



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

January 2019

Captain

Firstly, a happy New Year to you all.

I know several members and staff have had a very testing time over the holidays. I am sure you will join me in offering our support where it is needed.

The festive socials were very well supported and the food, company and fun were enjoyed by all. Thanks to the organisers, caterers and entertainers.

The weather has been magnificent for the time of year and to be still playing on greens and such a tidy course, is a credit to Jed and his staff.

We are drawing to the end of our term, but there is still plenty to play for in the Winter League with a tight climax predicted. Good luck to all concerned.

Well done to Frank Palmer and his committee for keeping the Seniors busy, to Simon for organising the Monday Fiddle which has thrived this winter and to the Ladies who have kept everything going in this interim period.

See you at the ELVIS night on January 19th and then the President and I will start the round of Goodbyes and thank-yous for what has been a memorable year.

Roy Cooke (Men's Captain)

Clubhouse

Firstly we would like to wish a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our Members and their Families

Final Friday

Our first event for 2019 under our Live Music at the Club takes place on Friday 25 January. Our very own Dave Lynane and his Jazz Quartet will be playing their Jazz Standards. The evening kicks off at 8.00 with the first set starting at 8.30. It is sure to be a very popular night so do make sure you take your seats early.

For our next event on Friday March 1st we have managed to secure The Bridgebeats. They are a fantastic 5-piece group who have been together for over 30 years, Their set has a fantastic set of songs and this is one event not to be missed. Look out for posters for this night going up later this month

**Bar **

December was another strong month for bar takings and 2018 was a record year.

We are currently negotiating for a new Bar Deal and seeing several different breweries so we can assess the best option for future supply.

The initiatives like Gin of the Month have helped drive Sales and Simon and his team will be bringing some new ideas to our range over the coming months.

I know you will all join me in thanking Simon and the staff for their efforts behind the bar in 2018.

Catering

Despite his illness Lee was able to oversee our many events during December with the New Year's Eve Gala Buffet being the highlight of the year.

We are grateful to Lee and his team for their efforts in 2018 on behalf of the Club.

During January Lee will be starting his treatment and we will be working with him to assist with managing the kitchen over the coming weeks. As a result, we will be postponing the Monday opening of the Kitchen for service until later this year.

Get in touch

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

Golf

New Year Resolutions

Like myself many of you may have already broken those New Year resolutions, you know how it goes,

1: I'm not going to leave my first putt short,

2: I'm not going to leave my second putt short !

This year however there is one resolution we all need to make and that is to become familiar with the new golf rules that are now in play. Over the coming months with the help of this newsletter we will focus on some of the rules that have been changed.

Not playing by the rules

This month we are going to clear up some debate regarding local rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance, as you may have heard there is an option for a 2 stroke penalty when a ball is lost or OOB.

We have considered the use of this local rule but as **CONGU don't allow Handicap Qualifying Comps or Supplementary Scores when the Rule is in place**, it was felt that it would only add confusion if the rule was invoked.

We may however consider the rule for winter golf when balls are more liable to be lost in leaf litter or plugged in soft ground. The full rule extract is below.

The Committee Procedures allow for the introduction of additional relief options when a ball is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, by way of Model Local Rule E-5. This local rule is appropriate for general play where golfers are playing casual rounds or playing their own competitions. Under the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System scores must not be submitted for handicap adjustment if this local rule is in place. Where the Local Rule is in use for general play, the club must ensure they remind players it is not allowed when scores are to be submitted for handicap adjustment (Qualifying Competitions and Supplementary Scores).

Course Matters

It is hard to believe but the mowers have been out this past week, due to the dry weather and continuing growth the ground team took the opportunity to cut the fairways and rough.

Prior to the Christmas break the ground team with the help of member Darren Brennan undertook some

important drainage work between the 6th and 1st holes, and on the 5th fairway, a long standing issue was successfully resolved and will have long term benefits for this part of the course. Further drainage work over the coming weeks may lead to some disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The head greenkeeper has noticed an increase in pitch marks and divots, please can I remind all members to repair any pitch marks they come across, to use fairway mats and if taking a divot in the rough please replace. We would like to once again thank the membership for their co-operation in the use of winter wheels and walk off areas, it is making a difference and the ground team certainly appreciate all your efforts.

HMGC Golf Team

Marketing + Membership

HAPPY NEW YEAR
from the Marketing Team

Would you like to improve your game before the main golfing season starts? Why not have a few lessons to get back in the swing.

INDIVIDUAL COACHING LESSONS are available from our Club Pro Simon Marsh PGA Golf Professional or Dave Cullen PGA Golf Professional
See website for details: www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/learntoplay

GROUP COACHING LESSONS on Sundays, with Dave Cullen

The next sessions are:-

Adult Coaching:

20th Jan 2019 – 10th Feb 2019

4 week course - £25

Junior Coaching:

20th Jan 2019 – 10th Feb 2019

4 week course - £16

Adult Coaching:

3rd March 2019 – 31st March 2019

4 week course - £25

Junior Coaching:

20th Jan 2019 – 31st March 2019

4 week course - £16

Book & pay online at: <https://bookwhen.com/hmgc>

NEW MEMBERS – DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR HANDICAP?

If any members who would like to have a card marked for handicap purposes then please let us know by emailing us at marketing@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk and we will arrange for someone to go out on the course with you to mark the card, probably on a Sunday. Alternatively, if you can make the Monday Fiddle you can get a card marked there. You will need to contact Simon in the Pro shop on 0161 432 2134.

AMAM – Friday, 14th June 2019

After some controversy, followed by much discussion, it has been decided that the teams can be men, women or mixed teams and will play off 9/10ths. Booking is open on

BRS https://www.brs golf.com/heatonmoor/opens_home.php

It would be great if you can bring a guest or two to any of the Open competitions.

DEVELOPMENT CHRISTMAS SUPER DRAW RESULTS

1st Prize £600 – Keith Ward
2nd Prize £300 – Helen Leggat
3rd Prize £150 – Jackie Hall

Congratulations to you all! To join the Development Draw application forms are in the foyer and middle corridor. All profits from this draw go into the Development Fund to carry out repairs and improve the club/course.

RULES GURU

We have uploaded the England Golf Rules Guru videos to the website. These short videos show you the new rules that will come in to play next year. <http://www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/rules-guru/>

MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

A big thank you to all who completed the Members Satisfaction Survey. There have been some very constructive comments. We are meeting England Golf on 18th January to analyse the results and we will give feedback to members following that meeting.

Social

Welcome to the first Social Report of 2019 and a happy New Year to you all.

The Christmas wine and dine was well attended and we had a good night.

New Years Eve Party was particularly enjoyable with superb food and entertainment.

Our next extravaganza is on Saturday 19 th January when ELVIS is in the building!! Please note that this is NOT the original but I'm not sure how you are going to tell. He will be on 'stage' at 9.00pm and seats are being booked up fast. Do not delay, list is in the corridor and is already up towards the 100 mark. Food will be available from the kitchen up to 8pm. Price for the entertainment is £10. All profits from the night will be donated to the Captains Charity, Francis House.

We complete our year with the Captain and Presidents final social on Saturday 23rd February when you will have a super three course meal whilst being entertained by the ever popular Greg Ritchie.

We have also booked Darren Brennan and his band 'The Last Drop' for Saturday 16th March the day before St Patrick's Day. This will be extremely popular so book as soon as you can when tickets go on sale.

Next Quiz Night is Friday 18th January, teams of 4, everybody welcome including non members. £5 per team. Food available until 7.30.

Geoff Youd