

WISHAW GOLF CLUB

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There is plenty of winter golf to be played but with the main season over, hopefully you achieved the goals you set yourself for 2022.

Please watch your footing out there. The greens staff are doing a great job trying to keep areas free from fallen leaves but it's a huge task at this time of year.

{btw I'm out of bottles of wine so no prizes for guessing the pic is from behind the 17th green!}

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On The Course

The course has been in outstanding condition and continues to receive praise from members and visitors alike. And the improvements keep coming ...

New drainage

Some very welcome work starts on Hole number 3 - fantastic to see substantial works continuing.

White Hoops

Please take note, these have been positioned as visible reminders of areas where buggies and trolleys must not be taken.

Charity

Just over £370 was raised from the final two fundraising events this year:

Oct 9	Captains Charity Stableford	£125
Sep 3/4	Weekend Fundraiser	£246

I can't name you all but many thanks to everyone who has donated to our Charity for The Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Achievements

Major Winners (Sep/Oct)

The Wishaw Cup - Adam Turner

Medalist Of The Year - Colin Sarsons

The Stableford Trophy - Peter Littlewood

The Reg Insley Over 60s Cup - Mark Williams

Mixed Foursomes - Anthony Broome & Elaine Pugh

Captains Team Challenge

Each year the Men, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors play a team event against each other. This year there were some new trophies up for grabs and plenty of stories in the clubhouse afterwards. In the end it was a big congratulations to Sue and her team as the Ladies took the win. Well done Ladies! - see the Club News article on HowDidiDo.

Captains Charity Stableford

Congratulations to Barbara Kelsey on a terrific round. Barbara took 1st place from Nigel Fincher in 2nd and Rod Scott in 3rd.

Achievements

Captains Charity Stableford (contd)

With players looking to use the off-season to prepare for next year, there was a theme to the competition prizes:

Andy Gorman (PGA) is a putting and short game specialist who you may see coaching here at Wishaw. Andy offered an extremely generous package of his 5 x T-Stroke Putting Training Aids.

Alan Partridge (PGA) is our Club Golf Professional. He coaches at all levels and has a long standing with Wishaw. Alan very kindly offered a coaching session with himself.

To round it off the Club put forward a session in the brand new Simulator Studio.

That was a pretty neat package, thank you gentlemen.

Seniors Player Of The Year

Currently the Seniors team holds it's Player Of The Year competition over six rounds. This year there were three at home and games at Willesley, Walmley and Ullesthorpe.

Congratulations go to Steve Copley who is this year's winner. Steve thoroughly deserved his win with some very consistent golf.

These events are extremely well organised. Richard Massey deserves a lot of praise for his hard work, alongside Kevin Daly, Ken Nimmo and Rob Pratt. Well done gentlemen.

Did You Know ...

Competition Reports

Next time you're looking at the Club Notice Board checkout the consolidated competition reports that show, by date the;

- . Competition name
- . Number of entrants
- . Competition fee
- . Receipts
- . Each prize winner
- . Amount won
- . Total prize money

A number of people have asked about this. So if you're in the prizes check the notice board to see these details.

Connections

This is a fairly young golf club and as such it doesn't have the traditions of some of the older, more established clubs. However there are a couple of historical connections that it tries to keep.

One I have reported this year is the annual challenge with [Denstone College](#). The connection is through our owner's son Richard, who attended the college and has strong links. Historically it falls to our Club Vice Captain to manage the Wishaw team. Next year it is our turn to host the challenge and an opportunity to regain the trophy.

Another connection is with Wishaw Golf Club ... in [Scotland](#)! A parkland course designed by former Open champion James Braid, the club itself was founded in 1894. Both clubs have held annual get-togethers on a home and then away basis. Unfortunately the pandemic put a stop to events over recent years but it is hoped that it could start again next year.

In Closing

We may be in the off-season but there is still a lot going on at the club.

On the course, the greens staff continue their program of maintenance and improvement works. Off the course, the club begins winter operations whilst preparing for the new year and the new season ahead.

Stay safe everyone, enjoy your golf and thanks for your support.
