



# HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

## March 2018 Newsletter

### Chairman



The AGM demonstrated the interest and support the members have for the club with 91 voting members attending despite the weather being far from ideal for travelling. I am confident the new management structure and personnel involved will put us in a better position to deal with the many challenges which were highlighted at the meeting. I would like to thank the members for showing their confidence in electing me as Chairman.

Whilst I expect it to take a while for members to see any significant changes, the Directors are already working on addressing the overspend of last year and improvements that can be made on the course and in the clubhouse. Monthly newsletters will keep you informed of developments and forums will be held to update you and get your views on what you see as priorities that should be addressed.

Members will shortly receive two letters which will need to be signed and returned to the club. Due to the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect in May we need you to agree to 'opt in' to what we can use your data for and who we can share your information with.

As you will be aware the club became incorporated at the AGM by becoming a Limited Company by Guarantee which will give better protection to all members from personal liability should the club ever fall into debt. The second letter asks for your signature in order to become a member of Heaton Moor Golf Club Ltd.

As we make a fresh start at Heaton Moor Golf Club Ltd, it's an appropriate time to remind members that whilst at the Club we should all conduct ourselves in a professional and respectful manner.

Finally, I am delighted to tell you that my Captain's charity raised £1068.00 for Charnwood Trust.

The Chairman

### President & Men's Captain



The President and I would like to thank everyone who sent us good luck and congratulations cards and for your comments and support at the AGM.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the "Drive In" on Sunday the 5th and all those that played in the competition. I hope you enjoyed it as much as our four-ball did. Conditions weren't ideal but the President gets 8 out of 10 for the weather, a good start.

It's a new era at HMGC and my role is quite different to that of previous Captains. Throughout the year the President and I will be playing with as many members as possible and meeting new members who join the Club. We will also be meeting and talking to as many visiting societies as we can.

I am really looking forward to my year and hope you all enjoy your golf and support the Club throughout 2018.

Captain & President HMGC

## Finance

The first 2 months for the club finances have been very quiet whilst we evaluate the best way forward with the new board.

We have had the entrance road to the club resurfaced to remove the pot holes which were becoming a major problem, this was financed by the club's development section of the club. We have limited spending to a minimum until we have done the accounts at the end of March. This will give us an opportunity to assess the club membership position and what our potential income will be for 2018 compared to budget.

We have reduced the ground staff to 4 employees, the golf director will keep me informed how this is working throughout the year. We have also had to increase our bar prices after an increase from the brewery.

I will be able to report more after the accounts are produced for the last time for Heaton Moor Golf Club before the changes to a limited company on April 1st 2018.

Paul Hesford  
Finance Director

## Golf

I took up Golf quite late having played every other sport possible beforehand, I joined as a full member in 2012 a real newbie by club standards.

Our current President Tony Brook and Past Captain Martin Mc Sorley encouraged me to join the Development Team in 2014 alongside Alasdair Ogilvie & Trish Davies. I have in that time managed to help the team increase development revenue in each subsequent year.

Having been on Development I have been able to enjoy playing golf with many sections of the club and particularly have enjoyed representing the club in D&C matches, hopefully this involvement will help me in my new role.

I was co-opted onto committee in 2014 to act on behalf of Marketing & Development, hard to believe that a marketing role did not have seat on GC.

In 2015 I was invited to sit on the Steering Group and was involved in all matters relating to the change in structure and helped deliver the members forums to explain these to membership.

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Well now its Golf director, great!! Thanks for your vote!

But honestly I will only take something on if I feel I can make a difference. I think I can make that difference because I have a very strong team alongside me.

Tony Bates, John Wheeler, Martin Thorley & Mike Brennan will be concentrating their abilities on course matters and we will be offering our support to our Head greenkeeper Jed Ellison along with his team of Steve, Matt and Max.

Charlie Dinsdale will be heading up M&H matters with his team of Jackie Hall, John Collins and Tom Marshall.

Obviously budgetary concerns will be high on our agenda and I can assure members that this will be a key driver in the decisions the golf team take.

However I must stress we are one team on Golf and we will be striving to deliver the best possible golf experience to our members and visitors.

Communication with the membership will be very important to the Golf Team and I intend to set up a golf team email address to enable members to channel any thoughts good or otherwise on course or M&H matters. Now you know who is involved feel free to interact with us but keep it to the bar afterwards.

Finally we will be organising volunteer working parties to undertake course improvement tasks, so please look to the noticeboards and future newsletters to see how you can join us.

With your support we will move forward and create a golf experience that we can all be proud of.

Chris Antoniou  
Golf Director

## Clubhouse

I have been a Full Member of the Club since 2003. I retired from work in 2013 and joined the Development Team in 2014 working with Chris Antoniou and Trish Davies. During those four years we have increased the monies raised for the Club and developed new Income Streams.

I have been on the Clubhouse Committee for the last year working under Liz Craig and been involved in the changes made to the Clubhouse and the processes Liz has introduced for dealing with issues that arise.

Liz informed our Committee she wanted to use her skills in a different area for the benefit of Club after the AGM and has joined the Marketing and Membership team and I decided to move on from Development and stand for Clubhouse Director.

Thank you all for electing me and I will do my best to repay your faith.

I am delighted at the makeup of our Clubhouse Group. In Jack Adams, Jeanette Butterfield, Peter and Vivien Heighway, Janet Perkins, Julie Stonehouse and Geoff Youd we have a cross section of members

with great knowledge of our Club.

I am sure we can make a difference to our Club over the coming months.

We are lucky to have Simon as our Steward and Lee as the Caterer and I am looking forward to working closer with them and their teams over the coming months.

I am conscious that all our work should be for the benefit of Members and if any of you want to raise any matter then please do it either directly with myself or one of the team above.

Finally I believe our new Board are all aligned in our desire to take our Club forward in all areas and restore our finances over the coming period.

#### Social Calendar for 2018

March :

Saturday 17th - St Patrick's Night - SOLD OUT

Friday 23rd - Quiz Night

April :

Saturday 21st - Race Night - TBC

May :

Saturday 19th - Showtime, Hayes Sisters

June :

Saturday 16th - Summer Ball, with Greg Ritchie

July :

Sunday 15th - Captains Sunday

September :

Sunday 2nd - Presidents Sunday

Sunday 9th - BBQ after Captains Final

Saturday 15th - Comedy Night

October :

Saturday 13th - ABBA Tribute Night

November :

Saturday 10th - Annual Dinner Dance, with Billy Moon

December :

Friday 7th - Gents Turkey Supper

Friday 14th - Ladies Turkey Supper

Saturday 22nd - Christmas Wine + Dine with Sean Perkins

Saturday 31st - New Years Eve Party

Following the success of the Mother's Day Carvery, there will be a carvery held on Easter Sunday.

Children aged 10 and under get a free Easter Egg.

2 courses £12.00, £15.50 for 3 courses - 10 and under half price. Phone Lee in the kitchen (option 3)

## Marketing + Membership

First of all we would like to introduce the Marketing & Membership team:-

Marketing Director – Anne-Marie Gilbert

Will be looking after social media, website and general marketing

Sub Committee:-

Helen Leggatt – Will be looking after Membership

Liz Craig – Has past experience in running Taster Days and brings valuable expertise to the team

If anyone has any ideas or wishes to join us on Marketing and Membership, particularly any male members, then please contact us at:- [marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk)

#### TASTER DAY

If anyone is free on Sunday, 15th April to pop along and welcome people to the Club or help out with the Taster Day itself then that would be very much appreciated. We will put lists up in the locker rooms for volunteers. This is the most important event the Club holds to encourage people to take up the sport of

golf so it is all hands-on deck to show visitors that golf is for everyone.

If you see anyone new at the club following the Taster Day please make a special effort to have a chat with them and invite them into the Clubhouse, or ask them if they want to play 9 holes and show them how friendly we can be.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

During the month of March we will be promoting the Season Ticket and the Taster Day. Any 'Likes', 'Comments' or especially 'Shares' on these posts would promote the Club even more. Thanks to all those who already do this.

If you aren't already following HMGC on social media then please do. Here are the details:-

Facebook - HeatonMoorGolfClub

Twitter - HeatonMoorGC

Instagram - heatonmoorgolf

#### WEBSITE

A new website is on it's way and we hope you will like it. Hopefully it will be ready early April. We are arranging a login for the Ground Staff so they can update the Course Status daily on the website.

We will be changing the password for the Members Area and you will receive an email with the new password in due course. As explained at the AGM to comply with the new Data Protection Laws you are free to opt in, or opt out of having your contact details on the Members Area of the website in the future.

#### DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS

The February Development Association Draw took place at the Club at the Captain and President's Farewell Function on 24 February 2018. 154 Balls were in the draw this month.

The lucky winners were:

1st Prize £100 Ball 84 Gill Leather

2nd Prize £50 Ball 10 Pauline Poole

3rd Prize £25 Ball 122 Terry Ashworth

Congratulations to all the Winners

March sees the Spring Super Draw where the prizes are £200, £100 and £50.

It will be drawn towards the end of March so there is still time to sign up

It's just £4 a month or £48 for the year for each number and to join then please sign up now via Margaret in the Office

Thank you for your support

## Secretary

For those who don't know me .....I joined HMGC in 1992 as a 6 day member, and a complete beginner !

Somehow I found myself signed up as the Ladies Secretary, and thoroughly enjoyed working with Carole Valentine, Petrina Wolff and Jackie Hall our Lady Captains of the time. Thinking these 3 years, would end my contribution to the Club (how stupid was I), I was persuaded back in to the role in 2016, for Margaret Worrall and I'm currently working with Jeanette Butterfield. In March 2019 the role will pass to another ... I hope !

I certainly didn't plan on putting my name forward for the position of Club Secretary it's just something which has evolved over the last year. I put a lot of thought in to 'was I the right person for the job' ? The fact is now I have stepped up to take the role on, I believe I have some skills which will benefit the position and with a fresh pair of eyes as with everything I do, I will commit fully to it.

I hope to support the Chairman and Directors going forward, but most of all I hope that I will not let the membership down .....

Joan Clark  
Club Secretary

