



LEAMINGTON & COUNTY GOLF CLUB

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Manager's Mutterings

Dear Member,

It's been a few years since the club could boast a County Champion but this week Chanon James won the Warwickshire U14 Championship. Played at the North Warwickshire Golf Club Chanon returned an awesome 1 over gross 72 to take the title by 3 shots. More details and pictures to follow.

More success for the club came in the Longcliffe Golf Club Am Am where the team of Alan Badger, Toby Clowes, Nigel Spearing and Trevor Hatcher took the top spot with a very good 90 points.

On Monday September 4th the club are hosting the Warwickshire Ladies Team Championship. We are expecting upwards of 120 golfers plus a significant number of supporters and the course will be closed until 3.00pm. I have managed to secure a number of courtesy rounds at other local clubs and don't forget many of the 1908 Society of Golf Clubs also offer courtesy to members of other 1908 clubs. If you need any assistance booking away golf for the 4th please call into the office.

The Captains Charity Team Golf Classic has been cancelled due to lack of support and along with this there are a number of other changes to the social calendar so check the notice boards for details of the new events planned. If you are planning to attend an event please book early.

We are in the process of putting together some new marketing materials and we'd like to invite members to submit testimonials about being a member. Andrea is collating this with photographs of the contributors. We'd like to get as broad a spread of members involved as possible, so if you'd like to help, please pop in the office and have a chat with her.

From all accounts the weather is set to improve over the bank holiday weekend, so enjoy your golf if you're playing.

Kind regards,
Bryan Frazer

Captain's Comments



Recently one of our members when pledging a voucher from his business for the Captain's Charity Raffle, jokingly turned to his playing partner saying "Perhaps you could give a new garage door", as he had recently started his own business in this field. As it happened, I was looking for just that item and business between us was done.

Following this the Club has agreed to have an area on the website where members can make their fellow members aware of their services. This provision will shortly be available.

If you would like to advertise your business in this manner, please speak with Bryan who will be pleased to provide you with further details.

Have a great weekend,
Club Captain

Green Matters



We've had challenging conditions over the last few weeks with higher than average seasonal rainfall, leaving the course, especially the greens, a little softer than we'd prefer. The recent tining and top dressing will help firm them back up as will the forecast warm weather.

Following complaints about the firmness of the greens last year we have deliberately softened them this year to make them more receptive, however a softer more receptive green does get damaged from pitch marks more easily so we do need members to repair their pitch marks whenever possible.

Several members have remarked on the inconsistency of the hole cutting, we have addressed this with the team and this will improve.

Not all, but most members seem to prefer the slightly more fluffed up sand in the bunkers although it does need more care when raking. This is one to keep under review over the coming months.

We welcome comments on the course, both good and bad, and if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Results Round Up



WARWICK VASE: This proved a very close competition where the top 4 all returned the same 39 point score. It was only his back 9 score that stopped Jamie Pollock (11) from taking yet another L&CGC major trophy but ultimately he came in 4th. It was so close but oh so far for Ian Salmon (9) when count back pushed him down into 3rd, both Jamie and Ian had boggy 4's at the 18th!! Liam McCarthy (6) took the runners up cheque in the knowledge he was down to his lowest handicap of the year but back to winning ways was Ben Pottage (10), after some time away his 20 point back 9 was just enough to see him lift the trophy. Which is actually the same replica trophy as awarded to the winner of the French Open Tennis Championship.

MIXED TEAM: The club hosted a match against Northampton Golf Club on Sunday 20th August. Leamington maintained their winning streak with a 3 1/2 - 2 1/2 victory.

There are still a few mixed match fixtures remaining this season and all full members are welcome to take part. This is a friendly format, followed by a meal. If you are interested, please sign up in the main corridor.

B TEAM: This weeks match was away at Fulford Heath GC, the course was in wonderful condition, the fairways rivalling those at Leamington. It was another closely fought match, the hosts eventually winning by 3.5 to 2.5. The winning pairs were Mike Smith & Richard Hunt, Pete Forrest & Tom Hinton with the half point gained by Ron Cameron & Mike Cook. The match was followed by a superb meal.

Andy Burlace
B Team Capt

GREY NAGS PAST CAPTAINS: 13 past Captains set forth to challenge for the 2017 Grey Nags Past Captains Trophy which saw Jim Laidler crowned the winner on 34pts just beating Jim Johnston to top spot on count back with Graham Standbridge winning "nearest the pin." The 13 became 15 for the post golf lunch and prize presentation.

THURSDAY NIGHE 9 HOLE: Ian Mcvarish was this weeks winner with Richard Spring as runner up.

Social Scene



Now the nights are drawing in we're back into events time. October really sees the start of the programme.

Kicking off with the first Quiz Night on Thursday 12th October, then every second Thursday in the month through the winter with the March Quiz being the Charity Quiz.

Ladies Night on Thursday 19th, is a chance to buy Christmas gives for others but also gifts of glamour and indulgence to pamper oneself. Watch the notice boards for more information.

Both back by popular demand will be the "Curry & Comedy Night" on Friday 13th October tickets from the bar £20 or £17.50 if booked before 30th September and on Saturday 4th November "Night Golf" with fireworks this year!! same price as last year, £25.00 per golfer including food and prizes. We will again be limited on spaces, maximum 48, so please sign up early at the bar to book your place. This is open to ALL golfing members of the club; the format will be decided once the numbers are finalised.

What's On this Week



Fri 25th-Mon 28th: Pro Weekend Stableford

Sat 26th: Ladies EG Medal - 8.00am-8.30am

Sun 27th: Ladies Scratch v Walmley GC (A)

Tues 29th: Ladies 3 Ball Alliance - 8.30am-12.30pm

Thurs 31st: Grey Nags 3 Club Competition - 7.00am-9.30am

Thurs 31st: Mixed v Kenilworth GC (A)

Thurs 31st: Society Booking - 1.00pm-1.30pm

Thurs 31st: B Team v Coventry Hearsall - 2.30pm-3.30pm

Thurs 31st: Club Nite 9 Hole - 3.30pm-7.30pm entry window

Fri 1st: Ladies Friendly v The Warwickshire - 10.30am-11.30am