



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

December Newsletter

Chairman

As the year draws to an end the Board has been in place for ten months and I feel a lot has been achieved with a number of improvements in and around the clubhouse and the course in excellent condition throughout the year. Our first task was to get expenditure under control and I feel that this has been achieved although it is difficult to balance keeping the course and clubhouse in the condition expected by members and visitors against the need to reduce expenditure.

Golfing membership has once again seen a reduction in numbers, as is the case with most golf clubs despite every effort to keep our existing members and attract new ones through new interest free payment options, taster days, coaching sessions and various attractive joining packages. Fortunately the Club House has had a very successful year with the club becoming ever more popular for external functions which will result in increased room hire and bar income for 2018.

A members survey will be circulated shortly and I encourage all members to spend a few minutes completing it as it will help us identify the areas for improvements you would like us to concentrate on and allow us to benchmark our performance against other clubs locally and nationally.

Finally, many thanks to all the members and staff for the help and support they have shown throughout the year, and I wish that you and your family all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Roberts

Men's Captain

We have had a very successful result in welcoming upwards of 12 new junior members after St Thomas's and Tithe Barn Primary schools participated in a five week taster course run by teaching professional Dave Cullen. Several parents are also showing an interest in joining, so as we said last month, please welcome any new faces, they are our future.

Thanks again to Anne-Marie Gilbert and Helen Leggat from Marketing, Mark Roberts the junior co-ordinator and the volunteers who helped Dave with the coaching.

Well done to the Ground Team for keeping the course tidy and playable in to December, and the greens are still excellent.

Ladies Thanks you for organising the decorating of the clubhouse for Christmas festivities, which there are many, and to those who helped to put up the decorations.

If you are participating in the Christmas and New Years Eve parties, have a great time and enjoy the festivities.

From the President and myself can I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Roy Cooke

Golf

Course matters

Softer ground conditions are now with us and the use of fairway mats and winter wheels are now required.

Please can members be aware that slopes and crossings can become slippery when wet and to take extra care, members should also try to avoid where possible areas that were burnt out during the summer as these may well create an additional slip hazard through the winter.

The ground team this week will be roping off areas prone to wear and directing trolley and buggy traffic around the course to minimise damage, your co-operation on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

The eagle's are coming !

We would like to bring to your attention to some exceptional play that took place during winter league 4, playing partners Ged Brennan and Jon Beckett completed the final three holes of their round with consecutive eagles! Jon started the run with an eagle 2 on 15th before Ged had a hole in 1 on the 16th , with their opposing playing partners Ian Collins and Jez Eaton still reeling, Jon completed the treble with an eagle 3 on 17th, unsurprisingly they won that days competition, a fantastic achievement boys well done.

Apprentice Greenkeeper

We would like to welcome on behalf of all the members our new apprentice greenkeeper Josh Wright to HMGC and we wish him all the best for his future with us.

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This is the last newsletter before the new rules come into force, members can become familiar with the fundamental changes through the free rule books now available in club house. Videos explaining changes are posted on the HMGC website under the heading Rules Guru, members who are unsure of any of these changes are welcome to contact the golf team via email at golf@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

The Golf Team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

HMGC Golf Team

Clubhouse

Functions

Room Hire bookings for November and December are looking strong.

Final Friday

Our first Live Music event at the Club was held last Friday. Good to see the Clubhouse packed with over 100 members and friends for a lively rock n roll set from Pete MacLaine and the Clan

Our next event is on Friday 25 January when our very own Dave Lynane brings his Jazz Quartet to play for you. Admission is again free and look for posters with more details of the night going up around the Clubhouse shortly.

Live Football at the Club

Wednesday 12 December sees the final Group Games for City and United. City are at home to Hoffenheim whilst United are away at Valencia. Kick off 20.00

The Club is able to show both games on TV simultaneously. Why not watch the upcoming games at the Clubs whichever side of Manchester you follow.

Christmas and New Year Clubhouse Opening Times

Please make a note of these changes to our Opening Times

Dec 24th The Clubhouse will shut at 19.30pm

Dec 25th Clubhouse is closed all day there will be access to the Course for those wishing to play but no access to any of the Locker Rooms

Dec 26th The Clubhouse will shut at 19.30pm

Jan 1st Clubhouse is closed all day there will be access to the Course for those wishing to play but no access to any of the Locker Rooms.

Electricity and Gas

Our two year deal on these utilities expires on 31 December. With the help of Golf England purchasing team we have struck a new arrangement but are faced with a double digit increase in our costs. Peter Livesey is assisting with us checking we are being as efficient as possible in our use of Gas and Electricity.

Bar Takings

Sales were very strong in November helped again by Functions.

Catering

Some of you will be aware Lee has been diagnosed with a potentially serious illness. He is having a CT Scan on Sunday Dec 2nd and undergoing other tests to assess his condition. At the moment he feels well enough to work albeit reduced hours on some days. The Club is supporting him and his family and together we will ensure additional staffing is available to deliver the busy December Social schedule.

We know you will all join with us in wishing Lee the best of luck with the challenges he is facing and once we have the full picture we will agree a plan for him to have the time he needs for any treatment whilst ensuring there is cover in the Kitchen. Your empathy with Lee and his team at this difficult time is appreciated.

Get in touch

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

Marketing & Membership

JUNIOR COACHING

Thank you to all those members who turned up to support the Junior Coaching sessions recently. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also to all the members who have had little chats with the mums, dads and children and made them all feel so welcome at the club.

COACHING SESSIONS

There is a new page on the website re Coaching sessions for people who want to 'Learn to Play Golf' If you have any friends who have shown an interest be sure to let them know. If we all bring one friend to the club this year how fantastic would that be. Coaching is also available for members so if you have a problem with your drive, chipping or putting help is out there! <http://www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/learn-to-play/>

DEVELOPMENT DRAW RESULTS

1st Prize £100 Ball no 103 – Neil Hodge

2nd Prize £50 Ball no 144 - Carol Chamberlain

3rd Prize £25 Ball no 54 - Adam Puc

Congratulations to you all! To join the Development Draw application forms are in the foyer and middle

corridor.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas, from the Marketing Team
Anne-Marie, Helen & Liz

Club Secretary

Final reminder, if you are an Intermediate, 5 day, 6 day or 7 day member, you can apply for Go-Cardless, to pay for your subscriptions monthly (at no extra cost). To start on January 1st, you must contact Margaret Hardman, no later than the 13th December.

Office Opening Hours over the Festive Season.

The office will close at 4pm on Monday 24th December and re-open (normal office hours), on Wednesday 2nd January.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Joan Clark

Social

A Busy period is Christmas and the New Year.

We kick off on Friday 7th December with the Gents Turkey Supper.

Christmas Wine & Dine. The sheet is in the corridor. It's well attended at this stage but no doubt we could accommodate a few more. Entertainment by Sean Perkins, back by popular command. £30

New Years Eve is very well supported but as above. As usual it is a buffet and we have entertainment from Absolute DJs. Dress 'Black Tie'.

We start 2019 with an Elvis Tribute Act on Saturday 19th January. £10 per head.

Final appearance by the Captain and President in their present positions is Saturday 23rd February, and entertainment by Greg Ritchie.

Geoff Youd