



Newsletter

Issue 2 – May 2018

NEWS

This issue contains feedback relating to comments made by members regarding our course, as well as reports/updates from Course, Clubhouse, Planned Events, Catering, Juniors.

Course Comments

We received some suggestions from members following the publication of our April newsletter details of which are listed below.

- Q.1. Dropping zone to be created behind 6th green.
A.1. A dropping zone has been created to back left of the 6th green for balls landing in the GUR between 6th green and 7th tee.
- Q.2. Can a further 2/3 bins be installed.
A.2. Extra bins have been placed at the 7th and 11th tees.
- Q.3. Right hand side of the 5th hole to be marked GUR.
A.3. Right hand side of the 5th green has dried sufficiently to be cut at a low height and is in play.
- Q.4. Can all patches/bare soil be marked GUR and remedial work carried out.
A.4. GUR areas around the course will be marked and repaired as time and weather allows.
- Q.5. Could the course work be detailed for the summer.
A.5. Course work will be detailed in monthly newsletters.
- Q.6. Messages regarding course conditions update to be made more consistent regarding content and made more professional.
A.6. B. McTernan will raise at Management Committee Meeting.
- Q.7. Could bunkers on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th holes be hand raked each morning as the greenkeepers first job.
A.7. This is already being done.
- Q.8. Can a plan be developed for bunkers which suffer from flooding.
A.8. As bunkers are renovated then flooding issues will be assessed and if possible resolved.
- Q.9. Trim trees behind 18th green as they block the view from the balcony/clubhouse.
A.9. Trees will have their branches trimmed when time allows.
- Q.10. 12th green needs action for bare patches although in general greens appear to be a month ahead in terms of surface area.
A.10. 10th and 12th greens will be seeded and dressed regularly and patches where possible, treated until patches have recovered.
- May. Greens will be tined and top dressed.
Greens will be fertilized with a slow release fertilizer.
Greens will be treated with a wetting agent.
Greens will be verti cut as required.
- Ongoing tasks.
Bunkers will be trimmed.
Cutting of all areas.
GUR areas will be seeded and fertilized.
Green heights will be lowered as weather conditions allow.
Liquid feed will be applied to greens as required to keep the turf healthy.
Aprons will be treated with iron to produce colour without increasing growth

General view on course conditions was very positive and the comments made were not complaints but suggestions to improve Westerhope Golf Club experience.

Thanks to all the contributors it is your course/club and we value any comments/suggestions you may have.



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Catering/Dining Room

May 28th saw the departure of Craig and Dawn Foggo. They cited that it was personal reasons to us as to why they decided to leave the club. Unfortunately, with Social Media everywhere these days they stated on Facebook that the "numbers didn't add up" which suggested that we were underhand in giving them figures initially when they started with us. Let us make this clear to all members that we were truthful with all figures given to them from the outset by disclosing our turnover and costs associated with the Dining Room throughout 2017. They also fail to mention the help we gave them by not charging them rent/franchise fee for 2 months. Naturally we were disappointed with their comments.

Fortunately, Shaun Mussett came to the rescue and subsequently took over the Dining Room officially on 29th May, Shaun comes with a mountain of experience within the catering industry starting in 1986 in a cafe called Foodles in the Metro Centre.

Then went on to help open Big Lukes in Newcastle where he was appointed Kitchen Director and assisted in opening restaurants in Carlisle, Sunderland & Sutton in London. After 25 years, Shaun decided to go on his own and has done many catering events, hog roasts and various dinner functions

Juniors

Junior Texas Scramble

Congratulations to Alex Thoburn, Cameron Thoburn, Mark Russell and Jake Horn on winning the Northumbria Junior Golf League Texas Scramble at the City of Newcastle Golf Club on Monday 28th May 2018

Apologies for not printing all the results, we will get them on next months newsletter!

Sat 21st April
Club Cup 1 st Rnd
1st S Bolton (R) 74-4c=70
2nd Craig Convery (R) 78-7c=71
3rd M J Calvert (R) 80-9c=71
Sat 21st April
Whorlton Cup 1 st Rnd
1st Paul Walton (R) 85-15c=70
2nd K Brennan 87-15c=72
3rd M Bell 92-20c=72
Sun 22nd April
Club Cup 2 nd Rnd
1st J S Archbold (R) 90-21c=69
2nd D Watson (R) 86-17c=69
3rd M Hudson (R) 86-15c=71
Weds 25th April
Midweek Medal No 2
1st M Anderson (R) 83-17c=66
2nd I S Fenwick (R) 76-8c=68
3rd Shaun Mussett (R) 88-18c=70
Sat 28th April
Captains Charity Day
1 st A Little/M Little/K Thornton/K Fenwick – 87pts
2 nd W O'Hara/P O'Hara/J McCourt/M Thornton
3 rd P Herring/R McCartney/A Darrington/T Ternent

Sun 29th April
Monthly Medal No 2
1st K G Donaldson (R) 86-20c=66
2nd Michael Little (R) 88-19c=69
3rd S Bolton (R) 73-4c=69
Weds 2nd May
Jeffcock 1 st Rnd
1st Michael Little +7
2nd Paul Armstrong +3
3rd R J Potts +3
Sat 5th May
Club Cup 3 rd Rnd
1st Rhys Foster 81-13c=68
2nd G Millar 76-8c=68
3rd Samuel Norris 80-11c=69
Sat 5th May
Whorlton Cup 3 rd Rnd
1st K Brennan 81-15c=66
2nd Shaun Pickard 93-25c=68
3rd Lee McGuinness 85-15c=70
Sun 6th May
Club Cup 4 th Rnd
1 st P Ross 82-12c=70
2 nd B Wardrobe 83-13c=70
3 rd I Robson 76-5c=71