

Greetings Ladies

Not long now before the hotel is open and we're almost back to "normal". That means that our courses will be a lot busier with both hotel guests and visiting societies so worth bearing in mind if you need to book a tee time. Over 3,000 members' rounds took place since the last newsletter!

Although we've had some unseasonal weather with overnight frosts and a lot of rain, the course is looking good with blossom out and young ducklings starting to appear.

As fixtures for this year continue to take place, we are quite confident it will continue without as many adjustments, although it is always best to check on HDID or the fixtures list on the website for the latest information.

Shop News

As you know, Tom who looked after membership in the Pro Shop, left the hotel earlier in the year, but his replacement is due to start very soon and some of you may already know him. Rui Cardoso will be taking over Membership for Leisure and Golf when he moves from Leisure later this month. You may also remember Conner from the Junior Section who will be helping in the Pro Shop during the summer before his return to Uni. later in the year.

Matt will be joined by an Assistant, in June to help ease the load.



Just a quick reminder ladies about competition procedure and scorecards. Our Competition Secretary has been very generous, patient and understanding with us all as we have been getting to grips with the new WHS but, going forward, please ensure you have signed in for the competition, before your tee time, on Todays Golf in HDID. Ensure you put your name, handicap index and playing handicap on your card and enter your score on Todays Golf after you have completed your round or at least before the closing time of 6pm.

New cards are being printed and will be available from the Pro Shop in a couple of weeks. These will now have 3 spaces instead of two allowing for Handicap Index, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap, so will be more user friendly. When you sign in for your competition, HDID will show you these three figures so maybe make a note so you know what they are.

As the nights start to draw out, I will be re-introducing the “9 and Dine” fun comps. aimed at the ladies who have maybe just joined, don’t necessarily want to play in the 18 hole comps. or don’t feel confident enough to join in.

I will be writing to those ladies individually to invite you along for a relaxed and fun, early evening 9 holes followed by a bite to eat in the Claret Jug and I’ll be awarding prizes too! What’s not to love. You’ll be able to meet other ladies and maybe even pick up a few tips. Keep an eye on your in-boxes for my email invite.

Competition Results

The fun **2 from 4 Betterball** Stablefords took place this week and on Wednesday 14th April, the winners with 77 points were the team of Jill Baggaley, Evelyn Rimmer, Diane Sharpe and Anne Meadows. On Saturday 17th April the winners with 88 points were the team of Becky Foster, Liz Moses, Julie White and Nikki Masson. Very well done ladies.

After the Saturday match, the ladies joined me for cake and coffee to help celebrate my birthday but that was really a ruse to get together to present past Captain Kim with a crystal keep sake for her somewhat unusual Captaincy year in office.

The first of the **April Medals** was played on Wednesday 21st on the Woods and coming in first place with nett 71 was Nikki Masson. Runner up was Becky Foster with nett 76. Well played ladies.

The **Saturday Medal** was won by Steffi Hey with nett 67 and getting herself a handicap cut in the process. Runner up was Debbie Hawley with nett 71. Great scores, well done ladies.

The **Aussie Spoons** was played on Wednesday 21st and Saturday 24th April and the winners going through to the next round are Kathy Donnelly and partner Fiona Illingworth with a score of 40 pts. Congratulations ladies, well done.

On Saturday 1st May, the first round of the **Coronation Foursomes** got underway, and the winners were myself, (Lady Captain Sue) and my partner Steffi Hey with a score of 38 points. The next round will be in August at Lincoln Golf Club.

The winner of the midweek **May Medal** was Yvonne Walker with a nett 80 with Bev Warner the runner up with nett 82. Well played ladies. The Saturday Medal was called off due to adverse weather conditions as was the A Team League match at Blankney.

League News

On Wednesday 14th April, our A Team were in action away at Stoke Rochford for the first League Match of the season. Unfortunately, Trudi’s team lost all four matches after a great fight.

On Saturday 17th April, 'A' Team Captain Trudi and her ladies were in action welcoming Burghley Golf Club to Belton Woods and finishing the match all square. Well done ladies.



Forthcoming Matches

Saturday 15th May – Par Comp 2 on the Woods – Sign up on HDID.

Wednesday 19th May – Directors Trophy on the Woods. A Stableford competition exclusively for ladies with handicaps of 30-52. Sign up on HDID

Also on Wednesday 19th May as an alternative to the Directors – A Fun Comp on the Woods. Sign up on HDID

Friday 21st May – Our Ladies Friendly Team (already drawn) will be playing The Nottinghamshire away.

Saturday 22nd May – Spring Meeting on the Woods. This is a Stableford competition drawn in handicap order. A sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard in the corridor, and you will be informed of your tee time once the entries close the day before the comp.

Sunday 23rd May – Ladies Invitational

Open to **all lady members** whether you are a weekday, full or points member (complimentary). Invite a lady along from another club to play our Woods course and enjoy halfway house refreshments, an Afternoon Tea following the comp. and presentation of prizes. Sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard in the corridor. The price is just £16 per person.

Wednesday and Saturday 26th and 29th May are the Monthly Stablefords which include the EG. The best score from Handicap Index 20 and below and best from Handicap Index 21-36 are added together and put forward to England Golf. The top 30 pairs from the qualifiers get to play in the final at Kings Norton in August.

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st May

The Ash Trophy will be played on the Lakes course. This is a mixed pairs American Greensomes stroke play comp. Sign up on HDID.

The first week of June sees some changes to our fixtures. As we already have a ladies pair qualified for the next round of the Daily Mail Foursomes, we are replacing the competitions on Wednesday 2nd June and Saturday 5th June as follows:

**Wednesday 2nd June – Fun
competition 80's Game Shows**

format Blind Date 321, (3 to score on the first, 2 on the second, 1 on the 3rd then back to 3) (just remember Dusty Bin!) Sign up sheet on the noticeboard. You will be advised of your “blind date” team and tee time once the draw has taken place after the entry closes the day before.

Saturday 5th June – Mixed Ping

Qualifier. Betterball pairs are urged to sign up for this new annual competition with the winners going through to the next round. National Final at Thonock Park. See HDID to sign up.

Plenty there for you to have a go at ladies so get signed up without delay.

Don't forget, if you have any queries about anything, please get in touch.

Here's hoping the weather improves and we can look forward to the ball running further.

Happy Golfing!

Lady Captain Sue

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