

October association meeting report

This report follows on from the Management and Members association meeting which took place Wednesday 12th October 2022. In attendance was Dave Ottewell, Paige Townsend, Jacqui Brinicombe, Jamie Dyer, and John Hussey.

Presentation/social evening

The presentation and social evening on Saturday 19th November is shaping up to be an exciting event! Entry will be free of charge, and this will include pulled pork roll, chips, and optional apple sauce from Truey's snack van (if you haven't *already* done so, please let me know if you have any dietary requirements so we can arrange an alternative), a disco and a 10% discount on drinks for the night! We do require names and numbers so we can organise the catering etc. so if you would like to attend, please may you let me know either by email, phone or at the golf reception. On the morning of the social evening we have a Texas Scramble with free entry so you can make a day of it should you wish to do so. There will also be a raffle on the night – any raffle donations will be greatly appreciated. Club Captain Paul Todd will also announce his Vice Captain on the night! The presentation and social evening is already looking to be a fantastic night and one not to be missed. On the back of this we are looking at holding more social events in the future including quiz nights, a new year party etc. We would love to know your thoughts and ideas so please get in contact if you have any!

Upcoming competitions

With the end of the season approaching, we only have a handful of competitions left:

Tuesday 18 th October	Roll up medal (entries close 6pm Monday 17 th October)
Saturday 29 th October	October Stableford
Saturday 19 th November	Texas Scramble (followed by presentation/social evening)
Saturday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper and Turkey Trot

Winter league

We have had a lot of interest regarding the Winter league which is promising! We will hold multiple handicap leagues (exact number will depend on entries) and entry will be free of charge – you just pay any applicable green fees. The league will be played as two matches in one; you play one match holes 1-9, and a second match holes 10-18, with the idea being if you have a rubbish first nine, you can always try and claw it back on the back nine!

Therefore, if you win both the front nine and the back nine you can win up to 4 points in one 18 hole round. The competition will run from 1st November 2022 to 31st March 2023 and you will need to play each person in your league as a round robin. The winners of each league will play off to determine an overall league champion. The Winter league will be going ahead, and the last day to enter is Monday 24th October so please may you let me know as soon as possible whether you are interested in taking part. The concept of the league is to provide a bit of fun and friendly competition throughout the dull Winter months, encouraging you to get out and play, as well as meet new people. Matches will be organised amongst yourselves and can be played any day/time of the week, as long as it is between 1st November 2022 – 31st March 2023. There will also be a trophy up for grabs! If the Winter league proves to be a success, we will hold a Summer league.

Main Club league / friendly competition team

As mentioned in the previous association meeting report, Jamie Dyer will be taking on the role of organising the main club team for both league matches and friendly competitions. The league dates are as follows (friendly matches are yet to be arranged):

- Sunday 16th April 2023 Main Club match VS North Shore (Home)
- Saturday 22nd April 2023 Main Club match VS Waltham (Away)
- Sunday 14th May 2023 Main Club team VS North Shore (Away)
- Saturday 3rd June 2023 Main Club match VS Waltham Windmill (Home)
- Sunday 18th June 2023 Main Club match VS Kenwick (Away)
- Sunday 2nd July 2023 Main Club match VS Torksey (Away)
- Sunday 16th July 2023 Main Club match VS Kenwick (Home)
- Sunday 20th August 2023 Main Club match VS Torksey (Home)

If you would like to represent Welton Manor for the team whilst visiting other golf courses and enjoying lots of golf and laughs with your teammates, please get in contact with Jamie Dyer (details at the end of this document).

WhatsApp group

If you would like to join the Welton Manor members group chat on WhatsApp please let me know and I will add you in – it is a perfect way to arrange games and meet new golfers etc.

2023 competition fixtures

We have now finalised the competition fixtures for the 2023 season, I have attached a separate document to this email outlining those so you can add them to your diary! There is a healthy mixture of fun competitions as well as qualifiers etc. The open competition this year is the Prostate Cancer Invitational taking place Sunday 9th July, and the Nicholsons Trophy is taking place on Saturday 9th September. Both competitions were incredibly successful this year, so make sure you get signed up when entries open!

Handicaps

After an in-depth discussion, we have decided to introduce a local rule regarding handicaps for the next season. To be eligible to enter the following prestigious competitions, you must submit 3 scorecards toward your handicap index prior to the competition starting from January 2023. This is to ensure everybody entered has a true handicap, and will result in a fair winner for these competitions:

1. The Charles Ottewell trophy – Saturday 6th May 2023
2. The Falcon Cup – Saturday 10th June 2023
3. The Club Championships – Saturday 5th July and Sunday 6th July 2023. To compete in the Club Championships, you will also need to register 3 qualifying scorecards in addition to the 3 for handicap purposes.

Local rules

I would like to remind you of being aware of the local rules printed on the scorecards. In particular:

1. Bunkers – please rake the bunkers after playing your shot and replace the rake within the bunker.
2. Crow damage – Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if LIE of the ball is affected. This does not apply if stance is affected only, or the ball is within a penalty area.
3. Aeration holes – If the ball comes to rest in an aeration hole on the green then the ball may be replaced to the side, no nearer the hole.
4. Preferred lies – When preferred lies ruling is in operation, the ball must be placed within 6", no nearer the hole.
5. Slow play – Please can all golfers avoid slow play at all times. Any match which has lost one of more holes on the match ahead, MUST invite the match following to play through
6. If a ball is lost and not found within 3 minutes, any match waiting behind should be invited to play through.
7. Etiquette – Please note reference A on the scorecard: players are now permitted to play hole 14 directly after completing the 4th hole throughout the Winter period, providing priority is given to players leaving the 13th green. This is to allow golfers to play the short 9 hole course whilst daylight is limited. Please note part B: Please avoid taking trolleys and buggies near to the greens, tees, or any wet areas around the course. Please note part C: Players MUST not play until such time as the match in front is out of range.

Honours boards

We will be putting some new honour boards up for the following main club competitions:

- Club Championships
- Charles Ottewell trophy
- Nicholsons trophy
- Order of merit

Regarding the seniors, they will have their own honours boards with the Senior Club Champion, and 3 other competitions of their choice. We will also be installing a past Captain's board, as well as a past Senior Captain's board.

Noticeboards

The small noticeboard located near the main club competition board will now be used to display information relating to club team matches.

We are planning to erect a new noticeboard in the conservatory to display photographs and contact details of members of the Welton Manor Management and Members Association.

Order of merit

We have decided to promote the order of merit within the club more next season. Points can be collected from all qualifying competitions. Stablefords, medals and all major qualifying trophy competitions will gain you points for the order of merit. Points are rewarded as follows:

- 1st = 10 points
- 2nd = 9 points
- 3rd = 8 points
- 4th = 7 points
- 5th = 6 points
- 6th = 5 points
- 7th = 4 points
- 8th = 3 points
- 9th = 2 points
- 10th = 1 point

There is a trophy available at the presentation evening for the winner of the order of merit. Throughout the year we will keep an updated list of scores on the noticeboard, but for now I have attached this year's current order of merit to this email in a separate document for both the main club and the seniors. The Stableford taking place on Saturday 29th October 2022 will contribute to this season for the main club, so get entered! The remaining competitions which will contribute to the Seniors Order of Merit is the Monthly Medal on Wednesday 26th October and the Winter Shield on Wednesday 2nd November.

Captain's charity hole

John Hussey has done a fantastic job of arranging for us to have some items from Prostate Cancer for the Captain's charity. We now have some charity boxes so any loose change will be greatly appreciated. We also have some badges for sale on the bar too in aid of Prostate Cancer. We will be installing a board on the 18th hole by the pond encouraging you to make a voluntary donation in the charity boxes should you land in the pond!

Ladies section

Following feedback from Mandy and Lorraine, and subsequent discussions, I am pleased to say we have opted to push the ladies section and create a fun and friendly group dynamic. The ladies will be playing a match between themselves, either 9 or 18 holes on the first Saturday of each month, followed by a social gathering afterward in the clubhouse – open to both players and non-players. If you are a lady golfer and are keen to get involved, please get in contact with myself and I will get this sorted for you. There is a ladies WhatsApp group chat used to arrange games with each other, again, if you would like to join, please let me know and I will pass your details to the appropriate party.

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