

LEAMINGTON & COUNTY GOLF CLUB



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Dear Member

I'm very sorry to have to inform members that Mrs Vera Leeke, a member for 6 years, passed away recently. The funeral will take place at St Chad's Church, Bishops Tachbrook at 11.00am on Friday 5th May.

I'd like to offer a big welcome to those new members that have joined the club recently all the staff are here to help you enjoy your membership at Leamington & County so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Following a recent visit from the Warwick District Councils Food Safety Team I'm please to say that both the bar and the catering facilities passed with flying colours and have both been awarded the highest level of approval.

As always my polite reminder to those members who renew in April, your subscriptions are now overdue and I will be reviewing the status of those that are outstanding next week.

The sign up sheet for the Captains Away Days in September still has plenty of spaces. The Forest Pines Golf Resort is an excellent venue with great golf courses and I know Roy would welcome a few more members on his trip.

There are a few tickets left for the Comedy Night on the 19th May, this weekend is the last chance to buy at the "Early Bird" so if you are planning to come please get your name down before Monday. Places can be reserved by calling the bar if you're not coming up to the club before Monday.

I've given up trying to predict the weekend weather so my advice is make sure you have umbrellas, sunglasses and winter gloves if you're playing this weekend in the Golf Foundation, but most importantly enjoy your golf.

Kind regards
Bryan Frazer

Captain's Capers



The first month of my Captaincy is now complete, where does the time go?

To date I have been out with the Grey Nags in their season opening Texas Scramble winning with our team, half a dozen golf balls and as tradition demands, thrown several dozen other golf balls, as prizes, within the confines of the Clubhouse, at our annual Tigers v Rabbits competition. During which incidentally, me and Joe Waters were consummately thrashed by opponents 'Dangerous Daz Partridge' and 'Niall the Annihilator Salmon' both whom grossed 77s. Handicaps Chairman Phil Halford, please note!

Last years Captain Andy White spoke to me whilst on the tee, describing the prize throwing task as intimidating on account of all the chandeliers. When I got back to the Clubhouse however, I noticed we don't have any! Thank you Andy.

My Captains charities this year will be the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and Warwickshire & Solihull Blood Bikes Services who work hand in hand to provide our area with their excellent and very worthwhile activities.

Corporate Golf Day

The first event on the charity calendar is our Captains Charity Golf Classic corporate golf day on 18th May. Cost this year is maintained at £250 for a team of four (can be mixed teams) to include golf, meals and prizes. We have a number of spaces left so please give me a call on 07387 420560 if you are interested.

Charity Fun Week

This year our Charity Fun Night is on Friday 23rd June and we are in the process of collecting prizes for the Raffle, Tombola and various stalls. Should you have unwanted gifts, wine/spirits, chocolates, toiletries, kids toys etc. you wish to donate, then please drop them into the office, or call me on 07387 240560 and I will collect. For the main raffle, we are in need of meal vouchers, hampers, tickets for sporting events, hairdressing vouchers basically anything you can offer! Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Roy Scott

Greens Matters



It's pleasing to hear many positive comments about the golf course from both members and visitors. We find ourselves in a difficult period at the moment where we are using growth regulator on the fairways to reduce growth and see little or no growth on the greens. The reason for this is the fairways which are predominantly Rye grass will grow at a much lower ground temperature, around 5-6 degrees, than the finer Poa Annua and Bent grasses on the greens which need ground temperatures more towards 10 degrees. The recent low temperature is the main reason why the greens have been a little slower to recover. We have been watering the greens as this helps close the coring holes but this then lowers further the ground temperature restricting growth. In addition to our normal weekly activities this week we will also be jet washing the patio area on Tuesday and you will notice we have laid the slabs ready for the planters at the entrance.

Golf Foundation Weekend



The bank holiday weekend will see the club trialing a new competition format when we play for the Golf Foundation & Lombard Trophy Qualifier. The winner of this competition will have the opportunity to play with Chris Thornton in the pro-am Lombard knockout.

This Stableford competition is open to all full members and includes a men's and ladies option.

There are no tee reservations for this competition. All you have to do to enter is sign in at the pro shop. You can enter just once on either Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Comps are keen to get feedback on this trial competition format and all players are invited to complete a short form that will be available at the terminal in the hallway.

Good Luck!

Grey Nags

Grey NAGS News April

The season is well under way now home matches against Coventry and Kenilworth (halved and lost 3½-2½ respectively). I think everyone enjoyed the matches with two excellent meals afterwards and great weather.

Our first singles competition of the season took place last Thursday in which 51 of our members played, two trophies were on offer.

- The Sidney Grimwood Trophy was won by Bill Watts playing off 14 with 39 Stableford points who beat Roland Oliver on the back nine, with John Hollis third with 37 points.
- The Alan Upwood Trophy for the best gross score was also won by Bill Watts with an 83 which was two shots clear of the field.

A very smart new tie with the Grey NAGS logo has been procured and can be yours for the very reasonable price of £10 each. Harvey Meakin or Tom Smith can relieve you of the £10 in exchange for a new tie.

For our next two individual Stableford competitions, we would like to sincerely invite all retired, or partly retired, L&C male club members over the age of 60 years to join us and to enjoy the pleasures of a competitive, but inevitably social, morning with the Grey Nags. The dates for these competitions are Thursday 25th May and Thursday 8th June, with tee times between 07.00 to 09.30am. Entry is via a list posted on the Grey Nags' notice board and we look forward to welcoming suitably qualified members on one or both of these two days

Peter Baker
Grey NAGS Captain

Results Round- Up

After a magnificent win in opening fixture the B team has found it more difficult in next two games on the road.

Well earned half points for Paul Vallance & Nigel King and Ron Cameron & Richard Hunt along with a winning point from Tom Hinton & the captain, couldn't stop the team going down 4 and 2 at Lutterworth.

This was followed by the usual tough game against The Warwickshire on the long Kings Course. A 4.5 to 1.5 defeat disguised an outstanding winning point by Ron Cameron & Toby Clowes with the other half being gain from a fine debut by Chris Sambridge who managed to carry the captain around, such that they could accept a half on the 18!

THURSDAY NITE 9 HOLE - for the second time this season Graham Walker (22) took the honours with 22 pts followed by Neil Garner (7) with 20 pts with Ross Gregg (19) in 3rd with 19 pts. This event is open to all members and it would be great to see more people joining in and that includes ladies!

What's On this Week



Monday 1st: Golf Foundation - no tee booking

Tuesday 2nd: Ladies EG Medal & McDonald (Q) & Lucas Golf Medal & 9Hole Stableford PH (Q) - 8.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 4th: Society booking 10.30am-11.15am

Thursday 4th: Club Nite 9 Hole 3.30 to 7.30 entry window

Friday 5th: Ladies Friendly v Ladbrook Park GC - 10.15am-11.45am

Friday 5th: Private event in Lounge - 1pm

Friday 5th: Captain's Draw Night - 7.00pm-9.30pm

Sunday 7th: Society booking 1.00pm-2.00pm

Fri 5th, Sat 6th & Sun 7th: Pro Stableford Weekend