



WELLS GOLF CLUB

Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2017

Pro's Corner

The golf season is now well underway, not only is the weather great, but the course is also looking great. Hopefully many of you can now draw some inspiration for the season ahead of the thrilling display we witnessed between Sergio Garcia and Justin Rose in this years Masters Tournament.

No doubt many of you will agree; that was the most exciting finish we have seen in a Major championships for years. Many of us would have loved to see Rose pick up his second major, however most of us couldn't help but root for Sergio the whole way – he has had more than his fair share of major championship heartbreak.

Around the Turn it again looked like his could be the case with Sergio Dropping shots at 10 & 11 with what seemed liked another dropped shot likely on the 13th until he fashioned a miraculous par and then made a Tiger-like bounce back with a Birdie & eagle on 14 & 15, with Rose pulling a shot ahead on 16 before quickly giving it straight back on 17. Before Sergio wrapped up the Title with a birdie at the first play off hole.

Wells Golf Club is also the proud home of two Somerset County Champions:

Phil White winning the Men's County Championship last year at Weston Super Mare.

Ashton Wylie recently winning the Under 14's championship held at the club.

Both Phil and Ashton are tremendous ambassadors for the club and reinforce Wells GC as a breeding ground for great players and champions, as both players have come through various coaching programs here at the club.

We wish them both the best for the season ahead and every success in the future.

James

A Greenskeepers Life

Cliff, Tom, Cameron and myself have recently completed one of our major winter projects and that was the removal of the larger tree limbs along the 13th, 16th and 18th fairways, as they continued to encroached further into the course. We are looking forward to seeing the new canopy as well as most golfers appreciating the less onerous fairway hazards.

March was unseasonably wet this year and proved testing using the heavy machinery. In addition March and April are always challenging for greens staff as grass starts to grow at different rates around the course, requiring different approaches to cutting, despite the wet weather.

The annual greens maintenance started in earnest at the beginning of April, and is best achieved with dry and windy conditions to get the greens right for the competitive season.....so fingers crossed. !!

Weather permitting, by May we should be back into our full cutting programme regime across all the greens, tees, fairways, rough and semi rough areas around the course.

Badgers continue to be a pain for ourselves and members alike and we are severely limited by legislation as to what we can do. Nevertheless we have a few other ideas to try and minimise damage on the course.

Meanwhile, we cant wait to wear our lighter gear, instead of the numerous layers required to keep us warm in the winter

James

New Members

New members continue to outnumber those leaving the Club and this quarter include:

Bob Clark
Ms P White
Rory Wood
Dave Palmer
John Beasley
Michael McNee
Sam de Gregorio
David Waters
Steve Barrow
George Barrow-Stacey
Lee Sturgess
Toby Clark
Keith Walter
Paul Hawkins
Adam Payne
Kevin Hancock
Ben Hewlett
Michael Parsons
Jamie Marklow
Richard Joyce
Jon Cox
Alan Burfitt
Rober Davies
Stuart Gowan
Richard Derry
Phil Larder
Matthew Clark
Callum Whittaker
Chris Thorne
Ben Trelour
John McKinven
Duncan Sturat
John Davies
Malcolm Johnson
Ian Gleave
Leigh Harvey
Stephen Hopper
Richard Godwin
Peter Twinning
Richard Twinney
Rob Hill
Peter Jones
Peter Stock
Harry Higgins
Nigel Baker

The 'Tuesday Boys'

Back in 2006 when Steve Bocquet was Chairman, he established an Estates team with some of the members as they were retiring and they agreed to give up part of their time to the Club. Jim Saint was there at the beginning, quickly followed by Eric Loxton and Colin Payne. Before long, they had persuaded Victor Burgoyne, Allan Reynolds, Pete Walker and George Davies the benefits of healthy living !!!!



As well as this 'core team' John Hockey takes care of the flower watering duties whilst Ken Scadden, Steve Clark and Pascal Norman also joining in the projects. Guidance and the professional touch is provided by Mike and Roland Currell whilst the touching finishes are 'said' to be down to Bob Handford !!!

Money, or the lack of it over the past 11 years, has been a real challenge but the guys come up with all sorts of intriguing solutions to keep the estate in great shape.....not that we want to know any of that !!

Working closely with James the greenskeeper, George and Eric tend to agree what needs to be undertaken, and then the team decide on the best plan. Projects have included planting beds, embankments, paths, drainage, tree felling/lopping, fencing, gates, walls, as well as the recent bridges over both ditches on the 13th fairway.

Opens/ Key Competitions

Finally a reminder of that the Club have worked hard to put on numerous competitions to test your skills and stamina including the following:

- Seniors Open Wednesday 17th May
- Mixed Open 4BBB Sunday 21st May
- Open 3 Ball Bowmaker Saturday 3rd June
- Mixed Invitation Tuesday 20th June
- Seniors Championships Tues/Thur 27th/29th June
- Open 4BBB Saturday 1st July
- Captains Charity Day Thursday 6th June
- Club Championships Sat/Sun 15th/16th July
- Open Texas Scramble Friday 18th August
- Cyder Cup Mon/Tues 21/22nd August