

## Greetings Ladies

Our courses have been open now since Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and it's been so nice to see all of you again gracing the fairways. We were not alone either as during the first week of opening, over 950 rounds were played at our club!

A lot has been happening since the last newsletter so here is a bit of what's been going on and what's to come.

First of all, huge congratulations to Matt Bradley in the Pro Shop who has been promoted to Golf Manager. I'm sure you will offer your good wishes when you pop in.

The Pro Shop is open again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and, as a gesture of thanks to all the members for their support, Matt is offering a 20% discount on all clothing and shoes, including the new stock, for one week. As the new season's Rohnisch ladies clothing range is now in stock, I'm sure we'll all be in to have a look. Let's face it, we're all overdue some retail golf therapy!

As we are all trying to get to grips with the new WHS (World Handicap System) the club are in the process of printing new score cards to reflect the changes. A separate Pin Position card is currently being printed with the ABC positions clearly defined for both courses. You will find the day's pin position displayed on the starters hut e.g. A, B or C.



Now you may or may not be pleased that the bunkers are back in play but, thanks to a work party made up of members from the Seniors Section and our ladies during lockdown, who worked for two days weeding and raking the bunkers, they were able to be playable for the opening of golf. There is still work to do with the addition of more sand to some and the sides to be tidied but it is important to have them in play if we are to compete on a level playing field in our league and trophy matches.

From next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Covid Roadmap will allow the opening of outside catering, and the eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that the outside tables and chairs have started to reappear in readiness. The Terrace Menu will be available from approx. midday until sunset so the after match coffee and chat sessions will be back, thank goodness. The Terrace Menu has already been circulated to you by Hon. Secretary Liz – and don't forget, as members, we receive 20% off the listed prices.

You will see new faces joining the green keeping staff over the next few weeks as the management appoint more staff to bring the number of greenkeepers in line with what our courses require. Huge respect and thanks go to those who have worked throughout lockdown to keep our courses from deteriorating and getting the new irrigation system ready for completion.

We eased gently back with a week of social golf before going all out with the Good Friday Mixed Betterball and then the Captains' Drive In. The weather was kind for both comps thankfully and there were some pretty impressive scores with even a few chip ins for birdies/eagles from our ladies.

The Good Friday Mixed Betterball was won by Club Captain Dave Hitch partnered by Yvonne Walker with a score of 47. Runners up were Paul Moules and Elizabeth Milne with 42 points and taking third place was Paul Bryan and Steph Lee with 41 points. Nearest the Pin on both hole 11 and 15 was Pat Haynes and Tony Hills took the prize on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the men. Well done.

The Captains Drive-In took place on a very sunny Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April in what is traditionally the start of the new Captains' year of competitions and the start of fund raising for their respective charities. The weather was perfect and the halfway house hot cross buns, compliments of the management, were gratefully received.

The winners, coming in with 45 points were Paul Moules and Elizabeth Milne, adding to their winning streak of the weekend.

Runners up, myself, Lady Captain Sue Raynor, partnered by Club Captain Dave Hitch with a score of 42. Like to think my two 5 pointers contributed somewhat to the total score!

Third were Wendy and Les Stewart with 40 points and fourth place went to Lesley and Paul Perrin with 39 points. Well played everyone. There were prizes for Nearest The Pin on holes 4 and 15 for both the ladies and men and these were won by Lesley Perrin on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Wendy Stewart on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good job ladies, well done.

A separate prize was presented to the person who successfully guessed the length of the Captains' first drive and this was won by Jen Hallett who successfully guessed my drive at 120 yds, nothing to write home about but it was beautifully straight!



From L to R, Club Vice Captain Max Bates, Club Captain Dave Hitch, Lady Captain Sue Raynor (me) and my Lady Vice Jill Baggaley.

**The first of the Monthly Stablefords took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> which was won by Kathy Donnelly with 33 points with Gail Cowan the runner up with 31 points. Great scores ladies on a very cold day. Well done.**

**We have had to make a few changes to the Fixtures List to enable inside dining with the opening of the hotel. The main changes are for the Friendly match against Belton Park which will now be on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the Ladies Invitational Day which has been moved to 1 week later than scheduled, now Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Fixtures List on the website and the copy on display in the Ladies Changing Room will be updated accordingly.**

**We continue to hold our monthly committee meetings by Zoom so please get in touch with any committee member if there is something you would like us to address. We are here for you.**

### **Brand New Par Bar!**

As announced in last month's Newsletter, we have modified this year's Par Bar to include both courses and more competitions. We have had a great uptake from you ladies, thanks to Becky (Competition Secretary) for her recruitment drive.

Just to clarify how the Par Bar works: One off payment of £10 for the current year's entry. For every Par achieved you receive points according to your handicap Index for that day (system will automatically amend scores with changes to handicap).

Prizes are awarded at the annual Putt & Take Christmas lunch for the golfers with most points on each hole. There will be 36 prizes this year as both courses are now applicable for scoring. The prizes are traditionally wines and spirits hence the "Bar". In a nutshell, all you need to do is pay £10 entry, put your cards in after each comp. and leave the rest to the computer and Becky! Simple! (see last month's Newsletter for payment instructions).

### **Forthcoming Competitions**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – 2 From 4 Fun Comp. NQ Betterball Stapleford. Sign up on HDID (limited spaces left).**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 2 From 4 Fun Comp. NQ Betterball Stapleford. Sign up on HDID. Join me for aftermatch birthday cake!**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Aussie Spoons Foursomes**

Ladies Foursome Stapleford. Sign up on HDID.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – April Medal (to run in conjunction with Aussie Spoons)**

Ladies Single Stroke play. Sign up on HDID

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May Coronation Foursomes**

Foursomes Stapleford (max handicap index 40). Knockout qualifier, ladies can only enter one qualifier (either Weds or Sat). Grand Final to be played at St. Andrews!

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Social Fun Gomp (alternative to  
Coronation Foursomes**

Sign up on HDID

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>  
May - Monthly Medal**

Sign up on HDID

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Par Comp 1**

Ladies Singles Par Bogey – Sign up on  
HDID

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Par Comp 2**

Ladies Singles Par Bogey – Sign up on  
HDID

**So much nicer being able to  
announce our playing calendar once  
again. Have fun out there ladies.**

Best Wishes

Lady Captain Sue

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members of the committee.**

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