



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

October Newsletter

Men's Captain

Men's Captain Weekend

On the 22/23 of September the Men's Captains weekend was held at Portal Golf Club and Spa. It was a great trip at an excellent venue. The hotel rooms, service and food were top class and we played two challenging golf courses in pretty good weather. There were four ball better ball competitions on the Sunday and Monday with a random draw for partners each day. Phil Massey and Martin Thorley won on Sunday with Steve Littlewood (he must have used his Mulligan wisely?) and Paul Hesford second and Steve Littlewood (he must have been on form!) and Mike Roberts pipped the President and Peter Milner in a card play off on the Monday. Also congratulations to John Wheeler and Tom Marshall who shared the twos kitty between them. Thank you to all the members who joined me I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

As the main playing season draws to a close I would like to say a special thank you to everyone connected with Match and Handicap and "Ground" for the fabulous job you have done running our competitions and keeping the course in such great condition during a far from easy year. Well done and I hope the winter weather is kind to us.

Roy Cooke
Captain HMGC

Lady Captain

It has certainly been a very hectic past couple of months and on Friday, 5th October it will be my last day as Lady Captain.

There have been so many highlights during my year in office but to name a few, the Sunday Driver when we went to Portal was a great success as was the Aintree Day when we had 79 ladies attending. Of course for me the pinnacle of my year was my Lady Captains Day. I had to smile though, after all the glorious weather it did actually rain in the afternoon but it certainly didn't affect the day.

Most of you know my Charity was "Guide Dogs" and I am pleased to announce that we raised £2,188 – so a big thank you to everyone who contributed to this amount.

It just leaves me to wish Lady Vice Captain all the very best in her year and also a big thank you to everyone for being so supportive.

Jeanette Butterfield
Lady Captain

Golf

The golf team hope everybody has had an enjoyable and successful season, figures from Match and Handicap back this up as from 1st April to 30th September, 107 Male members and 33 lady members have reduced their handicaps. Well done!

The golf team and greens staff have strived to maintain the course to a consistent playing condition throughout the season, both with green speeds and cut heights that were set out in the course policy document.

Having gone from the Beast from the East to Sahara conditions within a couple of weeks meant repairs to the extensive winter damage had to be put on hold. Recent rainfall has allowed some repairs to be done and these will continue subject to ground conditions. With this in mind the winter course for Saturdays and Wednesdays will be Holes 1 to 9 and 13 to 17. With some of the worst winter holes 10,11,12,18 being omitted.

The greens were verti-drained and aerated recently and the fairways were verti-drained in June and have been scarified this week, both should aid drainage of the course during winter. We would like to thank the membership for their cooperation and patience during this work.

New winter tees are currently being installed on the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 17th Tees, these will feature SuperVerde Tee Turf as previously installed in the practice nets, this product has the advantage of being able to take a tee peg in all conditions!

Trolley parking areas will be introduced to further protect the course, these will be marked out and will mean carrying clubs to finish one hole and starting the next. i.e., between holes 2 and 3, 6 and 7, 7 and 8, 13 and 14, these will be set up as the weather gets worse.

Those able to use carry bags please do so, once again those players using electric trolleys, winter wheels or covers will be compulsory from the end of October, these can be bought through Simon Marsh at a favourable rate.

Greens Staff

Unfortunately we are losing Steve Cunliffe, our assistant head green keeper at the end of October, he has been with us for 8 years and will be a greatly missed member of our team.

Steve who came to us from Bury Golf Club is now taking a position at Carrington with Manchester United greens team and we would like to wish him all best for the future.

Recruitment for a replacement will start in the next couple of weeks, if any member has any recommendations for the post, please let Chris or Tony know.

Enjoy your autumn and winter golf.

HMGC Golf Team.

Clubhouse

Functions

Room Hire bookings for September were again strong with both Member and Visitor events. The 25th CP Charity day on September 14th raised over £10k for the charity.

We are hosting another external charity event on October 12th with a Shotgun start in the afternoon and a Sportsman Evening at Night. This night is to raise funds for Andy Haslam one of our members who has been ill, and the event has been organised by his friends.

On Thursday October 25th there is another external event, a Q&A evening at the Club with Peter Barnes, Tommy Booth and Ian Brightwell run by Man City Former Players Group

Tickets including food are available from Les Jones on 07502 343640 or email him at lesjones11@yahoo.co.uk

Front Steps

The steps have been completed and we are just waiting for the installation of the new steel railings. These steps will make it easier for those who struggle with stairs to access the Club. Jack Hunt and Tony Bates have been instrumental in this work and the Board extends their grateful thanks for their efforts. Jack went into hospital the day after they were completed for a hip replacement. We wish him a full and speedy

recovery

Date for your Diary

On Friday November 30th we will be holding a live music night at the Club featuring Pete Maclaine and the Clan, a well-known local band of many years standing. Pete was friends with all of the top bands of the Sixties and will regale us with some great stories from those years between songs. He is also Simon Wetton our Stewards father!

This event is free to Members and their guests as a thank you from the Board for your support for the new Management Structure during 2018. Please put it in your diary and come down with your friends and enjoy what is sure to be a great night.

We hope to run a series of Live Music Nights during 2019 featuring different styles of Bands with a small cover charge.

Golf Shoes in the Clubhouse

During the dry summer months some members have worn their golf shoes in the Clubhouse. As we enter the Autumn/Winter we would ask that Members change shoes when in the Clubhouse unless in the Spike Bar area.

Live Football at the Club

With both City and United being drawn on the same side of the Champions League draw this means both will play their Group games on the same night. The Club is able to show both games on TV and on Matchday 1 we had both Blues and Reds enjoying the game albeit Reds fans were the happier with the results on the night!

Why not watch the upcoming games at the Clubs whichever side of Manchester you follow.

Bar

Takings continue to be well ahead of last year as of the end of August.

Bar Staff

Some of our Bar Team have returned to University so we are looking for additional staff for the run up to Christmas. If you know anyone who is looking for some extra work and has Bar Experience then please ask them to contact Simon Wetton our Steward.

Gin of the Month

The next addition to our Gin range was put on sale last weekend. It sold out on the first night! Don't worry it will be back in stock this weekend. It is Pinksters Gin which as the name infers is Pink! This Gin is served with Raspberries and Fresh Mint. We hope you like it

As advised we will keep the Thomas Dakin Gin available as it has proved popular.

Draught Beer Changes

As summer draws to a close we will stop selling the draught Kingston Press Wild Berry Cider. It will return next year. To add to our range we will be introducing Estrella Damn on draught. A premium lager with fantastic taste it will be available shortly.

Catering

The new Menu has been well received and the Healthy Options have proved particularly popular.

Planning is well underway with the Social team for menus for the November and December Socials along with New Years Eve, and the concerns of Members will be addressed as we improve the quality and variety of our Fare at these events.

Get in touch

Any concerns or questions regarding Clubhouse areas should be directed to our dedicated email: Clubhouse@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

Marketing & Membership

MEMBERSHIP

Junior coaching is now taking place with children from St Thomas's school on the practice ground. The Tri Golf was successful, and we have 22 children taking part. If you happen to be at the club on a Sunday, when the children and parents are there, please do say hello.

Thank you to Patrick Crilly who has been kind enough to help quite a few new members get their handicaps recently and to Gerry Lunt who has organised some competitions to get everyone started. Tom Marshall has kindly offered to help integrate and welcome any older Juniors, new intermediates and new student members to the club. This will be the next challenge to retain more of these memberships in the future.

DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS for September. Drawn by P Willoughby and S Quilgotti

1st Prize £200 Ball No 44 Joan Clark

2nd Prize £100 Ball No 60 Pete Milner

3rd Prize £50 Ball No 29 Mike Tyrrell

Congratulations to you all!! Application forms to join the Development Draw are on the Marketing notice board in the middle corridor.

TEE SPONSORS

We welcome Q Crane & Plant Hire to our growing list of tee sponsors. A list of the tee sponsors can be found on our noticeboard, alongside information on becoming a tee sponsor. We thank everyone who has supported the club in this way.

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If you are interested in sponsoring a tee please email marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

Club Secretary

A number of members have asked if we will repeat the Defibrillator Training which was provided in the Clubhouse last year. We hope to do this twice a year, so please watch for details on the notice boards, as hopefully we will arrange a training session in the next few weeks.

Thanks to those who are completing the Incident Reports. Can I please ask that you complete a form for any incident on the course, not just when golf balls exit the course ! We've had instances of drones being used, confrontations with dog walkers straying from the public footpaths etc etc, we'd like to start recording these incident also, as our local Police Community Support Officers are willing to help us with these matters.

Many thanks, Joan

Social

Now getting to the busy time of the year for the Social Committee.

The good news is that we are sold out for the Abba night on Saturday 13th October. There is food available should you want it, please append your names on the list in the corridor. Price is £10 with the food £6, which will be collected on the night.

We had a well attended Quiz Night on Friday 28th September and the next ones have been arranged for Friday's 2nd and 23rd November. Grateful thanks to Trish Davies for all her hard work.

The Annual Dinner Dance is on Saturday 10th November with entertainment provided by Billy Moon. Menu and list of names going up in the corridor imminently. Price £ 30.

Gents Turkey Supper is back to its traditional date of the first Friday of December, the 7th. Guest Speaker is ex Man Utd manager, Ron Atkinson, Master of Ceremonies is John Gwynne and a Comedian as well. Price of £40 for your three course Christmas Turkey Supper and the evenings entertainment. Tables of 10 or 12, book in the usual way and payment by the end of November.

Please support our Social events, it all helps the Club.

Cheers Geoff Youd