



# HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

## September Newsletter

### The President



#### President's Sunday

I am delighted to say that I had a wonderful President's Sunday on the 2nd of September. The weather was excellent. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the 114 members and guests, which included 8 Past Presidents, who supported the day and made it so enjoyable. It was also particularly pleasing to see a good number of "newer" members playing in the competitions and I hope they will support other Club events in the future.

The afternoon competition was a format that has not been played before but I think it was worth trying and only playing 14 holes gave those attending the meal in the evening a bit more time to get ready.

Congratulations to all the winners, the results of the competitions are below. Thanks to Simon for his excellent support in checking the cards and, as always, setting up the prize tables.

#### Prize Winners

Men's 18 Hole Better Ball (25 Teams played)

1st Dave Howes and Ahmed Gada 46pts  
 2nd Mark Stonehouse and Paul Stonehouse 44pts  
 Nearest the Pin on 10 Mike Roberts  
 Nearest the pin on 18 (in two) John Beckett

Mixed 14 Hole Team Competition (13 teams played)

Best Overall Team Peter Milner, Mark Stonehouse, Janet Perkins and Jeanette Quinn. 67pts  
 Best Men's Pair Marcus Quiligotti and David Alexander 39pts  
 Best Ladies Pair Judy Collins and Lyndsey Alexander 33pts  
 Nearest the pin on 9 (in two) Paul Kay  
 Nearest the Pin on 10 Margaret Elvidge

The meal in the evening was excellent, many thanks to the chefs Brian and Mary who were standing in whilst Lee was on holiday. Thank you to Marjorie Foster and the Ladies for the

lovely flower arrangements for the tables and Clubhouse they really do add to the day. I hope you all enjoyed the music provided by Emily Owen and Cat Hanson during the meal as much as Sue and I did, we thought they were terrific.

Finally, as I said at the meal, the first six months of Roy's and my year has flown by and I plan to enjoy the next six months because they will also soon be gone.

Thanks again for your support and most importantly enjoy your golf in what remains of the summer and into early autumn and never forget, it's only a game! Enjoy.

Tony Brook  
President HMGC

## Men's Captain

Congratulations to the President on a very successful day last weekend. Golf and hospitality were first rate - Thanks Pres.

The Club's hospitality and course presentation continue to be praised and I would like to share a recent email sent on behalf of the Manchester City Council Golf Society:

"I played your course today for the first time as part of Manchester City Council Golf Society.

I had the pleasure of meeting your Captain and he gave us a warm welcome, cracked some jokes and had a laugh with us... Did a great job announcing us off the first tee.. And was just splendid.

Actually, every single member (whether barmaid, or green keeper, or fellow golfer) that I encountered today at your club was so friendly, kind and in a lovely way just made us feel so welcome.

I just felt I had to say thanks and let you know how brilliant a time I had.

The course was in fine condition and was very nice to play.

I've played at a lot of clubs with Societies, or just in four balls and I'm a member at Bury Golf Club.

But, I can truly say that the warmth and Hospitality provided by all at Heaton Moor Golf Club is outstanding.

Once again, thank you all very much."

It is very important that we treat guests on the course and in the clubhouse with courtesy and a friendly smile. These guests are potential members and first impressions do count, and we certainly need new members!

Hope to see most of you at the BBQ after Captain's Final this weekend and ask you to keep supporting

the socials, there are some very exciting events booked for the next few months.

Roy Cooke  
Captain

## Golf

Winter is coming !

I know we are still enjoying great weather and ground conditions but we in the golf team have been busy working on the course improvement plan as well as making preparations for play over the winter months.

It was very evident to the golf team that when we came into our new roles in April that the damage to the course by winter traffic was a major problem.

Winter damage was responsible for the largest percentage of work that was required to improve the appearance and playability of the course for the start of the new season. The cost in materials and manpower to repair these same areas does not make sense and is not sustainable, therefore we are making some changes to the way we navigate the course this winter.

### Trolley Parks

After the Autumn Meeting "traffic management" measures will be introduced that will stop trolley and buggy access to many areas across the course and introduce parking areas for trolleys and buggies.

As always members who can carry are urged to do so and if you can please use a pull/push trolley instead of an electric trolley.

### Winter Wheels

This winter all electric trolleys must be fitted with Winter Wheels sometimes known as hedgehog wheels.

Once the use of fairway mats is introduced, electric trolleys without Winter Wheels will not be allowed on the course.

Also, once fairway mats are introduced members will not be permitted to use buggies on the course. In exceptional circumstances electric trolleys even with Winter Wheels may also be band for limited periods during the winter. I would encourage members to refer to the course policy document that has been uploaded to the club website for full details regarding winter play.

We have asked the Club Professional Simon Marsh to help in sourcing these wheels, and he has informed me that they will be available from the Pro Shop at a heavily discounted price, starting at £20 fitted.

I fully understand that this is an additional cost to members but the enormous strain this repair work is having on a reduced grounds budget can no longer be allowed to continue.

Let's hope that our President can keep his good weather form going and help us win the battle against

both the mud and those White Walkers!

Chris Antoniou  
Golf Director

PS We are still looking for some volunteers to referee Knock Out Matches on Sunday 16th September. Please see the listing on the M+H notice board if you can assist with this. Many thanks.

## Clubhouse

### Redecoration

The redecoration of the two lounges is complete and we will shortly put the various Boards and Pictures back on the walls.

### Wifi

The WiFi upgrade is also now finished. The new code is displayed on notices around the Clubhouse.

WiFi coverage now extends to the Locker Rooms and all other areas of the Clubhouse and the system can accommodate increased numbers of users.

The Club has been assisted with the cost of this upgrade by the various sections of the Club and their generous support with this improvement is appreciated by the Board.

### Break In

As most of you will be aware we suffered a break in to the Club via the Patio Doors on 25 August. The intruder broke into the office and caused some damage to the Ladies Locker room. Thankfully nothing was taken and the matter is with the Police. The final repairs to the Patio Door will be done shortly and we are grateful to Alan Worswick (again) for his help with the Glazing.

### Functions

Room Hire bookings for July and August were extremely positive with both Member and Visitor events.

### Locker Room Clear-outs

We intend to clear-out the Mens', Ladies and Downstairs locker rooms of any items not in lockers on Monday 17 September. If you have anything in any of these areas then please remove it before the 17th.

All items removed will be boxed up, and a list of items will be kept behind the bar. Anything not claimed by 16 October will be donated to a local Charity Shop.

### Bar

Takings - The good weather and the increased number of functions has continued the positive growth in takings for the year so far.

Gin of the Month - The Thomas Dakin Manchester Gin has been well received and we will continue with it during September. We will be introducing our next Gin shortly and after requests from Members it will be a "Pink Gin". Watch for notices detailing the new addition around the Club soon.

#### Catering

A new Menu is to be launched on Tuesday 11 September.

#### Get in touch

Any concerns or questions regarding Clubhouse areas should be directed to our dedicated email:

[Clubhouse@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:Clubhouse@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk)

## Marketing + Membership

#### REBRANDING

The club stationery has had a revamp. We now have a new letterhead, membership application form & menus all with the same format. You can see the new application form in the foyer and hope you like the new branding. We also have a new email address we would like you to use for the office: -

[info@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:info@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk)

#### WHATSAPP GROUP

Any members on Trial membership or Introductory Membership looking to play golf can join the new WhatsApp group with other new members. Simply email your mobile number to [marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk) to be added to the group. You can leave the group at any time. It's just a way to arrange some games when you are new to the club.

#### NEW MEMBERS NEEDING TO GET THEIR HANDICAPS

We have some new members needing people to mark cards for them at the weekend, so they can get their handicaps. If anyone can take a group of 2 or 3 out on a Sunday, please let us know.

#### DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Margaret Hardman, Joan Clark and Simon Quiligotti did the draw this month and the winners were: -

1st Prize £100 Ball No 130 Charlotte Antoniou

2nd Prize £50 Ball No 8 Pete De Cunha

3rd Prize £25 Ball No 109 Liz Jordan

Congratulations to you all!

Information about the Development draw and application forms can be found on the Marketing & Membership notice board in the corridor.

## STAR HELPERS

Many thanks to Alan Butterfield and his apprentice (who wishes to remain nameless) for painting the new advertising boards. Who knew those boards would need so many coats of paint!!! Well done and a big thank you guys.

## GRASS ROOTS GOLF FUNDING

We have been successful with our application for funding worth £500 to employ a Tri Golf expert, Dave Cullen, to go into local Primary Schools and deliver Tri Golf Sessions followed by coaching at our club. So, if you see any little people and their parents please point them in the direction of the practice area and say how great it is to see them.

Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

## Secretary

It's important that we can identify members and guests on the course. To assist with this, if you have a Membership Bag Tag, can you please make sure it's clearly visible on your bag, also a booking must be made in BRS before playing.

Many thanks.

Joan Clark

## Social

The popular Friday Quiz Nights start on 28th September. Trish Davies runs an entertaining evening and members, friends and non-members are all welcome. Teams of 4 at £5 per team, or make up on the night. Food at £6 is available beforehand (until 7.45pm). To help Trish, please put names on the list with food choices if required.

Further dates are 2nd and 23rd November with Christmas 21st December provisionally booked if required.

The ABBA Tribute Night is on Saturday 13th October, the list is up on the notice board - price £10. This is looking very popular so book early!

Further dates for your diaries:

Annual Dinner Dance - Saturday 10th November, with Billy Moon.

Gents Turkey Supper - Friday 7th December with: Guest Speaker Ron Atkinson, Comedian Austin Knight and MC John Gwynne

Ladies Turkey Supper - Friday 14th December

Christmas Wine & Dine - Saturday 22nd December with Sean Perkins

New Year's Eve Party - Monday 31st December with Absolute DJs

Elvis in Town - Saturday 19th January - charity night in aid of Francis House.

Finally we are holding a family BBQ immediately following the Captain's Final on Sunday 9th September (approx 4.15pm). There will be putting competitions etc and games for the children in the clubhouse - friends and non- members are very welcome. FREE ENTRY - just pay for the food.

Geoff Youd