



Manor of Groves Golf & Country Club

The Manor of Groves Newsletter March 2021

DUST DOWN THOSE CLUBS.....



Hello to you all and welcome to what I hope can be the first of many updates from your committee here at the golf club.

The committee recently met, and it was agreed we will be aiming to bring you, the members closer to the club through direct and informative communications.

We will endeavour to bring you fast and accurate information via emails and newsletters or through our social media channels.

The news of golf returning on the 29th of March is music to our ears. We are positive there are good times ahead for our game and the club and while we will make every effort to get news to you, we're also keen for communications to be a two-way street, so please feel free to contact me at any time with your thoughts and comments as we continue to build a golfing family at The Manor.#

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the season.

In the meantime, please stay safe and we all look forward to seeing you all very soon, when the 'course closed' sign is removed, and the first tee nerves are back jangling again.

Regards

Joe Gutteridge (on behalf of the committee)

CLUB NEWS



We are delighted golf is opening again on Monday 29th March, we're very much looking forward to welcoming you all back.

Our Greens team have been and still are very busy in making sure the Golf Course is in great condition for your return. As per my email at the beginning of January, we are pleased to announce that we have achieved all the project work that was listed out. On top of this extensive list during lockdown the team also carried out renovations to our tee furniture.

I hope you have been following our Manor of Groves Golf Club Facebook page where you will have seen all the great

improvements we have made. During lockdown, the team were all working fulltime despite the snowy and wet conditions to make sure all these projects were achieved.

As the ground is starting to dry, Lee and his team have started the first cut with the rough machine to bring the level down. As we go into next week, the fairways will start to be cut with the fairway mower bringing it to the correct length and you will start seeing the course getting stripped.

Tees, Greens and approaches have also had their first cut which will now continue into opening. On your return, you will go straight onto the grass tees.

As we approach opening, on top of continuing to cut, the team will carry on with project work. This will entail cleaning out ditches, pruning trees and bushes and edging the bunkers. New hole cups and flags are also on order. Now that maintenance week of the greens has been carried out during lockdown, this means you will have no disruption on your return.

We will have a starter on the first tee selling tea and coffee and also a Marshall on certain days selling cold refreshments whilst patrolling the course.

Please make sure you cancel your tee time if you can no longer make that slot so it is not going to waste.

The Golf Club will remain closed until restrictions lift but the changing rooms will still be accessible.

All members have now been informed what is happening with membership fees for the season ahead.

One more month to go.

See you all soon, we can't wait.

Regards
James Barker

IN THE SHOP



The Pro-shop is slowly receiving 2021 stock and by the time golf is back the pro-shop should be fully stocked with the latest equipment and clothing.

Equipment from Titleist, Cobra, Callaway and clothing from Ralph Lauren, Under Armour and Ladies JRB to name a few will be lining the shelves.

The shop can still operate on a click and collect basis during lockdown as some members have been doing, so drop them an email at ben@bengoodeygolf.co.uk with anything you need for the new season to arrange this.

Keep an eye out for Demo day dates. As soon as it is confirmed they can take place, the dates will be advertised.

To help blow the cobwebs from your swing, Ben is offering a

£10 discount off a 'return to golf' lesson. To take advantage of this great offer, please quote offer code 'APRIL COACH 21' when you book your lesson.

MENS CAPTAIN



To all of the Members, Management, Staff & The Manor of Groves Golf Club Family.

It's very exciting to know that from Monday 29th March 2021 (If Scientific Data Passes), we will be sweeping the fairways once again. It's like Christmas for me and I'm sure it is for many of you too.

It's been a very challenging year for everyone with Covid-19 and I'm sure we can't wait to see the back of it in the near future and get back to what we all love doing. With Boris now setting out a 4-stage road map for the country, I'm sure you are all delighted to get planning underway with family, friends, holidays and golf events.

I would like us all to remember the ones who we have lost during these times and the ones who are still fighting.

A special mention goes to Bill Muldoon & Alan Grant who sadly left us during this period.

May I say thanks to the SMOGS for raising money from the weekly swindle donations, David Harvie for his February drink challenge donation, the Tourette's Sunday Swindle donation & Geraldine & Kev for the huge uptake in Last Man Standing.

It's been a tough year to raise money for the charities, so thank you to all that have played their part.

Onto some brighter news.....GOLF & EVENTS 2021

Regarding golf & this year's golf diary, Gary Jones (Secretary), Claudette & I are currently working on the golf fixture diary for the year ahead and will issue this via email & make it live of the website as soon as possible.

In regard to Winter knockouts, they have all been cancelled and monies returned to accounts. (Gary Jones).

The committees aim for the year ahead is to work alongside the Management & Pro Shop Team to improve to club, the clubhouse and the course, so keep your eyes on the Facebook page for latest updates of current works and events coming up.

I will be looking at organising a Captains Away Day once I know where is available and again Covid safe.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support in what has been a crazy challenging Captains year and I / we look forward to seeing you in four - five weeks times.

Gareth Thomas
Mens Captain

LADIES CAPTAIN



I am sure you have all read Gareth's message and I totally endorse his sentiments, especially in remembering Bill Muldoon and Alan Grant. Our thoughts and condolences are with their families.

Despite the challenges of the Pandemic, the Ladies section have regularly kept in touch and have had lots of fun, albeit virtually. We have continued to raise charity funds with repeated, wonderful support from Kev and Geraldine through Last Man Standing.

The Ladies have also been inventive staging a number of fund-raising events including donating our £10 Secret Santa. We had a fun quiz organised by the Walkers, won by Heather Blake on Zoom and recently a 'Cookathon' led by Master Chef Bob Walker where he demonstrated and we cooked a Thai Curry. This resulted in a delicious joint dinner, all of course on Zoom. There are plans for another session!

As Gareth has mentioned we shall be collating dates, however, please note that we have already moved the Black and White Night to Friday 24th September and the Texas Scramble / Drive in for new Captains to Saturday 2nd October. This is open to all members.

I am really pleased that our Ladies Away Break is booked in September with 2 rounds of golf and an overnight stay at Shendish Golf Club. We have a great deal of fun on these occasions.

Regarding the course, I had a lovely walk yesterday with Vice Captain Jeanette and so enjoyed the signs of Spring with daffodils and snowdrops in abundance. I hope these are still there when we return. It was a pleasure to see how the course is developing especially as so many improvements have been undertaken. It is looking very good.

Finally, to re-iterate Gareth's comments. I too appreciate the tremendous support over this very difficult year that we have all had. I am really looking forward to our return and to being back in our golf community. The future is looking bright! How great it will be to meet face to face again.

Claudette Dromard
Lady Captain

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Thanks to you all for your continued support.

Stay safe, take care and we will see you all at the end of the month.

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