



# Haydock Park Matters

## Diary Dates for December

15th Ladies' Christmas Competition  
17th Children's Christmas Party  
19th Christmas Dance  
20th Men's Christmas Buffet Competition  
31st New Years Eve Dance

## Membership Update

Welcome to all our new members. We are now up to 546 members. We hope they have an enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year, both on and off the golf course.

## On the Course

**November 2008 rainfall 59 mm.**

**November 2009 rainfall 203 mm.**

The above information shows how hard Terry and his team of Green Staff are working, not only to keep the course playable but also to present the greens in such excellent condition.

The intention was to try to get all the major work done on the course during the winter months. In spite of the recent deluges the following projects have already taken place:

**4th Hole** All the rhododendrons to the rear and side of the 4th tee have been removed and where necessary replaced by large stones. The increased airflow will now benefit both the 4th and the 3rd green.

**8th Hole** The area around the pond has been tidied up, which involved removing the willows and small trees.

**8th Hole cont.** The area in front of the Ladies' 9th tee and Gents' winter tee has been drained into the pond. This whole area should look very impressive when reseeded.

**12th Hole** New paths have been cut at the side of the tee and towards the green. A new drain has been put in in front of the tee to help to dry out this area. New steps will be put at the side of the 12th tee. All tees that have steps will have the sleepers replaced in due course.

**14th Hole** The reshaping of the hole has started. The alignment of the tee and the planting of trees in front of the tee will encourage golfers not to try and drive the green. Two new drains have been put in to drain the 14th fairway into the pond.

**13th/14th/15th Triangle** The clearing of the this area will help with air flow around these three fairways. All three fairways now drain into the new pond.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Derek Walkden on being selected as the next President of Haydock Park Golf Club. He will serve two years from 2010 to 2012.

His term of office will coincide with that of the next Club Captain, Mr. Barry Jameson and the new Ladies' Captain, Mrs. Helen Bibby. The present Junior Captain is Daniel Wilkinson.

They will be followed by the present Ladies Vice Captain, Miss Jacqui Brown, who will be Ladies Captain for 2010—2011 and the recently chosen Club Captain for 2011 to 2012, Mr. Fred Buckley.

## Latest Junior News

**Junior Captains Drive In and Fun Competition Tuesday 22nd December 2009 Tee off 9.30 am.**

Prizes for everyone. Juniors without H/C can play 3,6 or 9 holes. The fee of £2 includes lunch Please get in touch with Barbara or Jack if you want to play. Details on Junior Notice Board in the locker room.

## Winter Golf

It is our priority to try to keep the course open during the Winter months, whilst at the same time minimising wear and tear.

The following rules apply to both members and our guests.

1. If you can carry, **please carry your clubs during the Winter period.**
2. If you are unable to carry, **use a lightweight trolley with a lightweight bag and half a set of clubs. Keep to the paths and the rough.**
3. If you are unable to use a pull trolley, **you must have permission from the secretary to use a power trolley.** Again, use **half a set of clubs, a lightweight bag and keep to the rough.**
4. Only nineteen members have sought and received permission to use power trolleys this winter. **Members must re-apply each winter for permission to use a power trolley.** If you are not sure whether you have permission, please check with David Hughes, the Secretary/Manager.

## 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.

## House Matters

The problem with the **water supply** to the Clubhouse has been rectified by the installation of additional cold water storage in the loft and should now ensure a better supply to both the showers and the kitchen.

At the suggestion of the Ladies, who are contributing half of the cost, it has been decided to purchase an **air operated shoe cleaner**. It is hoped that it will help to reduce cleaning and maintenance costs for our club facilities, as members and guests will be able to quickly and effectively remove mud and spoil from their shoes before entering the premises.

It will also help to prevent the spread of fusarium and other threats to our golf course. Special nozzles prevent injury from misuse but still provide full power air delivery for effective cleaning.

