

# WISHAW GOLF CLUB

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## Introduction

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April and May seem to have sped by. I hope we all enjoyed the Jubilee, there was a great turnout in the sunshine for the Scramble. Congratulations to the winning team Lyndon Evans/Nick Hair/Gavin Brettell/Mark Mitchell and best dressed went to Kevin Pegg!

We head into the summer with the course in fantastic condition. A number of areas have been transformed by the recent works and praise is even being attracted from visitors from older, more 'established' clubs. ... Now that has to be a first.

## Captain's Day, July 2nd

During the day the club competitions will be: The Captain's Putter and The Lady Captain's Trophy.

There will be spot prizes and a raffle, so please come forward if you'd like to sponsor a hole and/or donate prizes for the raffle.

Hopefully the weather will be good for the 'half-way house' with cake stall and the putting / chipping competitions.

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### In the Evening:

There will be a sit down meal, we will have music and a presentation for the day's prizes.

The **tickets are just £20 per person**, bookable in advance in the club.

Please come along and bring your friends, it would be really great if we could get a big turnout.

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★ If you can get involved in any way that would be fantastic, everything we make will go to the Charity.

## Donations

A big thanks to the Vilamoura group and everyone (name drop the Allen family!) who have already made collections for the club charity.

Please don't forget if you hit any of the bunkers on hole 5, drop some money into the charity bottle in the lounge.

Why not drop some change in anyway 😊 it's all going to Birmingham Childrens Hospital. Thank you!

## Members Charities

Many of our members are involved in helping different charities and whilst this may not be the place to highlight them; I have to mention Andy Wosket on behalf of the 'A Child's Heart' charity and all involved in the Great Midlands fun run for Alzheimer's research. Great job guys 🙌

## Welfare/Academy/Juniors

I would urge everyone to read Jason Allen's first letter as Welfare Officer because of the great information. We are extremely fortunate to have Jason committing his time to this appointment along with his work with the Sutton Coldfield College Golf Academy (in situ at our club) and our Juniors section which he is trying, with help, to reinstate.


## Welfare/Academy/Juniors (contd.)


Involved in the Academy is our own **Martin Jones**, team manager and our teaching pro **Alan Partridge**. The Team list (with pics) is posted on the notice board - opposite our Team notices. So you may recognise faces as the youngsters are coached here on Tuesdays, and can be here at other times as student members.

### Alan's Students

News of more outstanding achievements; Alan is away in June with **Sam Easterbrook** at St Andrews and with **Emily Price** in America.

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The R&A World Amateur Golf Rankings ranks the **St Andrews Links Trophy** as one of the strongest amateur tournaments in the world, based on strength of field. As I write Sam is in a fantastic position after the first day at 2 under par 

Emily has been chosen for the GB&I team that will play the **42nd Curtis Cup Match** against the USA, at **Merion Golf Club** in America. You can follow Emily and the team's progress on Sky Sports 10/11/12 June (from 2pm) 

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## On the Course

### Teams and Competitions

#### The West Midlands League

These matches are played late afternoon during the week, home and away, against local clubs; this year Walmley, Maxstoke, Drayton, Moor Hall and Sutton.

Each team has to consist of eight players; 4 x under 9 handicap (but not below 3.5) and 4 x between 9 and 15 handicap.

We are halfway through the season and whilst it's been difficult, Darren Whitehouse has been a great team captain and there has been some brilliant individual performances. Well done to you guys and good luck with the rest of the matches.

#### The Denstone Trophy

The annual challenge with Denstone College takes place at Denstone this year, on **Saturday August 20th**. There is good camaraderie between ourselves and a long history to the event. We currently hold the cup, having won it back last year. Look out for information from Darren about this year's match and how to get involved.

## Teams and Competitions (contd.)

### Club Majors [April]

#### The Graham Hadley Cup

Winner: Adam Turner

Congratulations Adam, our first Club Major winner of the season!

### The Academy Foursomes

Winners: Andy Newcombe/Dean Suffolk  
Well done on the win gents, just pipping Dave Meakin/John Maiden.

### Summer knockouts

These are firmly underway and I believe we have a good number of entries. If you are a new member have a word in the golf shop. The guys will tell you more about each of the tournaments and explain the entry process for next year.

## Seniors Team

From April through to the beginning of October the Seniors Team plays 14 clubs home and away. Kevin Daly captains the team with Rob Pratt his vice captain. The allocation machine, aka Richard Massey, allocates a team for each of the 28 matches from a pool of 40 players. All done in a fair and amicable way.

I know that Richard will modestly point out that he shares his various tasks with the captain, vice-captain and treasurer but I'm fairly certain that he still also wears his welfare hat. Anyway it is a really well run process. I believe Richard is soon to be replaced by a computer. Can't see it myself!

## Off the Course

### Feedback from the membership

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Keep them coming. Unfortunately we can't always get the responses we'd like but if we raise them they will get looked into.

### In the clubhouse

After a long period where we were unable to hold events in the clubhouse, the Club Newsletter has highlighted the successes of the March AGM and the Handover & Awards evening in April.

Since then the first, post pandemic, Quiz night has been held, with 12 teams doing battle and over 70 in attendance. Prepare yourselves for the next one on June 24th.

## Off the Course (contd.)

### Sports Rehabilitation Unit and Clubhouse Changes

The good news is that planning permission has been granted for the go-ahead of the new construction work. Please see the next Club Newsletter for further update.

### Golf Simulator

As I write the opening date is imminent, look out for a message from the club.

### Club VI App

You should all have received information about the App from the club. Please download and log into it. Again there will be further information from the club re: the move to online booking later in June.

## In Closing

Finally, a note about our Junior Captain's fine golf. Sam's handicap is now down to 0.1.

... and the fine job Will is doing in the golf shop. He clearly knows what he's doing and has become popular with members.

Well done both 🙌

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Enjoy your golf everyone and thanks for your support.

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*"Please be respectful to each other out there"*