



Manor of Groves Golf & Country Club

The Manor of Groves Newsletter April 2021

GOLF IN 2021 BEGINS.....



Happy Easter to you all and welcome back to The Manor.

What a week it has been since Monday, with golf from 7am to 8pm every day and beautiful sunny weather bringing smiling faces, (many) shouts of FORE but most of all, getting friends back together on the course for a knock and a stroll..... simply brilliant stuff.

Golf is in high demand, so to avoid disappointment, please remember to book online or call the shop to secure a tee time. There will be a starter just inside the clubhouse by the 1st tee who is selling hot and cold refreshments, with payment by CARD ONLY.

On the 12th of April, you can start sitting outside on tables of 6. The Golf patio and the Manor Suite Gardens will be open for table service for beverages (up to 6 persons).

On Thursday evenings, Saturday & Sunday (11am to 4pm) the club will be running a BBQ each week on the patio.

Inside the clubhouse on the competition board and on the 'A' Board by the 1st tee are the Slope Rating and Course Rating tables, please refer to these to work out your handicap index for the round. If you get stuck, please speak with shop staff to assist you.

May I wish you all a Happy Easter of golfing and time spent with your families.

Regards

Joe Gutteridge (on behalf of your committee)

CLUB NEWS



Welcome back to playing Golf everyone.

I would like to start by saying thank very much to all the volunteers who took part in the Saturdays during March. We saw great membership spirit and everyone's help and support was greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank and congratulate the greens team on getting the course in such great condition to ensure we have a fantastic golfing season ahead. A lot of hard work has gone into the course during lockdown, and I hope you enjoy the improvements.

We are approaching renewals soon where the golf membership year starts from 1st May. In the coming days you will receive your renewal letter and it will explain how the fees will be calculated taking into account the lockdowns we experienced.

We have taken on a bunch of new members already which is great to see and we expect to see the membership flourish in the coming weeks as golf will be in popular demand.

Have a great month and I look forward to welcoming you back as members from May 2021.

Regards
James Barker

IN THE SHOP



Welcome back to you all,

New stock is coming into the pro-shop thick and fast ready for our full opening on 12th April.

So far we've had all the Titleist metal range, new Odyssey putters, Under Armour, Footjoy shoes, Golf Balls and Ralph Lauren / RLX clothing arrive..... Still to come is Cobra, Ladies JRB, Wilson, Callaway and Motocaddy.

Plenty of demo clubs have arrived already with the full Titleist range to try before you buy, new Callaway Epic Drivers and demo irons from Titleist, Callaway and Wilson.

Remember we have a Launch Monitor to give you a comprehensive custom fitting experience.

We also offer an internet price match promise as we're confident we'll never get beaten on prices. Custom fittings have already started, so let us know if you'd like to try some new equipment.

Demo day dates will be announced soon (Titleist, Callaway and Cobra)

We're all looking forward to seeing you at the club, enjoy your golf and please don't hesitate to pop in to discuss what'll be next in your bag.

Regards
Ben Goodey

LADIES CAPTAIN



Dear Members,

Welcome back everyone!

I know we are all so delighted to be getting back to our lovely but frustrating game.

Well, Spring has certainly sprung, and we couldn't have asked for better weather to welcome us back to the Manor, how wonderful the course looks.

It has really been lovely to get such positive feedback from the Ladies after they have been out, walking the course. The flowers and planting look amazing. Jeanette has, as always done a fantastic job in all areas of the course. If ever there was a female version of Percy Thrower - she is it!

A huge thanks must go to the Management team, the Greens team and all those wonderful Volunteers who have contributed so much time and effort to getting the course to this standard. Even if I struggle to hit a ball, the walk will be amazing!

I am so proud of the Ladies section who have been so supportive during this challenging time. We have continued to keep spirits up, during this lengthy lockdown, with regular Zoom meetings and many fun activities. Our "resident Master chef", Bob Walker has demonstrated another delicious meal (this time, beef stroganoff and an indulgent chocolate mousse). We all cooked along to his instruction. The virtual dinner party that followed was such fun.

We also had a walking challenge over two days. This was teams of four walking for half an hour and measuring their combined distance. Great team leaders, great fun, and great chocolate prizes! I even won some! (actually, we all did!). Thank you Val Walker for the organising of a super event and Geraldine for the chocolate.

During the pandemic, charity fund raising has suffered but we have continued to support Huntingdons Trust and Bowel Cancer UK as best we can. Hopefully, we shall be able to do more during the summer. All our fundraising is split between the two charities and as Gareth has mentioned funds are

growing.

You may like to know that April is Bowel Cancer Awareness month. During this month there is an opportunity to remember anyone affected by this awful disease. On Sunday 11th April they suggest that you might light a candle at 5.00pm in remembrance. They have also suggested a donation of £5. If anyone would like to do so, then please contact me so that I can give you my bank details. Many thanks to you all for the support already given.

Finally, the fixture list and diary is now finalised and, as you can see, we have a very busy summer ahead. In the meantime, we have a few weeks to get back 'in the swing'. I am so looking forward to us playing again but especially to meeting up as part of our Manor of Groves family.

Be safe everyone and enjoy yourselves.

With very best wishes

Claudette Dromard
Lady Captain

MENS CAPTAIN



Dear Members,

I hope you are all well and that a fair amount of you have now had your first Covid Jab, not quite my time yet.

I also hope many of you have now had your first dose of golf since our return on the 29th of March. I have and it was interesting, yet beautiful to be back out on the course again.

I must say the course looks absolutely smashing, a huge thanks must go to our fantastic greens team who have been working extremely hard alongside the management over the past few weeks to get the course back to its best for the time of year. I am sure all of you are glad to see it looking so green and shaped magnificently. Another massive shout out must go to our fabulous members who have volunteered their own time during the week and Saturday mornings over the past few weeks to help the greens staff progress to course opening conditions.

Thanks must go to Joe Gutteridge & Kevin Elkins for arranging these volunteer sessions to help improve our course.

A special mention must go to senior management, our General Manager James Barker, our Operations Manager Trayan Horozov & their team during this pandemic for keeping our course open into the future along with the hotels.

As many of you know The Manor has sister hotels, so this has been an extremely challenging time, so hats off to Manor of

Groves Ltd.

Don't forget to use the new gym & swimming pool facilities, which has all been updated with brand new state of the art equipment and new Audio-Visual Systems throughout.

On to golf..... We have now finalised the golf diary for 2021, which can be found on BRS, Club V1 & on the website link below.

As you will see the calendar is jam packed with medals, stableford's, club board competitions, charity events and more. Our Club Championship is the weekend of Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th of July 2021. April will be a month where we can all get our games back in shape, play with our buddies on the course, with club competition's starting again on May 1st 2021.

During the month of April Grover's will return on Thursday 15th April, run by Derek & Tina Hollyoake & The Manor Catering Team, with drinks & food in the gardens after play.

Moor Park Away Day

On Friday 30th July 2021 I have booked Moor Park Golf Club for a members & friends away day, which includes breakfast, use of practice facilities, 18 holes on the high course and dinner. This away day is £135.00 per person and is now 30% booked with players from the Manor and members friends. For more information, please contact me.

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Charities

Huntingtons Trust & Bowl Cancer UK.

A massive thank you must go to Kevin & Geraldine for such a hit with LMS this year raising another huge amount towards the total raised so far, which stands at around £3700.00.

Considering the year we've all had this is a fantastic effort. Claudette Dromard and I will remain Captain's till the end of September 2021 where we will hand over to David Harvie & Jeanette Dedman. We hope you can join us on the Captains Drive in on Saturday 2nd October 2021.

All the support for the charities and our vice's will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks and best of luck with your golf and have a fantastic summer.

All The Best

Gareth Thomas
Men's Club Captain

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FINALLY.....



Thanks to you all for your continued support.

Stay safe, take care but most of all, keep smiling.

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