

LEAMINGTON & COUNTY GOLF CLUB



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Dear Members

It's The Open and we're all getting inspired by players hitting it 400 yards off the tee and a little bit smug when they slice one into the deep rough. Remember the only difference between them and us is consistency. I'm not 100% sure about the basketball style golf shoes and skinny tracksuit bottoms worn by Jason Day, maybe we'll need to review our dress codes if he ever wants to play here!! Good to see a few Brits challenging in the first round, lets hope one can top the leader board come Sunday afternoon.

A big shout for the Open Day tomorrow, it's been advertised in the Courier for the last three weeks and on their web site this week everyday. However if you know anyone who might be thinking of joining a golf club, taking up golf or playing again after a layoff then please encourage them to come along between 10.00am and 3.00pm and chat about becoming a member at Leamington & County.

Thank you for all the positive comments about the golf course and the suggestions on what changes we should make. However, please understand we can't set the course up such that every members' bad shot finds a perfect lie. If you're off line, you may find a poor lie with a difficult stance, you may not have a shot to the green from the trees or the rough, you may even lose a ball occasionally, but this is golf, this is why we play, to challenge ourselves, to keep it on the short grass no one ever said it was easy!!

You will have noticed the posters up for a number of events; the Charity Quiz next Thursday could do with a few more teams, I understand for a fiver a round you can buy the answers so no excuses. The posters for the Captain's Charity Team Golf Classic on September 22nd have also gone up this week. This will be a great days fun, starting with a classic English breakfast followed by a trick show that you just have to see, with golf followed by an auction of 4 balls. All to raise money for some great causes, details and entry forms are available from the office or on our website.

We still have a few spaces left in the Men's Pairs Open on the 12th August, if you haven't entered see the Pro shop team to get your names down.

Next week is pretty busy on the course with two societies, two visiting Captain's away days and the Warwickshire Police Championships so just have a quick check of the diary boards when making arrangements to play.

Good luck to all those playing in the Presidents Vase on Sunday swing it easy and enjoy!

Kind regards
Bryan Frazer
Club Manager

Captain's Capers



May I start by giving my personal thanks to all who helped make the Captain's Badger Trophy days such a success over the weekend, with a special thank you to my wife Wendy, who organised and attended to our refreshments throughout. Members have been very complimentary and we are very pleased to hear that you enjoyed yourselves as much as did we ourselves, irrespective of the changeable weather!

Dunstable Downs Challenge Trophy Match:

The Captain of Dunstable Downs G.C. has now confirmed their team to play in our annual challenge match, this year being hosted at home, Saturday 9th September.

Format as per previous years: 10 pairs 4BBB off the back tees, 90% handicap and as is tradition, respective Captains playing with their Professionals.

Full English Breakfast served from 11.30am.

First tee booked from 1.00pm - 2.30pm

2 Course Supper with Coffee & Port circa 7.30pm

Cost per head £25.00

As is customary, the Captain will shortly be in touch with last year's away playing members but should you wish to indicate a want to join us, please contact me as below.

Many thanks and have a great weekend.

Golfing quote of the week (and I actually heard this on Thursday night):

"I was taking my swing when a wasp flew into my ear"

Roy Scott
Club Captain

Green Matters



Following comments from members about compaction in the bunkers we have this week purchased longer tines for the bunker raker this should give a better depth of playable sand although having seen one or two lies in the bunkers at Birkdale I'm not sure we have to much to moan about.

The rain this week has been welcome as the fairways were starting to look a little stressed through lack of water. Some members commented that the greens were slow last weekend which was expected following the seaweed dressing, they should be back to normal this week at around 10.5 on the stimp meter.

Members will have noticed the frames for the new winter tees are now pretty much complete and with new mats they should give a much more consistent surface to play off going forwards.

Results Round- Up



CAPTAINS DAY BADGER TROPHY: 33 players returned scores on or better than handicap with the field being lead home by Dennis Kilbee (14) with an awesome 65 but this was only 1 shot better than Peter Forrest (20) on 66 which on any other day would have seen him in top spot, Ian Jones (3) was a couple further back with 68 off the best gross of the day 71 and Martin Bayley was 4th heading a group of 6 golfers returning 69's. Congratulations to the Captain for inspiring such great scoring.

LADIES PRESIDENTS VASE: With a level par score of 72 Margaret Wilson was the winner of the 2017 Ladies Presidents Vase. On the day Jo Waring won the gross prize with 89 and the division winners were. Silver: Winner Margaret Sheepy (14) 73 Runner-Up Pauline Hayes (20) 77 Bronze: Winner Carol Robbins (25) 73 Runner-Up Julie Ford (27) 75 Copper: Winner Felicity Furber (35) 76 Runner-Up Sheila Metcalfe (31) 77 and the 9 Hole Comp winner was Gill Tibbats.

B TEAM: This week saw the team lose a very enjoyable match against The Welcombe. All the matches were very close affairs. The Welcombe winning 3/2 L&CGC's winning pairs were Peter Hancock & Richard Hunt and Tom Hinton & Toby Clowes. Thanks also to Gray Nags Captain Peter Baker for turning out who came up against a pair who had five birdies between them!!!

Andy Burlace
B Team Captain

LADIES SENIOR OPEN: On a day that threatened thunderstorms the ladies had a fantastic turn out for the Senior Open played in 3 different age categories attracting a good mix of members and visitors. The overall winners with 87pts were Sarah Bush, Val Sassall and Jane Crisford from Stratford Park GC, the old Ingon Manor to most of us. Interestingly Sarah and Val are both former international hockey umpires. The age group winners were 150-194: Sonia Castle-Mott, Ada Parr and Rita Ogden from Tadmarton Heath and Lutterworth GC's. with 78pts. The 195 - 210 age group saw a win for home team Tina Bruder, Helen Bourne and Sandy Hudson with 78pts and the plus 211 category with 78pts was won by Brigid Carrington, Betty Galsworthy and Judith Ward from Kenilworth GC. Members nearest the pin was won by Felicity Carless and the visitors by Patsy Fuller from The Warwickshire.. Golf was followed by lunch which received the usual accolades that Andy's food receives. Full results can be seen on the clubs web site.

THURSDAY NITE 9 HOLES: 19pts was the winning mark this week for Josh Cole (13) who pipped Will Hyett (19) by virtue of a 5 net 4 on the 9th compared to Will's 6 net 5 Richard Cumberland (15) was a point further back in 3rd place.

What's on this week



Busy week this week please check the diary boards for any late changes.

Monday 24th - Grey Nags v Redditch GC - 8.45am - 9.45am
Tuesday 25th - Ladies Competition - 8.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 26th - Society 10.00am - 10.30am (9 holes)
Wednesday 26th - Society 1.00pm - 1.30pm
Thursday 27th - Grey Nags Competition 7.00am - 9.30am
Thursday 27th - Oakridge GC Captains Day 10.30am - 12pm
Thursday 27th - Society 12.30pm - 1.00pm
Thursday 27th - Warks Police Champs - 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 27th - Club Nite 3.30pm onwards
Friday 28th - Redditch Lady Captains Day - 10.00am - 11.15am (9 holes)
Friday 28th - Redditch Lady Captains Day - 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Sunday 30th - Mixed v Stratford on Avon GC - 12.15- 1.45pm