

WISHAW GOLF CLUB WORLD

During December, the following email was sent out to all members of Wishaw Golf Club. It outlines the planned changes to the running of the Golf Club. In case any of you didn't see it, I thought it would be a good idea to open the Newsletter with it.

On 1st March 2023, a management buy-out of the business entity, The Wishaw Golf Club Ltd will be completed. The management of the golf club will then be undertaken by a new company, The Wishaw Golf Club (2023) Ltd, with myself as the sole Company Director

The new company, The Wishaw Golf Club (2023) Ltd has been offered and agreed a lease on the golf course and all its facilities which will commence on 1st March 2023

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This agreement has been reached with the full backing of the current Company Directors and owners, Martin and Margaret Bevan. The transition is due to a change in the personal circumstances of the owners, and with the continued commitment of both parties to the success of Wishaw Golf Club.
Yours sincerely,

Richard Langley

Managing Director

The Wishaw Golf Club Ltd

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Richard and the team all the very best of luck in this new venture and assuring them of our support.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

How often do you come across a disgruntled golfer? You know the one, as they are normally in your 3 or 4 ball - they exhibit great optimism on the 1st tee, then ... - the driving disaster, followed by the all player search (sometimes nowhere near where the ball was estimated to be), the mis-hit, the 30 yard topper and then 4 missed putts with the last one from just 2 foot. The last putt usually sending the player to the depth of golfing despair and the potential for the putter to need a re-grip at the very best. Oh, that player is not in your regular 3/4 ball. Oh, yes, I see, that player is in front of you, or in front of those in front of you!! Hold that thought ...

Did I mention that my personal aforementioned disaster hole is normally the 10th? So it also includes a dropped shot (due to someone placing what looks like an ocean the size of the Atlantic right where I want my ball to land) the look at the club (because it is the clubs fault and not mine), a couple of muttered choice words and then ... your playing partner smiling as they ask, "what did you score?" (if its not the 10th, then this week it could be the 11th, 8th, 9th or with my golf luck at the moment, all of them in one round)

Now back to the thought ... We can all have a bad hole, round, bad day on the golf course - we could be having a bad day, or week but collectively we all want to enjoy our golf. We play golf with our regular groups, our golfing buddies so watch out for the signs and symptoms that may well be affecting usual performance - although my golf buddies just go quiet as I seem to be the worst player on the golf course at the moment - even I need a pep talk from time to time! Off the course, there seems more chatter and division on what constitutes slow play. We all know slow play is the collective malaise of any golf course/club so we all need to do our bit to keep play moving, especially now when tee times (mainly weekends) are like gold dust with limited playing opportunities. Take the above points, even our top golfers can have a bad hole (surely???) so everybody please remember the etiquette of looking for lost balls, keeping play moving and keeping up with the groups in front.

And finally, enjoy a 19th hole drink and chinwag, after all we are the lucky ones who still have the opportunity to play golf - I may not be able to pay for my gas and electricity but I'm teeing off next week at 8:06. PS - my second shot will be just 30 seconds later somewhere by the path on the left. Did I mention my golf is not at its peak at the moment but the banter is just what I need on a fresh Saturday morning.

Play well all golfing friends at Wishaw and a Merry, Happy and Safe Christmas to all. PS If you find a TaylorMade with 3 red dots, can you return to the clubhouse as I am running low and the putter in the bin outside of clubhouse ... well, it was its own fault that it couldn't putt very well last week.

All the very best

Jason

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Hello again, it seems only a couple of weeks since my November update! At the time Christmas lights were just going up and I reflected on some of your exceptional on-course achievements over the year.

2022

At times this year we've had to pinch ourselves just as a reminder that we are at Wishaw :) Careful landscaping has opened the course up, the wildflowers have added colour and the overall condition of the course is due to terrific work from Simon and his greenkeeping team. A nod of course to our owners who continue to invest heavily (machinery itself is an eye watering cost).

More pinch yourself moments! ...

A 'fleet' of electric buggies, a new buggy park, a new practice green and a shiny new simulator studio. New teeing areas, paths and much needed drainage work. We've gone to online booking and the V1 app gives mobile access to the club diary, knockouts, comp results, handicaps, the club website - whilst also allowing the Club to post news articles and notifications directly to us.

2023

All being well the work on and off the course continues in the new year. Currently you will see the refurbishment work being carried out in the clubhouse and have read about the establishment of The Wishaw Golf Club (2023).

For the competitive players, we are looking to introduce a new Club Team shirt that will be available to members representing the club in team matches. More to follow on this. We are also exploring whether we can enter a team into next year's Scratch League. It might not be viable - but if it can happen it will present exciting opportunities for committed players to represent the club, test their golf at a high level and develop new friendships.

My thanks to Vice Captain Darren and my fellow Captains Sue, Kevin & Sam for their help and support.

Have a Happy Christmas everyone and Best Wishes for the New Year.

PUZZLE PAGE

Iconic holes in golf

Question 1. *Which course is this?*



Question 2. *Muirfield Golf Club is in which Scottish town?*

Question 3. *You carry a score card with you each time you play, which has the names of each hole on it, so what is hole 12 called?*

Now for a few anagrams

Name the famous golfers

Question 4. *But bob a swan*

Question 5. *Riot eleven*

Question 6. *A fond lick*

Now for some rules questions

Question 7. *In match play, a player, whose ball lies in a bunker, casually leans on his club in the bunker while waiting for his opponent to play. What is the ruling? (a) the player loses the hole. (b) there is no penalty. (c) the player gets a 1 stroke penalty.*

Question 8. *Wrong greens are part of general play **True/False***

Question 9. *A players ball in the rough lies in the loose material caused by a rabbit digging a hole. The player is entitled to free relief . **True/False***

Question 10. *Which golfer won the 2013 Open Championship?*

VIEW FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM

After a very busy sunny summer we have now entered the cold, wet, foggy and generally dreary winter days. A big contrast and the change has also certainly changed my game. Having said that, the ladies are still playing on their regular Tuesdays.

The majority of the ladies have entered the Knockouts and I wish you all well in your games.

Unfortunately, on the same day as we were to play our Mad Hatters, down came the rain and it was decided to postpone until next year.

Our Halloween Hamper suffered the same fate and only a few ladies managed to complete the competition. The eventual winner was Jayne and runner-up was Sandra. Well done to you both.

The Eclectic and Par Bar are well under way and our Christmas Cracker (played over 14 days) has started.

We suffered the same rain fate at our Bread-sall Priory overnighter when, on arrival, both courses were closed. Not to be down hearted we held a small nearest the pin competition on the driving range followed by lunch and copious amounts of alcohol!!!! Dinner, a Quiz and more alcohol followed. Lots of fun and frivolity; a sodden course was not going to dampen our spirits (no pun intended).

The next morning one course was open and with numerous sore heads we had a round of golf. We will return in April for a complimentary away day.

Many thanks to Lisa (VC) for your excellent organisation.

Our next gathering is our Christmas Meal with a secret Santa.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sue



VIEW FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM...continued



Finally, we have some very hardy souls amongst the Ladies' Section. Just three of them, Jayne Proud, Barb Kelsey and Margaret Howitt braving the sub-zero temperatures just before Christmas. Happily, they made it back without having to be rescued but were very glad of the hot chocolate in the Clubhouse!

SENIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Seniors golf Team completed all their matches on the 4th October. Since then Richard Massey and myself have competed all the fixture dates for 2023. The Seniors AGM is pencilled in January 2023. A new Secretary will be voted in as will the 2023 Seniors Captain and Vice Captain.

May I wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kevin

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Answer 1. TPC Sawgrass (17th hole)

Answer 2. Gullane

Answer 3. Three Oaks

Answer 4. Bubba Watson

Answer 5. Lee Trevino

Answer 6. Nick Faldo

Answer 7. (b) There is no penalty, as long as in doing so he does not improve the lie of his ball.

Answer 8. True, wrong greens are part of the general area.

Answer 9. True, free relief, is given for animal scrapings anywhere on the course.

Answer 10. Phil Mickelson

MAJOR COMPETITION RESULTS

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
Mixed Pairs Knockout	Jayne Proud Craig Harrison	Anita Cheung Paul G Williams
Peddimore Pairs	Stuart Robbins James Nicholas	J Cattermole W Simpson
Academy Foursomes	Andrew Newcombe Dean Suffolk	David Meakin John Maiden
Bridges Bowl	Sue Franklin	Steven Nye
Ladies' Birdie Tree	Sue Franklin	Jayne Proud
Medallist of the Year	Colin Sarson	Paul Griffin
Mixed Foursomes	Elaine Pugh Tony Broome	Sue Franklin Craig Harrison
Lady Captain's Trophy	Julia Hodge	Anita Cheung
Midweek Knockout Cup	Will O'Reilly	David Chapman
Stableford Trophy	Peter Littlewood	Mark Smith
Ladies' Foursomes	Anita Cheung Kai Yip	Sue Franklin Jayne Proud
Alderwick Trophy	Phillip Weighall Rod Scott	Sam Knowles Robert Powell
Over 60's Cup	Mark Williams	Stephen Robbins
Members' Memorial Cup	William Hiddleston	Nathan Barratt
Seniors' Cup	Colin Sarson	Robert Hateley
Littlewood Trophy	John Littlewood	Steve Liddell
Directors' Rosebowl	Martin Littlewood	Colin Sarson
Ladies' Knockout Shield	Elaine Pugh	Jayne Proud
Captain's Putter	Ted Payne	Alan Burton
Captains' Team Challenge	Ladies	
Club Champion	Sam Knowles	Joe Lawlor
Ladies' Club Champion	Vicki Haden	Sue Franklin
Junior Captain's Cup	Sam Knowles	
Ladies' Ping	Barb Kelsey Julia Hodge	Elaine Pugh Vicki Haden
Ladies' Nett Champion	Jayne Proud	Elaine Pugh

MAJOR COMPETITION RESULTS...CONTINUED

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
George Bridges Cup	John Mowatt William Robinson	Robert Pratt Colin Eamonson
Wishaw Pairs Shield	Matthew Northcott Martin Smith	John Harrison Rod Long
Wishaw Knockout Cup	Adam Turner	Ian Higgins
Nett Club Champion	Mick Rogers	John Thoroughgood
Graham Hadley Cup	Adam Turner	Rod Scott

Well done to all our winners and runners up and thanks to everyone who took part in the competitions.

Again this year there will be a choice of either a shop voucher or glassware for the winners to receive on Presentation Evening. Runners up will receive a medal.

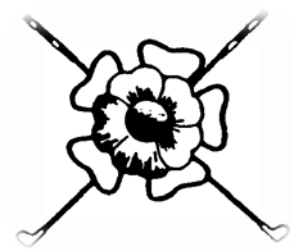
It would greatly help planning if the winners could contact me with their preference of prize as soon as possible.

The email address is secretary@wishawgc.co.uk

FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Again, it is hoped that you find your Club Newsletter interesting and informative and all comments or suggestions for articles would be welcomed. Please contact secretary@wishawgc.co.uk

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27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2023 7.30 pm

Any proposals or propositions to be included in the Agenda for the AGM must be sent to the Secretary, in writing, on or before 8th February 2023.

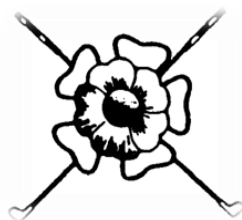
Proposals may be left in the shop marked for the attention of:

*Elaine Pugh
Members' Committee Secretary*

Or emailed to:

secretary@wishawgc.co.uk

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEMBERS COMMITTEE

TO TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT AGM

7th MARCH 2023

In accordance with Club Rules, the following officers of the Members' Committee are required to stand down from their positions at this year's forthcoming Annual General Meeting:

Post-holders may seek re-election if they wish.

Election to the advertised positions will be for two years.

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Currently Paul Baker</i>
<i>Competition & Handicap Secretary</i>	<i>Currently Richard Langley</i>

Nominations for these positions and that of Club Vice Captain are now sought and should be made on the forms to be found in the Club Shop and sent to the Members' Committee Secretary c/o Wishaw Golf Club, no later than 20th February 2023.

Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by club members. Nominees must be current members of the Club and over the age of 21.