



## **Communications Group**

*(On behalf of the Management Committee and Club Members)*

### **July/August 2019 Newsletter**

**Dear Members**

**Welcome to the summer Newsletter of 2019.**

***This Newsletter looks at progress on the course and the summer programme, developments on the marketing of the Club and the wider aspects of events at the Club.***

#### **Plans and progress on the Course**

##### **Work on the course**

- ***The new seeding machine has already improved maintenance and development of bare areas around the course. GUR areas have been marked and in some cases roped off, to help the grass grow.***
- ***The programme of applying a wetting agent to selected fairways is well under way, to improve moisture retention.***
- ***Greens have been verticut three times and micro-tined as part of the summer aeration programme. All greens have been spun-dressed to smooth their surfaces – some three tonnes of dressing have been used, as well as some on the temporary greens for winter preparation, if needed.***
- ***Work has started on levelling the sprinkler heads, and some new sprinklers have been added to the second fairway.***
- ***Meanwhile, grass grows, so a lot of the work is in cutting the greens and fairways, and providing some variety of cut length for the rough,***

*whilst spraying those areas with growth regulator to slow growth and reduce the cutting time involved.*

- *Tee yardage markers have been moved to make them more visible.*
- *We are looking at a redesign of the 11<sup>th</sup> tee, to improve its appearance and reduce maintenance time. New irrigation and new steps to the tee would be added, and the seat nearby will be replaced. Final decisions about the design, and the timing of the project, will be made later in the year.*
- *As ever, many thanks to Carl and the greens staff for producing a course of such high quality – something that visiting teams and individuals frequently praise.*
- *Please note this clarification of club/local rules: where there is a GUR area and a nearby Dropping Zone, players have the choice of dropping in the DZ, or at the nearest point of relief. Don't "over-penalise" yourself!*
- *On the green, the new rule allows you to leave the flag in as you successfully hole your putt. However, we urge you not to yank out the flag, and ball, in over-vigorous celebration. It's damaging the holes. Be gentle.*

## **Wider Club Matters**

### **Personal Liability Insurance**

*After investigating details of various insurance offers that support members in the event of accidents on the course, we have decided to stay with our current insurers and policy.*

*Via England Golf, through whom we cover all members, each member has (as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019) £10 million personal liability cover. This is in the event that you are held liable for injuring someone or causing serious property damage at a golf facility. This covers members playing at any club in the UK.*

*There is no excess in respect of personal injury claims, and only £500 excess in respect of damage to third party property.*

### Matches and events

***Gents Invitation Day has been re-arranged for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, with an 11.00am shotgun start. The first 50 members to enter their names and pay will be accepted.***

***On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September we are holding the Craig Morris Testimonial Competition, to honour our superlative Professional. Almost every team slot has been booked, reflecting the high esteem in which Craig is held. You may just find a space if you are lucky.***

### Team results

- ***Seniors' matches against other Clubs continue, with matches against Ramsdale, Coxmoor, Wath and Doncaster, and fixtures coming up against Mapperley, Worksop and Carholme. More details are available on the website. See Seniors Match Overview. Many thanks to Iain Fletcher, for organising those matches.***
- ***Inter-Club matches have been played against Lincoln and Newark, and fixtures coming up include Worksop on 24<sup>th</sup> July and Doncaster on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to play, and to Allan Meacher for co-ordinating. If you would like to play, please contact Allan on [allanmeacher@gmail.com](mailto:allanmeacher@gmail.com)***
- ***Captain Dave Stirling thanks everyone who played or helped in the Captain's Day. Over £240 was raised.***
- ***The website diary now includes all mid-week medal competitions.***

### Ladies Section

- ***The Open am-am competitions are proving very successful, with a great turn-out for the spring event and many visitors signing up immediately for the summer event on 15<sup>th</sup> August and the autumn one on 1st November.***

- *The Silver League team have won their matches against Stanton, Mapperley and the Nottinghamshire Ladies, and now play them all, away.*
- *The AnnodataTeam beat Woodhall Spa but then lost in the next round to Kenwick Park.*
- *The inter-club team beat Radcliffe (in the rain!) and now play Serlby in the next round on 29<sup>th</sup> July, at Ruddington.*
- *Many thanks to all who helped in the Notts County Veterans/Seniors event, which proved very successful.*

### *Other Club matters*

- *When you collect your membership bag sticker, the Office will supply you with a County Card, free of charge as part of your annual fees. If you didn't collect one earlier, please call in at the Office for one. The card enables you to play, at reduced rates, at other courses in and beyond our County. For more details, look on [www.nottsgolfunion.com](http://www.nottsgolfunion.com) website, under County Cards.*
- *Many thanks to the green-fingered team who have worked hard to create the floral extravanza in the flower boxes around the Clubhouse.*
- *The marketing of the Clubhouse for functions, notably weddings and wakes, is proving popular and successful. You can see the marketing flyer that has been delivered to most homes in the district, by clicking on [www.retfordgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.retfordgolfclub.co.uk)*
- *We are also using Trip Advisor to advertise and present good reviews of RGC – the course, the clubhouse, catering etc – so if members can help by adding reviews, that would be great.*
- *For members who hire the Clubhouse for their own private function, we offer benefits, which you can follow up with the Office. Broadly, a party of over 40 people will mean a return to the member introducing the party, of 10% of bar profits, up to £50, which will be added to the member's bar card.*

- *The membership and financial picture at RGC is steady at present. Total membership is close to previous years, though the types of membership are more varied and hence produce a lower income. However, increases in visitor numbers – and the very positive feedback they give about the quality of the course and the reception they receive at RGC – help to offset that. So too does the continuing success of functions and events in the clubhouse, from which the Club gets a substantial return.*
- *In the clubhouse, you will see that all the dining chairs have been refurbished, and there are new blinds at the windows.*
- *The new timings for the kitchen are....*

**Full Menu** *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9.30-3.00*

*Sunday 9.30-12.00*

**Bunker Menu** *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3.00-6.00*

*Wednesday 12.00-6.00; Sunday 9.30-12.00*

**Full Menus** *include main meals (burgers, scampi, chilli, jacket potatoes etc), full English breakfast, variety of sandwiches and fillings, salads, chips.*

**Bunker Menus** *include sandwiches, chips, toasted tea-cakes.*

***And finally....***

*As always, if members have any concerns, ideas or proposals, please contact us so we can follow up with you.*

***From***

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