



Raglan Parc Golf Club Monthly Newsletter

*'The Raglan'
Back in Full Swing!*

'A Brief update.....'

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The new season at Raglan Parc Golf Club kicked off on 3rd April with the Captains Drive In. The nautical theme of 'The Boat Race' was more aptly named than intended as the weather was wet, wet, wet!

day to dampen the good spirits of everyone who turned out in full nautical fashion.



Both the Club Captain and Lady Captain rowed to the first tee to a wonderful reception from the members. The Captain, Mr. Gareth Hopes and Seniors Captain, Mr. Ron Thomas drove their first ball off in style and the Lady Captain, Mrs. Margaret Tranter followed with flair! It took more than a wet



The Warren Trophy was played over just 9 holes with the Captain's team winning the trophy. Best men's prize was won by Mr. Gareth Dalglish and best Lady's prize was won by Mrs. Pat Phillips.

Results so far.....

Ladies Competitions

The first Ladies Medal & Challenge Bowls had to be postponed due to heavy rain.

Winners of the Winter Eclectic:

Gross – Pam Thomas, Net – Margaret Tranter

Winners of the Dorothy Meacock 4/Somes:

Myra Harper and Margaret Tranter

Winners of the Compton Trophy:

Eirlys French / Kath Weare

Winners of the April Medal/Challenge Bowls:

Medal winner – Joan Woodrow

Silver Bowl – Lyn Jones

Bronze Bowl – Chris Molano

April Stableford Winner:

Pam Thomas with Lyn Jones runner up

April Xtra Day Medal Winner:

Eirlys French

April Xtra Stableford Winner:

Sue Parker with Eirlys French runner up

The Daily Mail 4/Somes Partnership:

Denise Hill and Nic Matthews beat Alice Springs

Their next match will be played at Monmouth so let's get plenty of support out there!

Bank Holiday Socials

Easter Monday and the May Bank Holiday have both been lively events. With a great improvement in the weather, members attended in larger numbers to take part in both mixed social golf events.

St George's Trophy

Each year England has an opportunity to compete against the Rest of the World for the coveted St. Georges Trophy. Once again this year the trophy comes back to the triumphant 'Rest of the World' golfers. Hard luck lads.....keep trying!

The Seniors Open

The Seniors Open took place on Wednesday 21st April and was a tremendous success as usual with just under 200 golfers in attendance.

Men's Friendlies

The men's friendlies started very successfully with the first two matches being played at home against the Herefordshire Golf Club and Burghill Golf Club. Both matches were won by the Raglan lads. A memorable 6-0 victory against Burghill and 5-1 win against Herefordshire. COME ON THE BOYS!

The next friendly will be played at home on 15th May against Belmont Golf Club. For those of you who do not already know, these games are open to all men with full membership. Anyone interested in taking part should enter their name on the friendlies sheet which is on the men's locker room notice board.

Hallets & Wayfarers

If you haven't already joined either the Hallets (18+ handicappers) or Wayfarers (17 and under handicappers) then please check these sections on the men's locker room notice board and put your name down. Both teams would like more players and it's a great opportunity to play home and away courses representing the club.

Cock of the North

The final of the cock of the North was delayed due to the bad weather and was played on Saturday 10th April by Tommy Price/David Brown and Rob Collett/Martin Kirby with Rob & Martin going forward to the Cock of the North Regional finals as champions.

The Regional Cock of the North finals took place at Alice Springs Golf Course on Sunday 2nd May. Rob & Martin came 3rd on count back with a score of 68 (net). Well done boys!

Hooks & Slices!

Tuesday Night Social Golf

The popular mixed social golf evening kicked off in April with good attendance from members. This very sociable evening needs your support each week. Come along for 9 holes and the opportunity to meet new club members.

Wyedean League/ Raglan Mixed League

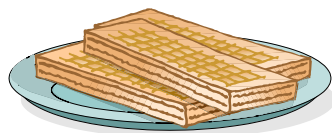
Anyone interested in playing in the Wyedean or Raglan Mixed League should put their names down on the sheet which is on the General notice board in the Spikes bar.

Up & Coming Away Events!

Ladies Coffee Morning

Tuesday 18th May 2010
9 HOLE INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
Play in 3s (Single entries welcome)

Full Handicap - max.36
Entry Fee: £7 per person
(Includes coffee & biscuits)



MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRIZES
Winners will be asked to provide Active Handicap Certificates

There will be a number of stalls selling plants, cakes, nearly new clothing and bric a brac plus raffles and tombola.

Golfing Weekend Away

Keep your eyes peeled for the September/October weekend away notice to appear soon on the General notice board in the Spikes bar.

1. Golfing weekend in South England
And / Or
2. Golfing weekend in Spain

Dates, prices and places available soon!

Captain's Away Day

The Captain's Away Day departs on Friday, 16th July returning on Saturday 17th July. Two golf courses have been booked in the Swansea area.

Add your name to the list on the notice board in the Men's locker room!

Raglan Festival



Friday, 11th June at 19.30

Strictly Raglan Waltz the night away with 'Something Sultry' Black Tie Buffet dance with champagne reception. Tickets £20

Saturday, 12th June at 19.30
The Jiveoholics Monmouth's hottest jump, jive and swing band. Buffet supper included. Tickets £20



Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Golf Tip this month!

How to Read a Green

The skill of reading the greens is developed over a period of time. The skill can be enhanced by playing many different golf courses. Golfers that rarely venture from their own course usually have a difficult time reading both the speed and the break when they do play a new course.

When trying to read a green the key point is to determine the slope of the green. Once you know the general slope of a green you can determine which direction the ball will fall away from the hole. Sounds straightforward....but!

The amount of break you should allow in a putt purely depends upon the amount of slope on the green and the speed with which you hit the putt. The more slope the more your ball will break. The less slope, the less your ball will break. The harder you hit the putt the less the ball will break, the softer you hit the putt the more the ball will break.

Many golf professionals hit their short putts firmly and aim for little break. However, the problem with this type of method is if you miss you will have a long putt coming back.

The key to being a good reader of greens is to have a good imagination. Imagination is very important when playing a course where the greens have a lot of slope and are very fast.

Have you seen this Picture on the notice board?



Entries are being accepted into the Senior's Box for the most talented caption for this 'moment'!

Please enter a word (or two!) into the competition by dropping it into the Seniors Box on a piece of paper with your name and telephone number or emailing it to the editor at paula_brady@btinternet.com

Entries before end of May to win a bottle of wine (not just any old wine.....)!

Information and feedback on your interests in what should appear in our newsletter is always welcome. Please send any funny stories or snippets of information you wish to share by email.

Yours sincerely,
Paula Brady Editor