

Leominster Golf Club Newsletter – 11th January 2019



Happy new year! We hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas and wish you all the very best for a prosperous 2019.

Manager Update

The last 12 months has been both very good and challenging in equal measure for the club, but it has brought us opportunities that we didn't envisage arising, all of which we are grabbing with both hands and will utilise them to make the Club stronger in every way.

Thank you to the Club staff who put in a lot of hard work in 2018, to the volunteers, some of who put in long hours in the background and make the club what it is, and thank you to you, the members, for continuing to support the Club. We always welcome volunteers to be involved in committees, helping with events and advertising, upkeep of the clubhouse, assistance on the course and general 'all hands on deck' to aid the Club, so if you do have time to get involved, please visit the office.

Due to 'recent events' there was a lot of rumours going around the clubhouse and the surroundings areas, so please, if you would like an answer/update on something, visit the office and I will tell you what I know or what is happening. If a situation is still in the throes of being sorted out then I will tell you that, but rumours are rumours and if you haven't seen confirmation from either myself or the Management Committee on a situation then it remains to be a rumour. I appreciate that communications haven't been issued timely enough in recent months, which hasn't helped matters, but you will see a huge improvement in this throughout the coming months and this newsletter is just the start.

Our Professional, the Pro Shop and Buggies

Our Pro, Nigel Clarke, left the Club on 31st December 2018, after 15 years' service, and we wish him all the best for the future. We are proud to welcome our new Pro, Shaun Goodwin (USGTF), who joined us on 2nd January 2019. Prior to joining us Shaun was the Pro at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club, Dorset. Shaun will be manning the shop, providing lessons, working with juniors and generally working with the Manager and Management Committee to raise the profile of the club, increase membership numbers and work closely on society bookings. If you haven't met Shaun as yet, please introduce yourself in the Pro Shop.

We/the Club will now be stocking the shop with basic stock to start with and we will be building on this as the spring and summer months go on.

Our new fleet of buggies arrived on 3rd January 2019. They have lithium batteries, therefore, they only have a short charge time and they can do at least two full rounds on one charge, making them very economical to run. We are confident that they will be a huge asset to the Club both reliably and financially.

Catering

'Appetite Catering', Gail Gibbons, left the club on 16th November 2018 after nine months and we wish Gail all the best for the future. We are, therefore, recruiting for a new caterer, but not necessarily along the same lines as we have had in recent years. We are open to proposals of any sort and are currently looking in to a number of enquiries that have come through to us. Adrian, of the Roebuck Inn, covered all events at the end of 2018 for us, for which we are grateful, and Adrian will continue to work with us for events in the immediate future while we continue the recruitment process.

Ladies Section

Thank you to the ladies section for their generous support and fundraising in 2018, for both the Club and the ladies section. The Christmas hampers, organised by Heather (Cass) were a big success. Thank you to all of the members who supported the quiz nights and fundraising events. Throughout the year the ladies helped to pay for coffee cups, cutlery, china, dining chairs, log cutting for the burner, sundries, repairs and the cabaret night deposit.

Bob Holloway – Senior Captain

I can't believe I am just over two thirds through my year, time flies when you are really enjoying yourself. The senior's

section membership has increased during my tenure. The support and help I have had as your captain has been marvellous. The work carried out by the seniors this year has been exceptional. We decorated the men's changing rooms, had the old temporary tees removed and had work carried out by the volunteers mowing the course during the summer. The feedback is that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The seniors took charge of the mole issues which they have funded and are prepared to continue with this work for the foreseeable future. I would like to mention the names of all those involved in the work but they are all far too modest. All they want to do is continue to help the Club. I think the golf course this year has been in a marvellous condition. We have had many compliments from visiting teams from other clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Green's staff. I would like to thank the officers of the club for all their hard work. Finally, as you are all aware, we are involved in the Round Robin. The team has been captained by Terry (Bufton). We have played three matches so far and have won 23 out of 24 games. What a brilliant job - every success for next year. I would like to wish everyone, but especially the seniors, a very happy and healthy 2019 and to continue the great friendship within the club.

Events

We have a number of events lined up for 2019 and these are spread throughout the year. Details of the events will be emailed out to everyone and also advertised within the clubhouse, on Facebook and around other social media. As a member we ask you to attend at least one of the events to support the club and if every member is able to bring a couple of people with them it is an opportunity for us to advertise what we do and it is of course increased revenue for the Club.

The Future

2019 is going to be a big year for the Club in view of the changes that have taken place and where the Club is going to be heading. The course was so good in 2018 that we have already seen repeat bookings taking place from a number of sources, we are in close talks with SHUGC about what tournaments we can hold, in addition to those already booked, and we are also looking to build on the increased number of society visits that 2018 saw. The Club will go onwards and upwards, but we can only do this with the full support of our members. If you have ideas, please raise them. If you would like to see a certain event or comp. set up, let us know. If we are doing something well, but it could be done even better, let us know why and how. Most importantly, if you have an opinion on something and would like to be heard, you will be, please let us know your thoughts.

Thank you.

On behalf of The Management Committee.