



LEAMINGTON & COUNTY GOLF CLUB

Weekly Updates 4th November 2016
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Dear Member

Congratulations to Julie Ford who has taken office as Ladies Captain for 2016/2017 and to Lizzie Scott her Vice Captain I'm sure everyone wishes you both every success for your year in office.

Captains Draw Night tonight almost brings closure on the 2016 golfing season with the final presentations being made, The Captain Andy White will make a presentation to the Cardiac Unit at Warwick Hospital of a cheque for over £7600 which will buy a new ECG machine for the unit. Thank you to all who supported the various Captains Charity events in 2016. Also on the night the Junior Team who won the South Warwickshire Junior league for the first time in nearly 20 years will be introduced to members. They have brought great success and credit to the club this year. Then there is the Captains Draw itself for £900.

There is to be an Open Members Forum on Wednesday 16th see more details later in the updates.

The mixed team competition on the 12th November has been cancelled so the course is now open to members. A note on the Yellow Ball competition on the 27th November has been circulated.

As the days get shorter so on occasions the course gets busier which has been the case on Saturdays around 2.00pm. Traditionally during the summer this has been when Juniors go out on the course accompanied by adults, if you play around this time please be patient, the juniors will let you play through and they are the membership of the future.

The weather has turned a little colder in the last few days with morning frosts and fog so wrap up warm if you are playing over the weekend.

Kind regards

Bryan Frazer
Club Manager

Members Forum

The Board of Directors accepts that members have a right to express their thoughts and opinions and to have those ideas discussed and considered and it is hoped the Forum will offer that opportunity. The notice sent out earlier in the week offered members the opportunity to make a short presentation if they felt strongly about a specific subject along with opportunity to ask questions. If you plan to raise a question that might benefit from a researched answer please let me know before the meeting.

The forum is about sharing thoughts and opinions, there will no decisions made, the information gathered will be circulated to the appropriate elected committee for them to consider and decide if and what should be taken forwards. If your view is not adopted then the relevant committee will communicate their thoughts on the reasons.

Good Scores for a Good Cause!



No fewer than ten teams returned scores in the fifties when the club staged a Texas Scramble in the aid of the Royal British Legion's 2016 poppy appeal in a shotgun start last Sunday.

Leading the way was Mark Donnelly (7), Pat Callaghan (9), Rob Hickman (10) and Jim Poynter (17) with 55.7.

Second place went to Colin Lovegrove (16), Paul Callender (8), Tony Hudson (11) and Peter Hancock (17) who scored 57.8.

And in third spot was club Captain Andy White (18), Lee Edwards (16), Adie Hawley (15) and Garry Wright (8) with 58.3.

Over £300 was raised and will soon be winging its way to the Royal British Legion to help former and current members of the Armed Forces community.

Competition News



The annual 'Yellow Ball Team Competition' is taking place on Sunday 27th November 2016 with an 8am shotgun start. Teams of 4 are required and all full members are welcome to enter. The start sheet goes live on Friday night at 7pm. Please ignore the tee times on the sheet as this is for bookings only. As usual, the fully random draw for tees will take place nearer the event.

There was a team competition scheduled for Saturday 12th November but this was a fixture error. We apologise for any confusion but have decided to host a special mixed stableford event on this day. There will be no tee reservations, entry will be in the pro shop and everyone will play off the BRONZE tees. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Ladies' AGM & Presentation



The Ladies Section held their AGM and prize giving this week attended by the majority of the section. Julie Ford was elected as Captain with Lizzie Scott as her Vice Captain.

Retiring Captain, Rosie Skilbeck, presented her report to a packed clubhouse. She stated how pleasing it had been to witness groups of ladies out on the course every day with 50 members regularly playing in the Tuesday competitions. Rosie looked back at one or two highlights of her year including the new course opening, hosting the County Championships, getting a hole in one and enjoying her Captain's Day and the social events throughout the year. It had been a mixed year as far as match results went but the winning of the Charles Heeley 3 counties competition by Diana Phillips was the final triumph. Rosie said how inspirational lady members had been especially those facing serious illness, major surgery and even bereavement and how much the opportunity to be Ladies Captain had meant to her. It had been a very enjoyable year. Rosie thanked everyone for their support of her charity Facial Palsy UK and her committee for their hard work.

Rosie concluded by thanking the club staff and urging the ladies to continue to lobby for improvements to their locker room and better facilities in the clubhouse to match the excellent course and make Leamington and County Golf Club one to be proud of and the envy of our competitors. Rosie then presented the winners with their trophies (Full list of winners on our website).

Ladies' Captain Inauguration



Ladies of Leamington & County Golf Club ,

Thank you all your best wishes, cards and congratulatory e-mails at the beginning of my captaincy. It is truly reassuring to know I have your support and I look forward to us all enjoying a successful 2017.

Julie Ford

Thorntons Thoughts



INDOOR PRACTICE SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE

I am pleased to announce that as from Monday 7th November I will be offering members the options of booking 1 hour practice sessions in the indoor academy.

This will give any member the full use of the GC2 launch monitor where they can practice away from the outside elements in a cosy environment. The sessions will be 1 hour long and will be at a cost of £10.

I am also offering the committed players a discount if they purchase a bulk of sessions.

These offers are: 6 hours - £50, 10 hours £80

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on: christhorntonpro@hotmail.com
Tel - 07581 183 028

If you would like to check the availability of the academy and would like to book a session please click the 'read more' section below and it will take you straight to my online booking facility.

Many thanks
Chris Thornton
Head Professional

Night Golf



36 intrepid members have signed up to play night golf. The Captain will decide on the teams over the next few days and these will be published. The event schedule will be

Arrive around 6.00pm for Night Golf briefing - it might be prudent to bring a torch, maybe even fit headlights to your trolley!!.

6.30pm shotgun start from the 5 holes in play 1,2,3,17 & 18
Format "Texas Scramble"

Prizes for the 1st 3 teams and nearest the pin on the 2nd & 18th

Play will be from the bronze tees

Golf will be followed by jacket potato and assorted fillings at approximately 8.15pm

If the event is a success this year we'll look to hold the 2017 event on a Saturday and attract a lot more players.

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Wintery greetings from Union Golf.

With November now upon us keeping us warm on those super cold days is extremely important.

Union Golf have got you covered (literally)

Click on the 'read more' section and check out Footjoys ultimate selection of garments to help you battle the elements this coming winter.

If you would like more information or would like to purchase any items in store do not hesitate to come into the shop and Chris and the team will be happy to help.

What's on this Week



Tuesday 8th - Ladies EG Medal and McDonald (Q) in 3's - 8.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 10th - Grey Nags Presentation Lunch - 1.15pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 10th - Night Golf Event - 6.00pm

Saturday 12th - Ladies Alternative Day Stableford and DC (Q)