



UTTOXETER GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2016

Welcome to the Uttoxeter Golf Club newsletter.



Opening of the new 9th tee.

Eventually the rain has eased enough to allow the green staff and volunteers to help complete the work on the path leading to the new 9th tee.

They were officially opened by Chris Trumper and Maurice Brown on Saturday 21st May.

The tee was used on Sunday 22nd May for the first time in competition and proved a tough challenge with no birdies and only 5 pars recorded from a field of 54.



Course Update

Recent weeks have seen some decrease in the amount of rainfall, which has allowed more mowing to take place but parts of the course remain stubbornly wet. Unfortunately, we were without a member of the green staff John Hodgkinson for a few weeks, who damaged the ligaments in his ankle. He was very keen to return as soon as possible and we are glad to see him back in action now. I am sure that all members would want to thank the Staff for their efforts in presenting the golf course in such fantastic condition given the time of year and the extreme weather we have experienced.

The work to remove all 67 tree stumps is finished with contractors completing the work in a matter of days. All areas have now been filled and seeded with the work being carried by members on a voluntary basis. Without the assistance of these volunteers then many of these jobs would be left unfinished, thank you gentlemen, not only for this but all your efforts over recent weeks.

The early treatment programme for the greens is about to start, this work will not cause disruption to members playing the course. As stated at the recent Member's Meeting, information regarding the new Agronomists, the results of their soil analysis and a copy of their programme will be placed in the club house for members to read.

You may have noticed new flagsticks and cups on the course, these have been bought by the Ladies Section. Thank you very much Ladies they look great!

Uttoxeter Golf Club is our course and we can all help to maintain it by ensuring we adhere to the basic etiquette of golf by repairing pitch-marks (please see the link in the email to a you tube video of how to correctly repair a pitch mark) and replacing divots, this not only improves the appearance of our course but also reduces the time and cost of maintenance, thank you.





Seniors Section

Seniors Captain Cliff Cotterill thanks all the 52 who supported his Away Day at the Shropshire. Also particularly thanks to Geoff Ridge & John Hind for organising such a successful event.

Hopefully you have all seen the new Halfway House on the 12th. The Seniors took on the project to replace the old rotten one. Having cleared the site, sourced a new hut, and base laid, very pleased to report that the purchase cost has been covered by 3 businesses - Dan Heat Ltd, Tailored Floors Ltd, and AMI Electrical Ltd. (Our own Ian Farrington's business.) Many thanks to them all.

Thanks to Captain Andy for arranging this & the new tap on 12th. Also thanks to Dave Mellor for laying the slabs & Len for the electrics.

This means that the funding by the Seniors can be allocated to other needy projects.

Seniors Open

Due to heavy overnight/ early morning rain, the Seniors Open was cancelled last Wednesday. From 7am to mid-morning, many greens were covered in water, with an absolutely drenched Lindsay Rowley & Martyn Pearce unable to find suitable areas for new hole placement. The forecast at that stage was for ongoing rain for the majority of the day so it was decided that the correct thing was to try to avoid as many as possible travelling.

This was particular disappointing, not only because of the loss of a potential £1500 profit, but also for the phenomenal amount of work that had been done by many Seniors in both making it a sell-out & the extensive detailed preparatory work for the day. Despite this set back, Opens organisers Mike Clarke with many helpers were immediately on the case to promote our Men's / Seniors Opens on the 27th & 31st August. Also John Hind's new large screen Rolling Score Board will be launched for the first time.

Membership News.

It is important to the running and organising of the club that all members are registered with the BRS booking system. If you haven't already signed up for then please see Adam in the Pro shop and he will explain what you need to do.

Message from our Professional.

Spring Clean your golf game with a course of lessons with our resident professional, Adam McCandless.

**Buy 6 lessons and pay for 5.
Only £75**

Friday night Play & Stay events.

Unfortunately, the May Play and Stay has been cancelled.

Dates for the remaining evenings are as follows...

June 17th

July 29th

Come along and enjoy a fun golf competition and some great food.

Look out for the notices and put your names down.

Competitions Update

The draws for the 2016 knockout competitions have been made and are on display at the club on the main notice board.

Upcoming Major Competitions.



Ladies News

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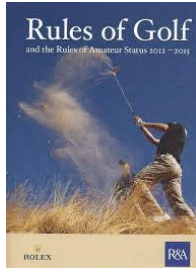
Sun May 22 – Stableford

Tues May 24 - Joy Gallimore Trophy

Thurs May 26 - Edna Hollins Trophy

Sun May 29 – Medal

Tues May 31 - Stableford AND 9 Hole qualifier



Rules Advice

When filling your competition score card, YOU are responsible for your handicap being recorded correctly. If there is no handicap or a handicap is recorded that is higher than you are entitled to this will result in disqualification from the competition. If you record a handicap that is lower than your official handicap you will not be disqualified, however that will be the handicap recorded on the card will be the one used for the competition.

Other News...

Staffs Golf Union competitions...

There are still places available in the Staffordshire Champion Club golfer events, please see our club notice board for more details.

The Beddows County Gross Foursomes trophy will be held at Brocton Hall Golf Club on Thursday July 21st

Staffordshire Amateur Championship is to be held at Ingestre Golf Club on Saturday June 4th (Handicap limit of 9.4)

Stafford Knot Trophy (Charity Golf Event)

Will be held at South Staffordshire Golf Club on 24th June with a shotgun start at 2pm.

For more information on the above events please visit www.staffsgolf.co.uk

The Tee will be closed on Sunday July 3rd from 9.32am till 10.44am and again from 1.32pm till 3.40pm as the club has been chosen to host Staffordshire Boys' Team in their match against Warwickshire.

For Clarification the Thursday 9 hole competition is now open to any golf club member with a valid handicap. The competition costs £1 for members of Uttoxeter Golf club and £10 for non members which includes the green fee (Golf Express)

Captains Away Day this year is being held at Mottram Hall Golf Club and will take place on the Sunday and Monday Please put your name down if you wish to join Andy on this years event.

Our Professional Adam McCandless and Ian Farrington completed a road trip to Monaco and back in under 4 days to help raise over £130k in aid of the Donna Louise Trust.
Thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

Friendly reminder from the Bar, can members not venture into the kitchen. Hot food is being carried through the door way. Please use the bell if no one is attending the bar.

Thank you

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