



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

June Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTE !

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The President

What a transformation we have seen, in March we played the Captain's Drive in with snow on the course and in the last couple of weeks we have been playing on a bone-dry course with temperatures in the mid 20s centigrade. It is so enjoyable to play golf in these conditions, long may it last.

The powers of recovery of our course never cease to amaze but the amount of effort being put in by Jed and his team as well as the Golf Subcommittee members particularly Tony Bates and Chris Antoniou to get the course in the condition it is now in, is fantastic and many many thanks to them. They have also been really well supported by members who have volunteered for working parties which have completed some important tasks. There will be more opportunities to help in the future, if you can, please get involved as there is still lots that needs to be done, thank you if you have already helped or plan to in the future. Also, thanks to Alasdair and the other volunteers who spent time renovating the balcony furniture. Last and by no means least thanks to Liz Craig and here team for making the foyer a space that will create a really good first impression for new visitors to the Club.

My golf is still very mixed hence the handicap I play off but now course conditions have improved there has been some great golf played by others including a number of sub 70 rounds (gross). This includes a great 68 by Steve Prinn to win the Jim Brown Trophy on Wednesday the 16th May. Steve could only take part as a result of the decision to allow members to play in Singles Competitions on Wednesdays up to 18.00 in the evening. I think this was a good decision by the Wednesday Section and gives more members, particularly those who work, the opportunity to play in more competitions, I hope the current trial becomes permanent in the future.

The Captain and I have already managed to play with more than 50 different members and we plan to continue to vary our tee times on a Saturday and Wednesdays to play with as many members as possible.

The first major Social Event, the Summer Ball, is imminent and I am really looking forward to enjoying the evening with a great table of guests.

Please enjoy your golf and support our great club in any way you can.

Cheers

Tony Brook
President Heaton Moor GC

Men's Captain

I must thank, first of all, the new board members under the Chairmanship of Mike Roberts for taking us seamlessly through the opening months of our new governance.

After months of rain, the course is looking fantastic and receiving very positive feedback from members, visiting societies and competitors in the Senior's Open last Thursday. Immense thanks to all the staff and volunteers.

House Director Alasdair Ogilvie and his team organised the foyer entrance, which is looking particularly smart (thanks also to Liz Craig for her contribution towards this).

Anne-Marie Gilbert and her marketing team ran a very successful Taster Day in April which resulted in several new members. The website is certainly very attractive and kept up to date.

Paul Hesford is Paul Hesford, quiet and efficient.

Congratulations to Frank Palmer and his team for a fantastic Senior's Open with 128 taking part. Frank and Alan Brierley-combined age 158-won the Better Ball competition with 47 points, well done!

Mike Roberts said to me last year that June and July are manic and my diary is full of golf for the next two months, I hope my knees can stand up to it, I'll certainly need a buggy on some courses!

Apart from Festival Week, HMGC is hosting the Manchester and District Ex-Captain's Day on Friday June 22nd as popular former captain Tony Gregory is the Captain of that society this year. On Sunday June 24th we are also hosting the Centenary Trophy, a competition between Fairfield, Marple, Withington and ourselves, all these clubs were founded in 1892.

My Captain's Day is on Sunday July 15th with the men having a shotgun start 4BBB in the morning and then there will be a mixed competition in the afternoon, followed by a presentation dinner in the evening. Full details will be sent out nearer the time. I look forward to meeting as many members as possible throughout the day.

For the immediate future, I hope you enjoy the Summer Ball on June 16th and participate in some of the four Open Competitions during Festival Week.

Roy Cooke (Men's Captain)

Lady Captain

What a difference a month makes, the sun is shining, the course is in superb condition, the ball is running and handicaps are reducing.

Since the last Newsletter, the Ladies Section has held their Spring Meeting which is always well attended and the Ladies Committee had a day out at Astbury Golf Club. There has to be some incentive to becoming a Committee member!

Last week we had an Exchange Day with Alderley Edge GC Ladies Section, it's always nice to try another course, judge it against ours and what was even better the sun shone, so a great day. I know the ladies from Alderley Edge felt the same about our course, they enjoyed the facilities and in fact their Lady Captain is joining us at our Ladies Open – which is our next big event.

Lady Vice and I (plus others) have been helping with the coaching sessions following the Sunday Taster Day; already some have joined on a six month trial membership – which is all good news for the Club.

Let's hope we have a great Festival Week – it won't be for the lack of trying.

Lady Captain

Clubhouse Director

Car Park Lines and Signage

The Car Park lines have been completed and we have reinstated 5 parking spaces for Officers of the Club. For 2018 both the Men and Ladies Vice Captain's will have spaces but these will be removed in 2019. From then there will only be three reserved spaces for the President, and the Mens and Ladies Captains.

Thanks are due to Pete Decunha and Jack Hunt for their help on this.

Roof over Gents Toilet

The roof has been repaired and the internal redecoration will be done shortly.

Patio Area

The tiles have been power cleaned and the tables sanded and re-stained and the whole area is looking much better and is set for Festival Week.

Thanks are due to Geoff Youd, Peter Heighway and Alan Butterfield for their assistance.

Reception

The Reception area was finished this week and looks stunning.

Thanks to Liz Craig and her team for their work and to Development who have funded the work. The area is now much more welcoming for Visitors to our Club.

Golfer Feature Window on the Balcony

The new Golfer Window has been installed. We are grateful to Alan Worswick for his work on this task.

Lots of Members have commented on the "likeness" of the featured Golfer to the Vice Captain. However, others have pointed out the swing looks too good to be him!

Another Theft

Sadly we have to report another Member has had items taken, this time from the Trolley Shed. Please can we remind all Members not to leave items in any area that should be in their lockers or put in cars for safekeeping. Any items left are at your own risk

We have decided that as there is no need for Visitors to access the Trolley Shed we will change the code for the two doors into it. Those members who rent spaces in there will be advised when the code is changed. We will also be removing the notices advising what the space is used for to try and deter opportunistic thieves.

Clubhouse Refurbishment

We are obtaining quotes for Board approval for the second stage of the Clubhouse 3 year decoration programme.

Internet/Wifi

Our current Internet/WiFi set up within the Clubhouse is not fit for purpose particularly as we market our Room for Business Meetings. We are obtaining proposals to improve our coverage within the Clubhouse and a proposal will go to the Board in June

Bar

Takings to the 30th April are ahead of last year and with May's good weather we are hopeful this trend will continue. Jack Adam our previous Steward and a massive help to Simon in running our Bar has resigned from the Clubhouse Group due to pressure of work in his day time role. His help in making our Bar so successful cannot be under estimated and the Club is grateful for all his efforts.

Catering

The Carvery's due to be held on 1 July and 19 August have had to be cancelled as we have bookings for Private Parties on those two dates.

Any Member with a food intolerance or any dietary requirement is asked to make this clear every time an order is placed. It is unfortunately not possible for the Kitchen team to remember every persons needs, and this action will help avoid any incidents.

Kitchen Deep Clean

The annual Deep Clean of the Kitchen and Extractor Systems took place on Monday June 4.

Golf Director

Mike Lord Open 2018

Heaton Moor Golf Club will be hosting the 10th anniversary of The Mike Lord Open on Friday 27th July at 1pm.

During the past 10 years more than £ 30,000 has been raised for local charities and more recently over £ 12,000 of this has benefitted Francis House Children's Hospice and once again is the chosen charity for this year's event.

The Mike Lord Open is a great opportunity for people new to the game of golf to enjoy a relaxed team event whilst experiencing the social side of golf at HMGC. Everybody is welcome and all are encouraged to bring friends along to play or just take part in the day, teams are made up with players of all levels of golfing ability.

On the course regular opportunities to have a drink or have a bite to eat make the event one of a kind! After the golf all that wish to attend will have full access to the clubhouse and licensed bar, hot food will be included, a late bar and disco will complete this great social event.

Over the years many new members have joined HMGC directly as a result of attending the Mike Lord Open and a big thank you is owed to organiser Paul Willoughby, his passion and drive has kept this event going from day one. Well done Paul!

Anyone wishing to enter or attend the evening bash please contact Paul on 07966 189608 or email: paulwillo3@hotmail.com

What a bore!

It was only a matter of 6 weeks ago at the back of the 3rd green we were making repairs to help recommission the irrigation system.

The rain was pouring down, the green was completely flooded, whilst pressurising the system a burst in the main pipe sent a fountain of water 20 feet into the air.

It was like a scene from The Posieden Adventure, at that very moment one of our members appeared and whilst I can't repeat his opening verse, it went along the lines of why the ... were we wasting our time on the irrigation system when the course was somewhat damp!

We have now been watering the greens most nights and mornings for the past 2 weeks, the system is fed from a storage tank next to the practice nets, water is extracted from a bore hole 60 meters in depth. The underground strata we extract from is Permo-Triassic Collyhurst Sandstone.

Our contract with the environment agency allows us to draw a total of 8,000 tonnes of water from 1st March to 31st October. Unfortunately there are restrictions, with hourly and daily maximums of 50 tonnes, we take daily meter readings to comply with the needs of the contract.

This water supply is a great asset to the club on the rare occasions we have extended dry spells and it's important to keep it well maintained.

As for the member who approached us that morning I have to admit at the time he did have a point!

Chris Antoniou
Golf Director

Match & Handicap

The mixed medal competition planned for Sunday 17th June has been changed to a 9 hole singles stableford competition open to all categories and will qualify for handicap.

Tee times are available from 1pm – 3pm.

Marketing & Membership

DEVELOPMENT DAY

A successful Development Day was held on Saturday 26 May at the club with 122 members playing. There were two competitions, one for the Development Trophy which was open to 7 day members playing off white tees and the other for the Development Cup was open to all 7 day, 6 day, 5 day, Students and Juniors playing off yellow and red tees.

The winners were as follows:

Development Trophy:

1st John Howarth, 2nd John Booth, 3rd Antony Spellman

Development Cup:

1st Peter Williams, 2nd Liz Jordan

There were 4 Nearest the Pin winners:

2nd Carole Wheeler, 4th Mike Roberts, 10th Ben McSorley, 16th John Howarth

A fantastic day was had by all.

THANK YOU to all who took part in the day. We are pleased to say that you all managed to contribute £541 to the Development Fund which, as you know, contributes to the upkeep of the Clubhouse & course.

DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS

The May Development Association Draw took place on 26 May 2018 after the Development Day competition. The lucky winners were:-

1st Prize £100 Ball 135 Margaret Ogilvie

2nd Prize £50 Ball 107 Paul Hesford

3rd Prize £25 Ball 12 Steve Littlewood

Congratulations to all the winners!!

June is the Summer Super Draw which will be drawn at the Summer Ball. 1st prize £200.

Please support the Development Draw. You can download an application Form

at <https://www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/development-draw-application-form/>

Thank you to all those who already enter the Development Draw and may you be lucky very soon!!

HEATONS FESTIVAL – 4 Heatons Traders Association

We will be having a stall at the Festival on 10th June at Green Lane Sports Club and have secured an area to hold a Tri Golf Activity for Juniors. The Festival is open 11 til 4pm This is an opportunity for the club to be involved in a community event so we need to put on a good show and hopefully encourage young people into the sport of golf.

FESTIVAL WEEK

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Development Fund. A special mention of appreciation to all the volunteers who give their time freely to make sure everything runs smoothly. Also to Lee, Simon and all the staff at the club who work so hard at this busy time. We have some great raffle prizes for you so make sure you buy a ticket and good luck to you all in the competitions.

Course updates are available on the website using a new Twitter feed. If you want to follow the Course Update feed the address is @HMGCCourse

Many thanks for all your support
Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

Club Secretary

On Friday 22nd June we are hosting the Captain's Day for the Manchester Past Captains Golf Society, as the course will be closed to members we have obtained complimentary tee times at Reddish Vale, which are open to 5, 6 and 7 day members. The tee times are 10.18, 10.26 and 10.34. If you wish to take up the offer of one of these slots, please contact Margaret Hardman in the office (not Reddish Vale) and the slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please note Margaret will be on leave for 1 week, commencing June 18th, so there will be limited cover in the office.

Social

We had a wonderful nights entertainment from the Hayes Sisters on Saturday 19th May, very talented daughters of member Alan Hayes. Unfortunately we were short on numbers but it was enjoyed by everyone present.

The Summer Ball with Greg Ritchie is on Saturday 16th June. Four course meal, good company and a fizz reception at £30. A good night out, see the Notice Board for the menu or phone the Office to book a place.

We are holding a Family Barbecue immediately following the Captains Final on the 9th September, look out for further details.

Advance Notices:

Comedy Night Saturday 15th September. Tickets available in August.

ABBA tribute night, Saturday 13 October, sure to be a sell out.

Gents Turkey Supper Friday 7th December featuring Ron Atkinson, Guest Speaker, Austin Knight, Comedian, and M.C. John Gwynne.

Geoff Youd