



March 2023 Association Report

Welcome to the March Association Report and Newsletter, summarising topics covered in the most recent Association meeting which took place Wednesday 15th March. We hope you find this report comprehensive and informative. Below are the following subjects within:

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Course Report

The course has been subject to topsy-turvy weather conditions throughout the past month. The course dried out really well in February but there has been excessive rainfall throughout March so far. On a positive note, the temperatures are increasing, so hopefully Spring is just around the corner! It has been very Spring-like today, so the course is beginning to dry out again. Thankfully the crow damage has generally continued to decline, and we are hopeful there will be a dramatic recovery once the weather improves.

We are currently overseeding and topdressing the tees, and preparing them for the season ahead, with a view to bringing them back into play by the 1st of April 2023. The Spring maintenance program is under way, but work has been delayed by the adverse weather conditions.

Club Captain, Paul Todd, who attended the association meeting has offered to pressure wash the patio.



Preferred lies

We aim to review the preferred lies ruling at the end of March, with the view to make a decision of how long this rule will be in play for. The maximum period will be until the end of April, but we will keep you informed with any decisions made. Please keep an eye on the daily course updates in the WhatsApp group, or on the course information noticeboard located in the conservatory. If you are not in the WhatsApp group and wish to be added, please let one of the management team know at the golf reception and we will add you in. The WhatsApp group is also useful for arranging social golf with members.

Handicaps

In October 2022 we announced in the Association report that in order to play in the three prestigious competitions: Charles Ottewell trophy, The Falcon Cup and the Club Championships, you must submit 3 scorecards towards your handicap index prior to the competition starting.

However, after recent discussions, it has been decided that to enter **ALL** club competitions from the 1st April 2023, regardless of the format, qualifying or non-qualifying, and whether it is individual; pairs; or teams of 3 or 4, you must submit/or have submitted three scorecards for handicap purposes since the 1st April 2022. This is applicable to **ALL** Welton Manor members. As stated in the October report, the Club Championships will still require 3 qualifying scorecards in addition to the 3 scorecards entered for handicap purposes.

This decision has been made following our recent Association meeting discussions on Wednesday 15th March and confirmed after Jacqui Brinicombe, Erol Palsay, John Lee and John Hussey attended the WHS Club Workshop for handicaps at Woodhall Spa, on Thursday 16th March to make for fairer competition, and for handicaps to be a true reflection of player ability. We encourage any players with less than 20 submitted scorecards to submit more to get an accurate reflection of your ability. If you are going to submit a scorecard for your handicap, you must register your intent to do so prior to the round on the My EG app, How Did I Do, or on the PSI in the clubhouse. You must have an attester/marker of your score who has played the same round with you and witness your score.

You can view your scorecard record on the My EG app (you will need your CDH number to register – please ask the management team if you don't know yours). If you are still unsure, please contact either Jacqui Brinicombe or Erol Palsay (contact details can be found on the last page). In addition, if you have any questions about the introduction of the rule in general, please contact the management team.

Club competitions

End of the winter league

The Winter league has proved very successful, with 20 golfers taking part across 4 leagues. John Hussey has done a fantastic job updating the league tables on a regular basis, and I have attached the most recent league tables to this report. If you have not completed your games, please finish these matches by the end March.

Start of the summer league

The Summer league will be starting on the 1st April and will run until the 30th September, and it is open to all members with a handicap. Entry into the league will be £5, and you will be placed in a league with members of similar a handicap. You will be responsible for organising your own games. The format will be a non-qualifying matchplay scored over holes 1-9 and 10-18, meaning if you lose the front 9 you can still win the back 9. The winners of each league will be presented with a trophy, and a fun final round day will take place. Entries close the 30th March so get your entries in as soon as possible – the entry sheet can be found on the main club competition noticeboard, alternatively you can email the management team and we can add you on.



Vice-Captain Report

Main Club Vice-Captain, Jamie Dyer, is participating in The Big Golf Race marathon for Prostate Cancer on 23rd June, playing 72 holes in one day. Any support will be greatly appreciated on the day from any member, whether it be participating in the entire 72 holes, or just playing one round, or multiple rounds of 18 holes with him. Of course, donations will be greatly received, more information will follow on how you can do this, or you can contact Jamie Dyer direct (his contact details are on the last page).

The Big Golf Race Day has been popular here at Welton Manor over the years, with member Leigh Williams taking part a couple of years ago and raising over £1,500 for the cause! We welcome any members who cannot take part on the 23rd June to arrange their own event with us on a day that is more suitable. If you would like to use the golf club to participate in the event, please get in contact with us.

For more information on The Big Golf Race for Prostate Cancer, please follow this link:
<https://prostatecanceruk.org/get-involved/golf/the-big-golf-race>

Senior section report

We were pleased to welcome and have the input from Senior Vice Captain, Tom Baker, at the latest Association meeting. The report given to the meeting stated that we are all working very well towards maintaining a fantastic relationship between the main club and the Senior section, particularly with an intersection competition taking place on Saturday 15th July which has already received great interest. Some senior teams attended the last quiz night the Association held at the beginning of March, and they had a fantastic time, inspiring the section to get involved in future social events.



Loyalty Cards

The introduction of The Falconer loyalty cards has been very successful, with many members already onto their second; third; and fourth cards already. We are really pleased with how well it has been used by members, including at the social nights!

If you have not yet received a loyalty card, please ask at the golf reception when you are next here and we will issue you one. They are a way for us to show our appreciation and for you to save money whilst supporting The Falconer, and to create a more sociable atmosphere after your round of golf.

Please note, half pints of alcohol will be stamped on the soft drink side.



The first golfers to receive their loyalty cards!



Website



We would like to encourage all members to use both the main club website and the Seniors website for any information you may need, including upcoming competitions and social events; society packages; information regarding the fishing lake and campsite; function room hire; and to access any reports or newsletters; the photo gallery; and membership prices etc. Paige is currently working to update the website and will be administrating it from now on. Please email in any photos/interesting information you have that you would like to be considered to go on the website.

The Senior Section compiles a very informative newsletter each month which includes sections such as 'Captain's Column', 'Dave's diary', 'Competition Correspondence', and a trip down memory lane. It makes for great reading and can be found on the noticeboard section of the Senior's website.

To access the main club website, please follow this link:

<https://www.weltonmanorgolfcentre.co.uk>

To access the Senior website, please follow this link:

<https://www.seniorgolfwelton.org.uk/>

And finally...

We hope you have enjoyed reading our revamped report / newsletter and would appreciate any feedback.

A message from Paige...

Thank you to any members who filled in my survey for my dissertation, it has been a huge help for me and I really appreciate the time and effort you took!

We look forward to seeing you all continue to enjoy playing your golf at Welton Manor, and having a drink afterward at the 19th hole, hopefully in the sunshine on the patio overlooking the 18th green.





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