



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

April Newsletter

The Chairman



Presentation of monies raised for Mike Roberts nominated charity as Men's Captain, to Graham Frost, Charnwood Trust Director.

From the Lady Captain

It is now five months since I took up the role of Lady Captain and although the winter period is relatively quiet we are now coming into the main golfing season. It hasn't been the best weather for winter golf but we have battled through snow and rain and are hopeful for better playing conditions. Our golfing calendar is looking pretty busy and of course we have had the following social events since Christmas.

In aid of my charity: Guide Dogs for the Blind.
I held a Clarins Evening on the 6th March and raised £230.
I raffled three Easter Hampers on the 27th March and raised £229

I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Forthcoming Event :

Friday, 13th April is Ladies Aintree Day. I'm pleased to say this event is now 'sold out'. I hope that all ladies who have bought tickets enjoy their day !

Jeanette Butterfield
Lady Captain

Finance

We have spent this month preparing for the start of Heaton Moor Golf Club Ltd, informing all suppliers about the change of name to ensure future invoices are sent to the new company from April. We have also informed the government and registered the new company for VAT, PAYE and corporation tax.

We have had meetings with the banks, setting up new bank accounts for our current account and tracker account. We will currently continue with the sub-sections using the same bank accounts as previous ie Social, Wednesday, Ladies, M & H, Seniors and Development sections of the club.

I have started looking into the final accounts for Heaton Moor Golf Club for the 1st quarter of 2018. The way the accounts will work for this year, I will do the 1st quarter for Heaton Moor Golf Club and 9 months accounts for Heaton Moor Golf Club Ltd. The 2 sets of accounts added together will then be representative of our normal 12 month accounts.

I have a meeting arranged with the insurance company on Wednesday 11th April to discuss the premiums for 2018.

Hopefully by the next newsletter I will be able to report on the 1st quarter accounts and give some comparisons to the same period in 2017.

Paul Hesford
Finance director

Golf

Not quite Augusta !

We on the Golf Team share your frustrations with current course conditions and the cancellation of competitions let's hope spring like conditions are not too far away.

Members input on how we navigate the upcoming fixture list is most welcome, we have already had some very good suggestions on how we can deal with a potential backlog if you have any thoughts on the matter please get in touch.

Out on the course

The ground team have done extensive work repairing bunkers and once we dry out again I'm sure we will all benefit from this work. We have been investigating drainage issues particularly on the 9th green and will be monitoring it's status over the coming months, if it fails to improve more extensive work will be put in the programme for the autumn. Drainage work to the right of seventh green appears to be making a big difference in this area. You will be hearing from us on a regular basis regarding our plans on drainage but we have to accept this represents an enormous challenge in the short term. Looking on the bright side the irrigation system has been successfully re commissioned!

We are now stocked up with top dressing, fertilisers and red shale for pathway repair for the coming months. When the course dries somewhat we will be making repairs to the worst affected areas by foot traffic over the winter and will be improving these high traffic areas with reinforcement mesh.

The paths have not been re-shaled for 2 years and we will be assessing the areas where erosion is most severe and looking at alternative solutions.

Help us with repair

When we do finally come off our threadbare mat's, could members please replace divots and where possible take divot bags out with them. Please may we ask all members to repair pitch marks even if they are not of your own making. We have had a number of members ask the golf team to request that fellow members do not use their putters to retrieve their ball from the hole

(I am reliably informed that devices are available in the pro shop for £ 3.50).

Divot boxes will be placed on the 2nd, 4th, 8th & 10th Tee's, if we repair these divots regularly the soil and seed shouldn't have time to germinate in the box.

The first of the volunteer sessions took place last week, many thanks to those who turned out, further volunteer sessions will be coming up, please check your emails or the notice boards and join us if you can.

Get in touch

You can now also contact the Golf Team via email with regard to Course or M&H matters at:

golf@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

Chris Antoniou
Golf Director

Clubhouse Director

St Patrick's Night

A great and very busy night at the Club which went very well on 17th March and thanks to all Members who attended for their patience. A big well done is due to Simon Wetton and his Bar Team who performed miracles on the evening keeping up with demand and it's always good to see Jack Adams helping us manage such a huge night so successfully

Reception

Liz Craig and her sub team are bringing the refurbishment of this area to a successful conclusion and hopefully it will be finalised in the coming weeks. Thanks to her and her team for all their efforts.

Golfer Feature Window on the Balcony

As part of the work on the Reception which involves the blocking up of the other end of this feature, we had a tough decision to make with the Golfer Glass Panel. As many of you know the outer wooden frame was rotten and needed replacing. The way this feature was constructed the glass was inserted from the inside into its frame. A member David Deaville kindly offered to try and remove the glass and build a new frame for it. Sadly as he attempted to remove it the panel cracked and could not be saved.

Many members have asked that we replace the glass panel rather than change it to another feature and we are seeking quotes to do that with glaziers, and a member has offered to get involved. Currently the opening is boarded up and updates on the feature will follow in due course.

Bar : Sugar Tax Update

The government is bringing in higher tax on soft drinks containing high levels of sugar from April 6 this year. This means there are one or two changes to those soft drinks as our cost prices on these lines are raised. So from that date Diet Coke will be cheaper than the normal Coke!

Last Orders Policy

The test the Board authorised for St Patrick's Night event proved a success so we have decided to formalise this as Club policy.

We are licensed until 12.00 from Sunday to Thursday and to 01.00 on Friday and Saturday. The Last Order policy means that when we have the Bar open to those times the Bell will be rung for Last Orders 30 minutes before 12.00 or 01.00

Members or Visitors will have 30 minutes to order further drinks and the Bar will close at the Licence time and no further sales will be made.

This primarily applies to functions and it remains the Steward or Bar Supervisor's call when to close the bar but a reasonable period will be allowed to purchase last drinks before the Bar is closed.

Our Licence is one of our main assets and we ask all Members to assist the Bar team with this new policy

Get in touch

We now have an email address for you to raise issues or concerns. It is :

clubhouse@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

All matters raised will be answered and you can of course still talk directly to Alasdair Ogilvie or any of the Clubhouse Group.

Marketing + Membership

WEBSITE - www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

The new website has been rolled out this week and you should receive an email from the Office advising you of the new password for the Member Contact section. If you are getting the old website try pressing F5 on your keyboard to refresh the page. We hope you like it!!

DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS

The March Development Association Draw took place on 28/3/18 and was drawn by members of the Ladies Section.

The lucky winners were:

1st Prize - Clare Milner - £200

2nd Prize - Neil Jones - £100

3rd Prize - Denise Johnson - £50

Congratulations to all the Winners !

TASTER DAY - 15th April

If you know anyone who might want to attend the Taster Day then they can book in online via the website. Mens session 10-12noon, Womens session 2-4pm. Equipment is provided and trainers are advisable.

FESTIVAL WEEK

Preparations are underway for Festival Week which will commence on 10th June. Details of all the Opens are on the website and you can book in on the BRS. If you want a desired tee time then it might be a good idea to book in now.

Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

Club Secretary

There is a letter for every member of the Club regarding the new data protection law which is coming in to place. If you haven't already collected your envelope, can you please do so. The enclosed letter(s) must be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible please. If the office isn't open please leave in the Pro Shop. If you are able to deliver envelopes to anyone nearby, who is not a regular caller at the club that would be appreciated.

Also just a reminder as the season starts, if you have an incident on the course, please complete an incident report form with as much detail as possible. Forms are in the corridor by the notice boards. It's important we have a record should any damage be made to third parties. It also may identify areas on the course perimeter where we need to improve our boundaries.

We aim to put a Newsletter out to all members around the first Wednesday of each month. If there are any sections of the club who would like to make a contribution please let me know.

Many thanks.
Joan Clark

Senior Section



The Senior Section held their AGM on Thursday 22nd March. 28 played in a 12 hole competition followed by a carvery lunch before the business of the AGM

A presentation was made to the outgoing Chairman Ernie Malloy by the incoming Chairman Alan Butterfield (pictured).

Alan Brierley stood down as Treasurer, and he was thanked for his sterling work over the past 7 years.

The Secretary Frank Palmer advised the meeting that the season 2018/19 would be his last. He will have completed 13 years as Secretary, and felt it was time for a 'newer model'.

The Seniors play home and away fixtures against 10 other local golf clubs, as well as 2 days out to play in other Senior Opens. There is also an annual exchange day with Chapel en le Frith Golf Club.

An important date for your diaries; Thursday 31st May is the HMGС Seniors Open.

New members to the section would be made very welcome (joining age 55).

Contact Frank Palmer on 0161 432 8491/07970 288157

Social

The next Social is on Saturday 21st April when we will be entertained by "The Four Valli's", a Jersey Boys Tribute Band. Price £8.

Food will be available, a list will be incorporated onto the Attendees list, so please sign up if you want food.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Stockport's own Hayes Sisters on Saturday 19th May

"When you've seen and heard these girls you'll want them back every week"

SPORT AT THE CLUB

5th - 8th April The Masters from Augusta each night

7th April City vs United The Derby at 17.30

11th April City vs Liverpool Champions League

2018 Running Mixed

The competition started on 30th March and finishes on Sunday 16th September.

The format is 12 holes Mixed Greensome (handicap one quarter of combined).

Cards are available from the Professional (£1). Completed cards should be placed in the box near the mixed notice board. You may enter as many cards as you wish.

Qualification for the Coronation Cup on Sunday October 7th will be based on the aggregate score of your 4 best cards. The best 20 aggregate scores and ties for 20th will qualify.

We are organising a Running Mixed Comp on Friday 27th April. There will be a prize for the best score on the day. Tee times can be booked on BRS and food choices will be available nearer the time.

Any queries please contact Diane or Kevin Wilson 0161 442 8147

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