



# Welton Manor Golf Club



## Club Newsletter

### Spring edition

#### Golf Club Improvement Schemes 2020/21

Firstly, welcome back everyone! it has been great seeing so many of you out playing golf at your club once more. The course has certainly missed your company whilst in isolation!

With lighter nights and warmer days to come we hope you'll appreciate the hard work of the staff here at Welton Manor Golf Club as the course comes into bloom.

This newsletter aims to inform new members (and long-serving members) that whilst you may have become a little more sedentary the last few months, we have certainly been on the move with improvements to all areas of your golf club. We are pleased to welcome over 65 new members to our club and hope they enjoy the experience of playing golf at Welton Manor in a friendly atmosphere.

#### On The Course

Here at WMGC we are aiming to improve all areas of the course and some of the changes you'll see have been suggestions from members and the committee. Whilst we aim for the best, we naturally have economic and time restraints effecting how much we can complete in a year. Also we have to take into account the weather conditions and other issues such as bird nesting times, but rest assured, improvements will continue to be made whenever possible.

Many of the course improvements would not have been possible without the hard work of the green keepers Kev and Dave, and also some of our members, in particular our club captain Mick Kelly, doing important maintenance work. A huge thank you goes to those involved.



The pond on the 18th hole has been completely cleared, expanded and turfed.

The original fountain is back fully working and I think you'll all agree that it makes for a superb looking final hole.

A special thank you to our member Grayham Lidgett who has sponsored the excavation work.



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The turfing work undertaken by Sam Adams has created much steeper banks which will result in your ball finding the penalty area with a misjudged tee shot.

This has created a stunning looking final hole. Whilst the turf settles, the newly laid grass bank inside the markers will remain GUR. A player must drop out of this area with no penalty, please do not stand on the grass. The water remains in play and if your ball goes into it, you must play another ball under penalty.



Tee boxes have been scarified, top dressed and over seeded ready for the new season.

Overhanging branches on the 16th have been cut back and also many low growing branches removed to improve light levels and make it easier to find wayward tee shots.





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The controversial tree on the 15th hole has been removed to make this long par 4 a touch more forgiving.

Tree clearing and raising the height of low branches between the 3rd and 16th holes will increase the pace of play and enjoyment of this long hole.



Greens have now been hollow cored, top dressed and a drag mat used to fill in any imperfections. The part soil/part sand seed mix that is used to fill the leftover holes aim to level the playing surface and improve drainage to the root zone. This is a standard procedure so putts in the spring and summer months roll true.





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Golf is a game where practice is essential and the 10-bay, floodlit driving range has seen investment with new mats, balls and painted partitions, so there is no excuse to not be 'golf ready' come your opening tee shot. Our golf professional Gary Leslie is available for golf lessons, please contact Gary on 07986 930854. Baskets are available to hire for a £5 deposit. 25 balls are £2, 50 balls are £3 and 100 balls for £5.

The practice theme continues with the removal and thinning of trees around the existing putting green to allow better light and air flow. The green is also going to be substantially increased in size. This much required facility is a great 'last stop' before



starting your round and an improvement that members have asked for in recent seasons.



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### Off The Course

Off the course there have also been some big changes.

The reception area is unrecognisable and offers a warm, modern and professional look, along with a friendly welcome. In time we aim to stock quality Welton Manor



merchandise and general golfing accessories.

This work was inspired by Lucy who also planned all the interior design work. We are now focusing on refurbishing the Falconer bar and restaurant.

Out with the old!



A fresh look for the reception area, changing rooms, conservatory and toilets.

Here at WMGC we welcome and take any suggestion for course improvements seriously so please either speak to Lucy, Hayley, Paige, Dave or to one of our committee members if you have any. One member has already offered to make a number of bird boxes to be put up around the course to encourage wildlife and biodiversity.

The Committee and Management team at Welton Manor will continue to work hard on your behalf to ever improve the experience for golfers here at WMGC.

We hope you continue to enjoy your golf, the course and hopefully from Monday 12th April stay over for a drink after golf on the patio overlooking the 18th feature hole.



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### Competitions

The first competition of the season was the Captain's Drive In which took place Saturday 3rd April. If anybody would like a fixture list of competitions etc, please ask at the golf reception. There is a roll up competition on Saturday 17th April which is specifically organised to encourage new members to participate in a friendly competition. If anybody is interested in playing in this competition, please contact our club captain Mike Kelly on 07429 213444 or handicap secretary Simon Swanston on 07890 901615. For any other club competition, please contact our competition secretary Adam Colbourne on 07895 483108.



*From left to right: Club captain Mick Kelly, competition secretary Adam Colbourne, Senior captain Erol Palsay and Richard Johnson.*

If any of our members are interested in joining the Seniors section, in order to play on a Wednesday in senior competitions, please contact either our seniors competition secretary Len Franklin on 07810 767276, or seniors captain Erol Palsay on 07415 510573.

If any ladies are interested in playing social golf, generally on a Wednesday after the Seniors, feel free to contact Jacqui Brincombe on 07851 120552. Alternatively, if any lady wishes to play competitive golf in club competitions, please contact Adam Colbourne on 07895 483108.

If any member has any queries regarding obtaining, or any matter relating to their club handicap please contact our handicap secretary Simon Swanston.

We hope you've enjoyed reading our first club newsletter—we plan to send you more throughout the year.

**PLAY SAFE**  
STAY SAFE