



WELLS GOLF CLUB

Quarterly Newsletter - Winter 2018

Members Questionnaire

As a result of the questionnaire we have had over 179 replies, far better than we hoped for, but as you can imagine, its now taking a lot more time than we envisaged in working through them, especially the individual written replies. David Hayward is working through them and formal feedback will shortly be arranged, but we have already taken action on a number of areas.

The overall condition of the carpets in the ladies and gents changing rooms was a common complaint and whilst we as yet do not have the movies to replace them George and Janice White volunteered to undertake a deep clean of both, together with the entrance hall and lobby.



The poor condition of the wall tiling, painting and heavy mould growth in the gents showers was also raised by many members. George Davis headed another team of volunteers who have repaired and replaced the tiling and treated the ceilings. A new extract fan will shortly follow to resolve the poor ventilation responsible for the mould growth.

Out on the course, bunkers and tees were high up on your list, and specific works has already been agreed with the Green Keepers to improve these areas as requested.

The Board

New Members

A warm welcome to the following who have joined the Club over the past few months and are looking to take the prizes and awards by storm this year

Jack Frees, Tyler Cornish, Richard Lawrence, Steve Davies, Barbara Glover, Bernard Glover, Andy Hamilton, Brian Mitchard, Martyn Pugh, Jim Reilly, Richard Roberst, Mike Shave, Joel Sims, Richard Sutton, Martin Waller, Danny Wyrroll, Sam Sperring-Trewdl, Phil Jones.

Eira

A Greenskeepers Life

Well, if we thought winter 2016/7 was wet then we were in for a treat, as this year 2017/18, has been much the same, but with constant rain on a weekly basis since September 2017. The weather did not have a great impact on the green keepers work load until December. The rising water table due to the saturated sub soils then severely restricted our ability to move the machinery around the course, without damaging the fairways.

Our focus over the past 18 months on spending more time in managing the timing, treatment and feeding of the greens is now paying off. We have now been able to keep the greens in play longer into the winter season rather than resort to temporary greens, and the we know how much you 'love' them.

A similar strategy is now being undertaken on the 'tees' to try and get them up to the same standard. We would ask you all to bear with us as we gradually start moving you onto winter mats etc whilst we take a few tees out of play at a time whilst we work on them. Our other key focus will be bringing the bunkers up to a standard which we all can be proud with.

Cliff, Tom, Cameron and myself are again well into our hardest time of the year for planning our workloads, as the weather dominates all our decisions. Our time is therefore largely spent on cutting back trees limbs, hedge lines, general maintenance, repair of benches, gates and equipment etc, ready for the new 'dry' season.

James

The Office Crew

A warm welcome to our new staff members who will be helping us make the Club a successful and thriving facility for members and visitors.

Karen Alexander has been appointed as our Marketing Executive, initially on a 6 months part time basis, to strengthen our financial position. Her remit to achieve this is primarily through increasing membership and use of the facilities by local community, business and 3rd party groups through the bar, catering and room hire.

'My background is in developing and managing integrated marketing, communication and distribution services for various

clients to identify and deliver new business opportunities. I live in Wells and have worked closely with the local community for a number of years in developing contacts and business links.'

Karen

Wells Opens 2018

Do not leave it too late to enter and as Club Members you do not have to include the post match meal as part of your entry fee. The ladies September Open for example, already has nearly 40 visitors attending.

Wednesday 16th May	Seniors Open
Saturday 2nd June	3 Ball Bowmaker
Saturday 7th July	4 Ball Better Ball
Friday 17th August	Texas Scramble
Saturday 8th September	4 Ball Better Ball + Hole in One
Thursday 13th September	Ladies 4 Ball Better Ball

Pro's Corner

Here we are in 2018 and the Xmas/New Year celebrations seem a long time ago. So heres a reminder of the great time we had at the Pro's Day Xmas Shotgun match on 23rd December.



Our new Pro Shop member Luke Ayrton, turned professional and started his PGA last October. He has found his first 4 months at Wells enjoyable and would personally like to thank all the members and staff for their efforts in making him feel at home.

'For me personally I am looking forward to 2018 where I hope to move closer to completing my first year of the PGA. I am grateful to Jack, James and Tom for helping and teaching me some important aspects of the golf industry, as well as some key areas that have enabled me to complete specific tasks of my PGA course ' Luke

