



## LEOMINSTER GOLF CLUB

### CLUB MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**This is a pre-AGM newsletter from the Club Manager including the Manager's update, the catering situation and upcoming events – a further newsletter will be issued following the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Although I have only been at the golf club for six weeks, at the time of typing this, I am pleased to say that I have already met a large number of you, been involved in some events, have taken on board everything that has been said/raised to me and now fully understand what people love about the club and that it really is like a golfing family.

Since my arrival I have put a few changes in place within the clubhouse, got the website a bit more up-to-date, increased our Facebook presence, worked on the financial aspects, hopefully given my colleagues an idea of what I am trying to do and generally made myself present and available to all of you. It has been a very busy few weeks, but it is going to get busier as we roll on in to spring, the new golfing season and the summer months, and hopefully there won't be too much more of the white stuff ruining it for us!

We have a number of events coming up and we are flowing with ideas for more. We have taken a number of bookings for private functions and we are gradually getting the word around the town, and county, that we are here, we mean business and that we are a business! We want more people to get involved with us for, most importantly, their golf, their functions, our events and all of these business parts lead to us getting ourselves 'back on the map'.

Feedback from the members and the staff is paramount to everything I do and hope to achieve at the club and the support that I have been given so far has been excellent and much appreciated. I am very excited about the immediate and equally the long term future of the club – it will be hard work, but it is going to be great for all of us with your continued support.

I personally would like to thank Lesley Turbutt (Hon. Sec.) for all of her hard work and support since I started and also Julie Powell who has been excellent on the financial front with the facts and figures and equally as supportive. I could not have asked for two better people to work with and give me the start I needed at the club. In addition, all of the staff, since my arrival, have been fantastic and very supportive – I have a few different ways of doing things and everyone has been on board with how I work and I feel that we work very well as one big team all aiming towards the same overall goal.

#### **Catering Franchise**

The 'Table Manners' catering franchise are leaving us today and we/the Management Committee and staff would like to thank both Denise and Caitlin for all of their hard work and commitment over the years. 'Table Manners' has been part of the make-up of the club over the last six years and we are sad to see them go. The number of people that have visited the club today to see them off, even though the course is closed, shows the friends they have made and what they have meant to a number of the members and the staff.



So, on to the new franchise – we are very pleased to welcome ‘Appetite Catering’ to the club as the new caterers. ‘Appetite Catering’ is made up of business partners Gail Gibbons and Tim Davies. Gail is front of house and has vast experience in catering circles having run a number of businesses and catered for large functions over the years. Tim, Head Chef, has a wealth of experience from a number of establishments and throughout the years has worked in the local area in high profile restaurants and pubs. Both Gail and Tim are brimming with ideas, new ways of doing things, new dishes and generally cannot wait to get everything in place. ‘Appetite Catering’ will be in the club from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, so please say hello and give them a very warm ‘Leominster Golf Club welcome’. I know that we are going to work well together and will do wonders for the club and I wish them the very best for the future.

## **Events**

We have a number of social events arranged for the forthcoming couple of months. We held a quiz night on 23<sup>rd</sup> February which, again, was great fun for everyone and we raised some funds for the club by way of the event itself and the raffle – the raffle of which could not take place without your continued donations and support. As per previous quizzes a big thank must go to Glynne (the Quiz Master) who was unwell prior to the event, but managed to host and she was exemplary as always. Also, thank you to both Lesley and Julie for their hard work in the run up to the event, and on the night, ensuring it was a huge success. It isn’t important where my team came in the quiz, it’s the taking part that counts, but just to say that we weren’t last this time...which is progress in itself. We are looking to hold the next quiz at the end of March.

7<sup>th</sup> March – **AGM**, 7:30pm, everyone is welcome and there will be sample food from ‘Appetite Catering’.

11<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Roast, this will be taking place from 12-4pm and booking is recommended.

14<sup>th</sup> April – Cabaret Night, 7:30pm, with Counterfeit ABBA, Natalie Nightingale, Showgirls and Tony James. Tickets are just £18 each.

11<sup>th</sup> May – Sportsman’s Evening, 7:45pm, with Gareth Chilcott, tickets are available at just £15 each.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May – Beer Festival, timings to be confirmed. This will include a host of...you guessed it...beer, food, live music and general merriment. As I’m sure you are aware, this will be our first one, but we are hoping it will be a huge success and we will be able to do many more in the years to come

All of these events provide a boost to club funds and members are asked to support at least one event this year. If we aren’t currently arranging events of interest to you then please come and see me with your ideas as I welcome suggestions of any sort and I will then raise them with the Management Committee. My door may not always be physically open, if a meeting is taking place, but I am always available to you.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Alan Viney, Club Manager.



**Mother's Day Lunch**  
**Sunday, March 11th**  
12 noon - 4pm



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Reservations:  
01568-610055 or 07733106474

2 Course £13.95 - 3 Course £16.95

A glass of Prosecco for mums with their meal