



HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB

April 2019

Chairman

I am delighted to report that 72 voting members attended the AGM on 2nd March . All the proposed amendments to the Articles and Bye Laws were passed unanimously. Steve Prinn was presented with the 2018 Adams Scratch, Butter, Jimmy Walker, Order of Merit, David Jones and Eclectic Trophies, a fantastic achievement for an outstanding year's golf. The meeting finished with the new Captain, Vice Captain and President inviting everyone present to have a drink with them.

I am pleased to report that in the first three months of the year our golfing membership figures have held up well in the period Jan-March with us only losing 4 golfing members compared with a loss of 37 in the same period last year. I am hopeful that all the work that is being done on the course and by our Marketing and Membership team is beginning to pay dividends and will result in a slight growth in membership in 2019 after a decline for the last 10 years. It is encouraging to see our cub/junior membership has grown from 7 to 38 in the last 3 years.

In an effort to stop none members playing the course without paying a green fee, checks will be made on players on the course throughout the summer. All visitors will be given bag tags and can members please display their members bag tags and always book a time on BRS when playing.

As we move into the main golfing season I hope you all have an enjoyable and successful year of golf.

Mike Roberts
Chairman

Men's Captain



Well, we have been busy having AGMs and 70th birthday party. As Lady Captain Carole said it was supposed to be nervous driving off in front of 150 people. According to an old salt like Fingers, it was the most nervous thing he had ever done. I hit a magnificent drive and milked the applause for all it was worth, finishing up with my Norman Wisdom trip !! And as Carole said she smacked hers off. So it was left to our big hitting President to show us all how it should be done. Oh dear and they closed the course because of rain only 2 weeks into his year of office . For anyone who does not know, it's an old tradition that each years President is responsible for the weather.

We are all glad that he has done better since then !!

It was great to see so many old faces and members from the past at my 70th, like Clive Loydall, our old Professional before Simon took over 20 odd years ago. And the Proctors Judith and Danny, and Tony and Linda Gregory. I know you all had a great time and lets hope it continues. To remind some people who still want to give for the Captains Charity and had such a good time that day, go on Google and enter Virgin Giving and enter donation then Littlewood and you will see St Ann's Hospice and Francis House and enter your amount and claim the gift aid if you pay tax and the Inland revenue pay £10 in for every £40 you donate. Thank you, and to all those who have already donated for the funds to be over £1500 so far.

So we had the Spring Meeting last Saturday, white tees and no mats. Well done Ged and Beckett, the Irish man and our best scratch player keep coming out with amazing scores but our own President did an amazing Tee shot himself. I will let him regail you of that. So onto the next days comp, the infamous Archie Preston inter club comp where the 2 Captains have to play together. The match against Harwood GC arranged by Stan Wilson with great help from Joan, thank you, what a great day and close victory we had 4-3. I got to my sons Mothers Day meal just as the Eton Mess was being served!!. and almost forgiven for missing my first Mothers Day in years!!! Eldest son still thinks I have got my priorities wrong !!

Our longest past Wednesday Section Chairman Keith Renshaw went into Stepping Hill Friday 22nd and had an op last Thursday to which his son said he looked better right away. But Sunday night he has been readmitted to the Dependency ward. I will keep ahead of any news.

So the President and I look forward to playing with as many as we can fit in, in our year, it has started well besides a couple blips.

Swing well.

Steve Littlewood
Men's Captain

Clubhouse

Free Live Music

Friday April 26 is the next of our FREE Live Music Nights at the Club. JUST FOR TONIGHT will be appearing this time. They are a great band recommended to us by one of our members. A 5-piece group with a Lady singer, they do a wide range of material from the last 20 years. Why not come down, bring your friends and make a night of it. The evening kicks off at 8.00 with the first set starting at 8.30 and food will be available till 8.30. Look out for the posters for this night in the Clubhouse.

Ladies + Gents Locker Room Spring Clean

As usual we will be clearing the locker rooms of left items from the Winter and will be doing this on Monday 8 April. All items will be boxed up with a list behind the bar. They will be kept for 28 days before any unclaimed items will be given to a Charity Shop. If you have anything in the locker room area then please ensure you remove it before the 8th.

Clubhouse surrounds

The bridge has been power cleaned and the work to put astro turfing to increase the space by the Ladies Locker Room will start shortly. The patio areas have been cleaned and the benches will shortly be stained for the Summer.

Bar

March was a very busy month for functions and the takings are positive again versus last year. We have received a request to stock Birra Moretti and this will shortly be added to our range of bottled beers. We will shortly be revising the Club's wine list and any suggestions for wines you would like to see on the List please drop an email to the address below or drop a note in to the Office.

Catering

Lee has had a further scan and is going for the results early next week. He is running a Carvery on Easter Sunday the 21st April and the poster is up on the Social Board with full details. We will review Monday opening of the Kitchen after we are aware of the outcome of Lee's meeting with his Consultant.

Get in touch

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

Membership + Marketing

Development Draw Results

The development draw took place on Tuesday after the Ladies comp and the winners were:-

1st - Ball 141 Lisa Ward £200

2nd - Ball 155 Barry Gould £100

3rd - Ball 112 Freda Keegan £50

Well done to you all and thank you for your support.

New Tee Sponsors

We welcome 4 new tee sponsors:

Nettl – Graphic Designers + Printers in Heaton Moor – Tel 975 5203

Claritas Wealth – Financial Advisors in Heaton Moor – Tel 636 9200 or

email hello@claristaswm.co.uk

La Torre Golf Resort – Townhouse rental – Tel Mike on 07976 894624

Hol-Med Clinic – Osteopathy, they reduce your pain whilst you reduce your handicap (sounds good to me!) - Tel 442 8513

Open Festival

If you haven't already booked you can do so at this link

<https://www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/opens/>

The ground staff work very hard to make sure the course is tip top and we have sponsors on each hole so do try and bring someone new along to the club during the Opens Festival if you can. Re the AMAM can we just clarify that teams can be made up of all men, all women or mixed teams as we would ideally like to fill in all the tee times. There will be separate prizes for each category.

Coaching

Information about coaching can be found on the website at www.heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk/learn-to-play and group sessions can be booked and paid for online at www.bookwhen.co.uk/hmgc

Juniors

More donations were received this month from the Senior section and a private donation from a member towards the Junior Section. We are grateful for the donations and support and will continue to try and introduce golf to as many young people as we possibly can. The club has been approached by primary schools, Stella Maris and St Catherine's Didsbury, to deliver Tri Golf sessions in their schools. The Juniors have spent a lot of Sundays practicing and we are going to be arranging for them to venture out on the course soon.

Marketing Team

Golf

Course Matters

Well the season has arrived and after a somewhat mixed start to his reign or should I say RAIN, the President has managed to turn the tide and help us get the course in better condition than had been possible in recent years. Keep it up Pres!

We are already well into our cutting regime but the majority of work that has recently taken place has been in preparing the course for the new penalty areas.

As you are all aware significant changes to the Rules of Golf were introduced on the 1st Jan 2019 one of which involved changes to the Rules governing Penalty Areas (previously hazards), in the light of the changes the Golf Team have reviewed the Course and the following changes to Penalty Areas and Out of Bounds have been introduced progressively, but are now in place for the start of the Summer golfing season. To support these changes our new scorecards will have a more comprehensive Local Rules section. New scorecards are due w/c 8th April.

Changes being Introduced:

All Penalty areas will be marked with red posts this means that relief from Penalty Areas, in accordance with Rule 17.1d, will be the same across the course.

3rd Hole. The Internal Out of Bounds has been extended beyond the front of the fourth green and the extended area is defined by a new white post located against the boundary fence to the left of the fourth hole.

6th Hole. The Out of Bounds on the left of the hole has been extended down the hedge line beyond the ditch to a point level with the bunker short of the green. This Out of Bounds was previously defined behind the hedge but its location is now much clearer, particularly to visitors, if they hit a

wayward second shot.

8th Hole. The large rhododendron bush to the right of the hole near the green will become a new Penalty Area, relief should be taken in accordance with Rule 17.1d.

17th Hole. The protection fence(s) running behind the houses alongside the tees will become the "Boundary of the Course" and if any part of the fence(s), including the pylons that support it, interfere with a player's stance or swing there will be no free relief available and relief should be taken in accordance with Rule 19.2.

18th Hole. The shale path and hedge that crosses the hole in front of the 18th green and continues to the right crossing the 10th hole will be a new Penalty Area, relief should be taken in accordance with Rule 17.1d.

Stableford Cup

Saturday 6th April is the first round of this new competition, the golf team introduced this competition into the golfing calendar to help build contingency into the fixture list for the three major comps in the men's calendar. It also helps re address the balance of competition type we play through the season outlined in responses from the member's survey. The competition format is the 2 best combined scores from 6 rounds.

Contact us.

If you require any further information or need clarification of any matters related to course or M&H please feel free to contact us via our email: golf@heatonmoorgolfclub.co.uk

HMGC Golf Team

Club Secretary

Just a note regarding Subscription Renewals. A considerable amount of time is being spent on chasing up members for outstanding subscriptions and payments, please refer to the following Article ...

PART 2: MEMBERS

6 Entry Fees, Annual Subscriptions, Levies and Green Fees

6.7 Any Member, who has not paid his/her joining fee, annual subscription or levy (or any instalment, balance or proportion of it) within 30 calendar days of its falling due, will be reminded in writing of the arrears by the Club and from that date lose all playing rights until payment of the arrears is received. If the arrears remain unpaid after a further period of 14 calendar days, at the discretion of the Board his/her membership may be terminated.

There will be limited cover in the office whilst Margaret is on holiday, week commencing 15th April.

It appears following an audit on the Trolley Shed, that some members are using this facility without paying for it ! If you have paid for space in that area your property will have a small coloured cable tie attached to it. For anyone else who would like to take a space in this area, please contact Margaret in the office, to add your name to the 'waiting list'.

Many thanks.

Joan Clark

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Social

First of all a big thank you to Roy Cooke and Geoff Youd, our very own impresarios who have to be applauded for their sterling work on the HMGC social scene over the past few years. I know I can draw on their experience in continuing on their successes.

Some good events will be forthcoming over the next 12 months and after the success of Roy and Geoff's St Patrick's night in March, The Last Drop have been booked again for 2020 March 14th.

Next social event will be 13th April and will feature The Removal Men. A local and truly professional R&B band with a bit of Rock and Country thrown in for good measure. Please put your name on the list on the notice board, or just turn up on the night at £5.00.

Cheers
Adam

Running Mixed

The running mixed season is now underway and runs until Friday 27th September. The format is 12 holes Mixed Greensome, handicap one quarter of combined. Mens max handicap is 28, ladies max handicap is 36. Men to play off yellow tees. Cards will be available from the Professional (£1).

Our first mini competition is scheduled for Friday 26th April from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Please book in on BRS.

A food list will be placed on the Mixed noticeboard nearer the date.

Regards Kevin + Di Wilson

Gardening Team

A regular group of members have been tidying up the garden area around the clubhouse for the last nine weeks. Many thanks to them all for their hard work. We have been lucky to have had dry weather every Monday and have been receiving many favourable comments from the men playing in the Monday Fiddle as they pass through on their way to the 10th hole.

Cutting back the overgrown bushes, ivy and weeds has revealed many existing lovely plants and rockery stones. Our vision was to have a view down the stream to the bridge as you approach the clubhouse and I am sure that you will agree that the new planting has enhanced this.

If anyone would like to join us then pop along with gardening gloves on Mondays between 10am and 12pm.

Many thanks Helen Leggat