



## Diary Dates

### 10th October

Dinner Dance, tickets £21.

### 28th November.

Lady Captain's Cheese and Wine Evening.

Tickets £7.50

### 19th December

Christmas Dance. Tickets £20.

**31st December** New Year's Eve. Dinner Dance.

Tickets £35

## Membership Update

Our membership is now at **540 full members**. Please continue to look after any new members and make them welcome. The influx of new members has probably had a lot to do with the excellent turn out in many of the competitions this year.

## On the Course

A successful **Course Presentation Evening**, with over 20 members attending, was held on Tuesday 25th of August, details of which have been displayed on Club notice boards.

The **winter programme** of jobs to do on the course includes tackling some of the wet areas around the course, where the drains are actually working but the water is not penetrating the thatch. This will involve gravelbanding and sandslitting. The out of bounds to the rear of the professional's shop is also to be re-aligned. In response to a suggestion by one of our members, the **Greens Book**, kept in the Professional's shop, will be supplemented by a folder containing replies to questions raised.

The good work being done on the course has been recognised in an application to hold the **Lancashire Senior Championships** here in June 2011.

**Divot**—the scar left behind when turf is removed by a golf club.

We are very fortunate to play on the fairways throughout the winter. We don't use mats or have to move to the rough. Please help the greens staff and fellow golfers by **replacing your divots** and also those of less thoughtful players. Please look for your **pitch marks** on the green and repair those also.



## Winter Golf

Our men's **Winter Golf Competitions** start on Sunday 11th October with the **Winter Chairman's Cup**. **Winter Competitions** are open to male members, both full and five day, holding an official club handicap. Competitors may tee off between 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. from the 1st and 10th tees only.



Junior boys with a maximum handicap of 20 may also play. Junior boys must play with a full or five day member.

## Golf Successes

Congratulations to the **Senior Victory Trophy Team** which claimed every prize apart from one in this year's competition, winning the team nett and team gross, Derek Barton won best individual gross and Tony O'Donell best individual nett.

On the same day, in the final of the prestigious **Craws Nest Tassie** competition, held at **Carnoustie**, Barry Giblin was pipped into second place on the nineteenth hole. Ken and Phil Sargent reached the second round before being knocked out.

In very testing conditions, our Ladies beat Wilmslow G.C. to win the **Bell Cup** for the third time.

Our **Junior successes** are also mentioned elsewhere.

## Haydock Park Nature Notes



We are not used to this close up view of the buzzards that frequent the skies above Haydock Park but did members realise that this is one of seventy six species of bird spotted on the course by our Head Green Keeper, Terry Wharton and local ornithologist Denis Price ? To encourage these birds, fifty bird boxes have been positioned and maintained on and around the course.

In addition to the woodpeckers, thrushes and herons that we occasionally see, there are various warblers, snipe and even the occasional woodcock.

It is our policy to leave tree stumps and logs to provide natural habitats for many of the creatures that thrive at Haydock Park.

## House Matters

### Electricity

At considerable expense, a new circuit board has been fitted in the clubhouse. This uncovered many anomalies to the power supply and also coincided with several disruptions to the alarm system and various items in the kitchen. Hopefully these problems have now been corrected.

### Water supply

The water supply to the clubhouse has also been causing problems, mainly to the showers in the men's locker rooms and to the kitchen. This is mainly due to the outflow of hot water being greater than the inflow of cold water. It is hoped to be able to rectify this as soon as possible.

### New Bar Hours

In an attempt to reduce costs and after a thorough analysis of bar takings, during the winter months, October to March, the bar will close at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday evenings, when there are no functions, and earlier on Mondays. The bar staff have the discretion to close earlier when there are no members present.

### Catering

Mark is to make a small increase to the charges to the snack menu. This will be the first increase for 18 months and Mark will not be making any more increases for another 18 months.

## Rules Reminder

### Playing off temporary greens.

If your ball comes to rest on a temporary green when play to a proper green is allowed, you may putt off a temporary green. If you wish to chip you must move off the temporary green to the nearest point of relief.

If temporary greens are in use and your ball comes to rest on a proper green you must take relief from the proper green.

### Use of trolleys in Winter.

We expect the same rules as last year to apply:

Please: use a half set of golf clubs;

carry if you can;

if you are unable to carry, use a lightweight trolley, not electric;

if you need to use a buggy or electric trolley, obtain permission.

## Juniors

The Haydock Park Juniors beat Haigh Hall Juniors in the final match of the season and will now represent the South Lancashire league in the regional KO finals.

Following on from the successes of the Men, Ladies and Seniors in the various District Championships, the Juniors were runners up in both the gross and nett in their own District Championships. Ross Hunt won the Victory Trophy with the best gross and John Crompton was nett runner up.

To ensure we build on this success, Peter Kenwright, the Club Professional, will be giving regular lessons to the Juniors through the winter.

## Seniors

Haydock Park has a very active **seniors section** which runs fourball competitions throughout the Winter season. They also play fourball friendly matches against 11 other clubs during the Summer.

The Winter competitions take place every Friday, with the draw for partners taking place in the gents' locker room at 11.30 a.m. These competitions give all members and in particular new members of the club, the opportunity to meet, play and socialise with a wide mix of existing members. Whilst the majority of those who play in these competitions are senior retired members, all other members are welcome.

The Summer matches take the form of a team ( usually comprising 16 members ) playing against a similar team from 11 other clubs from the surrounding area. Matches are played in a competitive but friendly manner and everyone, irrespective of handicap, is given the opportunity to play different courses. The matches are followed by a meal, the cost of which is determined at the start of the Summer season.



To take part in these matches, members have to be **55 years of age** or above and need to be at least partially retired. People who wish to play in the Summer matches are expected to have played in some of the Winter matches. Please come along on a Friday and join in. For further information please contact Derek Collier ( 01942 674935 ) or John Moorfield ( 01942 204150 )

## And Finally !



### ARE YOU INSURED ?

Please remember, it is every golfer's responsibility to make sure that he or she is insured for injury to other persons or damage to property. Our secretary/manager will be able to suggest reputable insurance companies to any members who are unsure about their personal insurance cover.

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