

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

July Newsletter

The Chairman

June is one of the busiest months of the year in our golfing calendar and I am delighted to say we were blessed with wonderful weather that has seen the course and clubhouse very busy. Festival week was once again a huge success with the Mixed Open, Mens Open and AM AM all attracting large numbers. My thanks go to the Directors, sub committees and volunteers for all the work they did to ensure a very enjoyable and profitable week. Thanks also go to all the members who supported these events.

Although the weather has been ideal for playing golf it provides very challenging conditions for the ground staff but I have received many favourable comments from visitors and members about how tidy the course looks and the condition of the greens that have been a delight to play on, well done to Jed and his team.

Mike Roberts Chairman

The President

There were three significant golfing events last month.

Manchester and District Golf Captains (MDGC) – Captain's Day Out

On the 22 June Tony Gregory, the current Captain of the MDGC and Captain of HMGC in 2000 held his "Day Out" at HMGC, around 80 Captains and Past Captains from across Manchester and District played. The Captain and I played with Ian Brooks the President of MDGC and Geoff Sable the immediate Past Captain of MDGC. The Day was a huge success thanks to all the hard work by the ground-staff, bar staff and caterers, Tony Gregory was delighted with the event. The overall winners of the event were Peter Milner and Phil Massey both Past Captains of HMGC. The Captain and I spoke to many of those that played on the day and there was nothing but complimentary comments about the whole event particularly about the course well done and thanks to everyone involved.

Centenary Trophy

The Centenary Trophy was first played for in 1992 and is now played for annually at each of the four Clubs in turn.

On Sunday 24th June it was HMGC's turn to host the competition and 30 men and 10 women from each of Heaton Moor, Withington, Fairfield and Marple Golf Clubs played in a Better Ball format where every point from every team counted. The Captain and I played with the Captain and President of Withington and had a great day. The event was very well organised so thanks to the Golf Team and all the volunteers that gave up their time on the day to make it such a success.

Once again, the condition of the course was praised by everyone in particular the greens which were superb, well done to Jed and his team.

Heaton Moor were the overall winners of the Trophy with Withington runners up. Marcus Quiligotti and Angus Ogilvie from HMGC had the best men's score with Joe and Mike Shaw second and Dave Howes and Joe Healy third both also from HMGC. The Lady Captain and Lady Vice Captain of HMGC had the best ladies score, with Elaine Alkin and Liz Jordan from HMGC second.

We have a proud record in this competition being the only team to have never lost at home and the only team to have won away at the other three Clubs.

Anyone can play in this event so if you want to represent your Club in the competition next year, which will be played at Fairfield GC, watch out for the sheets going up on the notice boards in the locker rooms.

Men's Captain Day Out at Wilmslow

On Thursday 28th June 24 men played a 9-hole AM-AM in the morning and an 18-hole Better Ball competition in the afternoon at Wilmslow Golf Club. The course was challenging with some excellent golf holes, particularly the par threes, the elevated tees for the first and tenth holes were a great feature and gave panoramic views across the course. Staff and members at Wilmslow were very welcoming and it was a very enjoyable day. The morning competition was won by Mike Tyrell, Charlie Dinsdale, Peter Rodgers and Mike Lydon, the afternoon competition was won by Tony Bates and Roy Jones.

Keep enjoying your golf in this fabulous weather it will soon be wet and cold again!

Tony Brook President

The Captain

Captain's Sunday July 15th. This is open to all category of members with a handicap. In the morning there is a men's shotgun start at 9am in a 4BBB format and in the afternoon at 2pm a mixed shotgun start in a Greensome competition. Please add your names on the lists in the ladies and gents locker rooms and the draw for partners will take place on Saturday July 7th. All members are also invited to the presentation evening dinner at 7.30pm price £18 50. Please add names and menu choices to the list on the social board.

Roy Cooke Captain

NB The afternoon comp may be changed IF England reach the World Cup Final!

Lady Captain

We had a superb day for the Ladies Open and everything about the day went well. Of course these events do not just happen and I would like to thank my Committee for all their help and assistance and other ladies who always help out on the desk, half way house etc.

I seem to be playing an awful lot of golf – well it's that time of the year!

We had our Summer Meeting on 26th June which is always well attended and my Charity Cup Comp is fast approaching as is my Lady Captain's Day.

Happy golfing.

Jeanette Butterfield Lady Captain

Clubhouse Director

Front Steps

We are hoping to start the work on redesigning the steps up to the Front Entrance shortly to make them easier to climb. Development are funding this work.

Patio Area

The tiles at the entrance to Reception at the top of the steps need to be re-pointed and will be done shortly.

Redecoration

We are awaiting quotes to carry out the second stage of the Clubhouse redecoration. This will include the two remaining lounges. We aim to keep disruption to Members to a minimum whilst the work is carried out.

Internet/Wifi

The Internet/Wifi upgrade proposal will go to the Board in July.

Bar Takings

Takings to the end of May were still showing growth on last year.

New Wine List

As previously advised we have a new Wine List coming shortly. Whilst we are retaining some old favourites we have some tasty new additions. This means we have some Bin Ends (residual stock) of the old lines which we need to clear. The Good news is we have reduced their prices to clear and you still get your Members discount off the lower price. The bad news is stocks are limited so when they are gone they are gone. Why not treat yourself to a bottle of wine in this good weather ! Available lines are on a list behind the bar so ask any Bar Team Member for details.

Staff Needed

We are looking to increase our temporary staff on the Bar Team. If you know of anyone 18 years or older who is looking for some work then please ask them to contact Simon Wetton. Shifts are limited but with the increasing number of Functions being held at the Club we need to have more people available to work.

Catering

Lee has been operating the old caterer's standard menu since he started with us and is now introducing a new revised one. This should be in place in the next couple of weeks.

Get in touch

We now have an email address for you to raise issues or concerns. All matters raised will be answered and you can of course still talk directly to Alasdair Ogilvie or any of the Clubhouse Group

clubhouse@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

Golf Director

Dressing it up

A number of members have asked the question why do we top dress when we have just got the greens perfect! Below are a couple of extracts from a factsheet produced by Scottish Golf that goes some way to explain the benefits of this practice. "WHY TOP DRESS? The application of top dressing to turf, in particular putting surfaces, is one of the most important aspects of greenkeeping. The following provides a brief summary detailing the importance of top dressing. • Dilutes thatch • Increases depth of quality growing medium. • Improves drainage. • Improves surface smoothness and trueness. • Knock on effects;

promotes finer grasses/healthy turf, reduces disease incidence, promotes deep root development, reduces fertiliser and irrigation input. Top dressing should be undertaken in conjunction with aeration, scarification or verticutting to ensure the fresh material is integrated into the soil profile. Failure to do this may result in layering to the soil profile, which affects moisture movement and root development.”

“HOW MUCH TO APPLY The amount of top dressing applied is dependent upon the desired goal, the rate of turf growth, and the composition of the underlying material. For instance, inland parkland courses on indigenous heavy soil should be applying in the region of 80-100 tonnes of top dressing to all eighteen greens each year. Unfortunately, this is often compromised due to a lack of appropriate machinery, resources and cost. However, clubs that do achieve regular top dressing and hit this target, support better, firmer, smoother playing surfaces for longer through the year.” This information is from Factsheet #5 and was originally produced for Scottish Golf by STRI with support from the Scottish Government. Revised in 2017 by Scottish Golf .

Captains Qualifiers have now been rescheduled. This means that there will now be 4 consecutive weekends of Captains Qualifiers, starting with CQ1 28th July through to 18th August. With this in mind and following feedback from members regarding the number of white Medal competitions at this time of the year, we will now be running a subsidiary competition on these days. The competition will be a Singles Stableford from the yellow tees for any 7 day member wishing to take part. The Veterans Cup will also now be played in conjunction with CQ 1 on the 28th July.

Chris Antoniou Golf Director

Marketing + Membership

FESTIVAL WEEK Well what can we say. You are all amazing!! All the Sponsors of the holes, all the volunteers who helped on the Open days, all the people who took part in the Opens, all the staff at the Club who worked so hard to ensure the course looked its absolute best and everyone was watered and fed. Festival week is a massive team effort and you all pulled together magnificently. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP We will let you know the final figures in the August newsletter.....the money is still coming in!

TRIPADVISOR Heaton Moor Golf Club has now been listed on Trip Advisor. It would be helpful if you could leave a review to get the ball rolling http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-d14514262 and there's a FREE drink for anyone who leaves a review!

HEATONS FESTIVAL HMGC was in attendance at the 4 Heatons Summer Festival on Sunday, 10th June. Mark Roberts, our Junior Chairman ran a Tri Golf activity for young girls and boys. We were assisted on the day by the golf professional Dave Cullen who provided specially designed golf equipment and had experience of running these events mainly in schools. On a hot and sunny day it proved to be very popular and there was often a queue waiting 'for a go'. Names and contact details were collected and followed up to offer group coaching lessons during the summer months back at the club. Thanks go to Si Loydall for helping with the Tri Golf. Let's hope we can repeat things next year and help to improve our Junior membership and to promote the Club in the local community. In addition we had a stall to offer information on membership options, costs, function room details and general information about the Club and many thanks to all the ladies that came to support the stall.

(All costs were covered by the Sports Stockport grant)

INTRODUCTORY & TRIAL MEMBERS We are very pleased to announce that Gerry Lunt, a former President of the Club, has stepped forward to assist with the Introductory & Trial members at the Club. Gerry will be arranging some meetings for these members and rounds of golf in August when he is back from his holidays. So practice as much as you can between now and then.

JUNE DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS The draw took place at the Summer Ball and the lucky winners of the Super Draw were:- 1st £400 Freda Keegan Ball no 112 2nd £200 Jeanette Butterfield Ball no 68 3rd £100 Phil Lanigan Ball no 41 Congratulations to all who won with special congratulations to Lady Captain who managed to pull her own number out of the drum much to the amusement of everyone at the Summer Ball. If you would like to enter the Development Draw application forms are in the Foyer. Many thanks once again for all your support... Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

Social

We had a very successful Summer Ball with brilliant entertainment from Greg Ritchie.

There will be a Family Barbecue at the completion of the Captains Final, Sunday 9th September at approx 4.00pm, weather permitting, everybody welcome.

The next Social occasion is the Comedy Night on Saturday 15th September, keep a look out for posters and tickets available during August, it is sure to be a lively night.

Further ahead we have the Abba Tribute Night on Saturday 13th October, a certain sell out.

Geoff Youd