

January association meeting

We held our January association meeting on Wednesday 18th January. In attendance was Dave Ottewell, Paige Townsend, Jamie Dyer, Jacqui Brinicombe, John Hussey, and Erol Palsay.

Captain statement

As many of you know, Paul Todd is the Club Captain for this year despite taking on the role midway through last year! I have attached a copy of his Captain's statement that he has written. We look forward to working with Paul, and his Vice-Captain, Jamie Dyer, throughout the season.

Social events

February social evening

As mentioned in prior emails, we will be hosting a quiz night on Friday 10th February following on from the success of the previous one. The entry fee will be £1 per person in teams of up to four players. Roco BBQ will be here with their food van in the car park from 5:30pm – 8pm available to both quiz attendees and local villages. Alternatively, you are more than welcome to bring your own food or a take-away with you.

March social evening

We are planning on holding a virtual fun race night in March. The details are to be confirmed.

Ryder Cup – September

This year we are planning on hosting a social evening in correlation with the Ryder Cup in September. Details will be confirmed but if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see, please get in touch.

Competitions

Summer knockout league

The Summer knockout league will be going ahead as usual, both in the individual and pairs format.

Summer friendly league

Following the success of the Winter league we trialed, we are happy to confirm we will be going ahead with a friendly Summer league from 1st April to 31st October. The format will be the same whereby you have seven months to play each person in your league once. The league tables will be determined by handicap. The competition will be split into two nine-hole rounds, with two points for a win and one point for a draw on both the front nine followed by the back nine.

We hope you continue to support the competitions throughout the year. If you have any further questions regarding any competitions, please contact competition secretary, Jacqui Brinicombe, on Weltonmanorcompetitions@gmail.com

League/friendly matches

We have a few league and friendly matches in the diary for the main club. If you are interested in joining any of these teams, please get in contact with either the management team or Vice-Captain/League team organiser, Jamie Dyer on either JwDyer04@hotmail.com or 07506 024595. We are looking at options to include a meal with this year's matches post-round.

The dates of the main club team competitions are:

Friendly matches

Sunday 26th March: Welton Manor VS Laceby Manor (Home)

Sunday 17th September: Welton Manor VS Laceby Manor (Away)

League matches

Saturday 22nd April: Welton Manor VS Waltham Windmill (Away)

Sunday 14th May: Welton Manor VS North Shore (Away)

Saturday 3rd June: Welton Manor VS Waltham Windmill (Home)

Sunday 18th June: Welton Manor VS Kenwick Park (Away)

Sunday 2nd July: Welton Manor VS Torksey (Away)

Sunday 16th July: Welton Manor VS Kenwick Park (Home)

Sunday 20th August: Welton Manor VS Torksey (Home)

Sunday 3rd September: Welton Manor VS Northshore (Home)

Ladies section

The ladies section have had great success with their recent social golf events. They play nine or eighteen holes and then have cake and coffee afterwards at the fireplace. Non-member ladies are encouraged to join, if you know of anyone who would like to join them please get in contact! Their next golf, cake and coffee is on Saturday 4th February.

Thank you to Mandy who has done a great job working with the management team to get the ladies section to where it is. I have attached a copy of her ladies section report read out at the meeting.

Winter rules

We would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the importance of complying with the Winter rules we sent out to you at the beginning of the Winter season. It is imperative these rules are followed to protect the course as much as possible during the Winter months so they can be in the best condition possible throughout the season.

We are encouraging you to use mats, however this is optional and down to personal preference. I have added a link to some recommended golf mats from Spurk.

Golf trolleys

After much consideration and deliberation, we have ultimately decided to implement a ban on electric trolleys unless they have hedgehog wheels. This will be effective as of 1st February until further notice. The reasons behind this is because the heavy electric trolleys cause compaction and immense damage, particularly in very wet areas. We are not

completely banning electric trolleys; we are just kindly asking you to consider the course and invest in some hedgehog wheels. We would prefer all golfers to use a lightweight bag on a small trolley with hedgehog wheels or to carry their bag would be even more beneficial to protect the course. We understand it is not ideal, however, it will hugely benefit the course throughout the year which in turn, benefits yourselves.

Treasury

Jacqui produced a comprehensive report at the association meeting outlining revenue and expenditure within the club, which was agreed by all parties present. A count was done and there is currently £385 in the Captain's Charity pots for Prostate Cancer that are located on the bar and on the golf reception, with most of it accumulating from loose change, and over £100 being collected from the January quiz night.

Seniors correspondence/volunteering

We were pleased to receive a series of questions from the Seniors section regarding the course and the club. We thought members would find it useful to read the questions and responses as many of the points raised may be relevant to all our members, therefore they have been attached to this email for your perusal. The greenkeepers are exceptionally busy prioritising maintaining the course, therefore making smaller miscellaneous jobs difficult to carry out due to time constraints. We are looking for volunteers to help do a few odd jobs, something which members have usually done in previous years. Volunteering duties that need doing are:

- Painting the tee markers and out of bounds posts etc.
- Wiping tee information boards etc.
- Picking up litter as and when you see it
- Cleaning and maintaining the halfway house
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When the halfway house was built it was a joint venture between the golf club and the membership with an agreement that the duties of maintaining the halfway house would also be the responsibility of the members. We will supply any cleaning supplies/toilet roll etc. however, as the ladies have successfully organised, a rota needs drawing up of who can do what and when.

Please get in touch with us if you wish to volunteer your services, it will not only be appreciated by us, but by the entire club and visitors too.

Honours boards

We are in the process of ordering honours boards, and we are aiming for these to be engraved and installed before the season begins.

WhatsApp group

We have a WhatsApp group whereby daily course information is communicated by the management team to the members, and members use it to organise rounds of golf with one another. Any questions members have can also be quickly answered. It has proved a great success with the members who are already in it. If you would like to join, please let one of the management team know and they will add you.

Next meeting date

The date of the next association meeting is Wednesday 15th February. If you have any questions or queries you wish to ask, please send them in and we will endeavour to answer them for you as soon as possible.

We hope you will continue to remain patient and understanding with us throughout the rest of the Winter months with the inherent difficulties of maintaining the course during the wet and cold weather. We look forward to an early Spring and seeing the course restored to its best condition; we remain optimistic for an enjoyable and successful season ahead. Thank you for your support, we hope you continue to enjoy your golf at Welton Manor throughout the rest of the season!

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