:

'The Friends give essential support for patients, relatives and staff by providing services, organising volunteers, funding equipment, issuing grants and supporting wellbeing for RJAH. Over the course of 2021 we have funded an array of items, from a Mobile Arm Rehabilitation Kit - a powered arm and hand orthosis designed to help restore function to paralysed or weakened upper limbs - to an Allen Positioning Table for use in spinal surgery. Thanks so much for your wonderful donation, donations like this allowed us to continue to be at the heart of RJAH as a good friend should be.'

Pictured is Victoria Sugden, Charity Director of the Friends receiving the cheque from Stuart and Christine on behalf of HPGC.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022



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| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | - | AGM                                |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February   | - | Captains Drive In                  |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April     | - | Captains Charity Shotgun           |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April     | - | Captain v President                |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May       | - | Captains Away Day                  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June      | - | Lady Captains Day                  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June      | - | Presidents Day                     |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July    | - | Captains Day                       |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August    | - | Ladies Invitation                  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | - | Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation |