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## YOUR MONTHLY PPGC NEWSLETTER

# PPGC NEWS

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## ISSUE 3

### Happy New Year

As we move into 2015 we look forward to a new season of golfing challenges and new ideas to bring our Members together like never before. Yes, the Committee does listen to you and we are continuously striving to improve communication and Social interaction within the Club.

We also hope we can continue bringing you as up-to-date as possible with news from the Committee Meetings etc. as well bringing you more generalised 'banter' and golfing 'nonsense'. So, if there's anything you think could be useful here please talk to the Editors (see top of page).

It's also still important that we try to attract more new Members to PPGC and we would ask that everyone be proactive in advertising the Golf Club and its attributes whenever and wherever they can – more Members means more money coming into the Club which gives us more leverage with our owners to continue to improve and update facilities.

### Shoe Cleaning Facilities

At a recent Committee meeting Chris Williams put forward a proposal for a compressed-air shoe and trolley cleaning plant.

The proposal was put to 1Life and was accepted in principal and further investigation was undertaken to determine how and where the system could be installed and used.

Following more in-depth discussions with the supplier the proposal was unanimously accepted at December's Committee meeting.



Purchase and installation of the device is imminent!!

### Boggy Buggy

For those who hire a buggy (if conditions allow) please be aware of the sodden ground and try to avoid driving through the particularly soft areas. The damage done to the 'paths' etc takes a long time to repair so your vigilance will help to keep the course playable and, for buggy users, feasible.



### Rules Of Golf Workshop

The following was born from a great suggestion to the Committee :

Geoff Nunney and Barrie Hope are to host a 'Rules of Golf' evening for members to help inform and clarify understanding of the most commonly encountered rules situations.

The session, to take place in the upstairs Café at Perdiswell on Tuesday 13th January from 6.30pm onwards, will be informal and as interactive as possible so it would be great to see as many members as possible attending.

Ahead of the session please feel free to advise Barrie or Geoff if there are any specific rules issues you think should be covered.

### Temporary Teeing Grounds

Following a couple of issues recently regarding the condition of the 'winter' teeing grounds and the position of the tee blocks within the grounds, the matter has been raised with Chris Bedford and his Greenkeeping staff such that blocks should be positioned appropriately and allowing a minimum of two club lengths behind tee blocks as per R&A guidelines.

With the majority of the teeing grounds currently being 'winter' tees and considerably forward of their 'normal' position on the raised teeing grounds, linked to the all-too-often Perdi problem of missing tee blocks, the Committee clearly recognises the need

for more clarity of information especially prior to Competitions.

As a general rule, if the white tee blocks are missing, tee off from the white distance marker at the rear of the teeing ground and, whenever possible, in line with the forward red and yellow tees.

If in doubt – please ask! Teeing off from the wrong position could mean disqualification!!

## AGM



Don't forget our AGM is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

This is a chance to have your say directly to the Committee and vote on issues raised.

PPGC is a democracy and as such must listen to its Members; please come along, see how the Club is doing, get a few things 'off your chest' if you feel the need.

It's only one evening of your valuable time and if you really care about the running of the Club and its future you should take the opportunity to participate.

The channel through which you can propose/second new, or reinstate existing, Committee members will become available over the next couple of weeks or so.

If you have any issues that you feel should be discussed at the AGM, these issues must be presented prior to the event.

Please watch the Notice Board/Website/Facebook for more information. See you there!!

## Local Rules

Several 'local rules' issues such as dropping zones, winter rules, and the use of GPS systems etc. have been raised lately, both through general clubhouse discussions and our website forums.

It has now been agreed that a drop zone is required adjacent to the water hazard on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole; discussions will take place as to exactly where the zone should be and how it is to be marked and maintained.

'Lift, clean and replace' during 'winter rules' also requires clarification regarding the distance from its original resting place the ball should be placed. Currently 6 inches (150mm), not nearer the hole, appears to be the 'rule'



The use of GPS systems at PPGC needs to be covered by a local rule to comply with R&A guidelines.

The Committee would like winter greens to be marked 'GUR' but in case that is not carried out, a local rule will be issued.

Brian Hodgetts will be making all local rules available and more visible by posting them on our main Notice Board and on our website.

## PSI versus Score Cards etc

There are still a couple of concerns about the entry of scores into PSI and the submission of correctly filled-in score cards.

PSI and its leaderboard function etc is a PROVISIONAL scoring facility and as such scores/results are not official until all score cards have been checked and validated by the Handicap Secretary!!

So, it's still mandatory that score cards be filled in correctly, including player and marker signatures, and posted into the provided box.

Although PSI is a great 'real-time scoring tool' and creates a bit of excitement and banter on competition days, we must still comply with the rules of golf as per pre-PSI and remember that your correctly filled-in card in the box is what really matters and the Handicap Secretary has the final say based on that card!!

## This Month's Competitions



### WEDNESDAYS

07<sup>th</sup> Geoff Edge Rnd 5  
14<sup>th</sup> Four Ball Better Ball  
21<sup>st</sup> Geoff Edge Rnd 6  
28<sup>th</sup> Geoff Edge Rnd 7

### SATURDAYS

03<sup>th</sup> Bonus Stableford  
10<sup>th</sup> Winter League Rnd 4  
17<sup>th</sup> Winter League Rnd 5  
24<sup>th</sup> Am/Am  
31<sup>st</sup> Winter League Rnd 6

To enter a competition after the closing date or to cancel your entry call the club mobile on :

**07925 276 097**



## Good And Proper Practice!!

Please **EVERYONE**, **REPAIR** your **PITCHMARKS** on the greens!!

**IT'S** particularly **IMPORTANT** at this time of the year, when the ground is soft and vulnerable, that **WE ALL** help to **LOOK AFTER OUR GREENS**.

Set the standard **AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE AND ALSO** politely **REMIN**d your **PLAYING PARTNERS** if they neglect their duty.



## Most Things Are Exactly As They Seem!

So, I'd hit my drive down the middle of the fairway and when I got to where my ball was lying I noticed it had stopped just short of a small mound of what looked to be 'dog-dirt'. Just as I was about to play my ball a passing bedraggled 'walker' came up to me, bent down and looked hard at the mound and said, "sure looks like it". He then bent down again and sniffed at the mound and said, "and it sure smells like it". Again he bent down, poked his finger in the mound and then licked his finger and said, "yep, sure tastes like it, I'm just glad I didn't step in it!!"

There is a moral to this anecdote: if you see dog walkers leaving their pet's deposit on the course please politely and calmly instruct them in the error of their ways!

## December Charity Stableford

PPGC raised £187.74 for Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust's 'Rory The Robot' Prostate Cancer Campaign.

[www.justgiving.com/rorytherobot](http://www.justgiving.com/rorytherobot)



## Outside Competitions etc.

Our Club Secretary, Brian Hodgetts, will continue to assess all outside competitions as the information is made available to PPGC.

It's important that PPGC continue to have a Local and National profile and presence and entry into these competitions can be rewarding not only for individuals but also for the Club as a whole.

Any competition deemed suitable will be posted in all the usual places for everyone to access and assess.

## Know Your Course?

Which hole is this?



Answer on last page

## Rules Corner

Geoff Nunney asks :

Q1. A player's ball lies on grass covered ground within a bunker. The player must drop the ball in the bunker when declaring it unplayable.

'A' True  
'B' False

Q2. A player is not entitled to have another ball lifted if that ball interferes mentally with his play.

'A' True  
'B' False

Answers in Issue 4

Answers to Issue 2 Quiz :

Q1. Answer "C" is correct : Player C incurs a 2 stroke penalty on the first hole (Rule 6.2a).

Q2. Answer "C" is correct : Once the ball is dropped from the unplayable lie it becomes the ball in play (Rule 20.4), therefore it can be played as it lies or relief can be taken under another penalty again.

## Handicap League 2015

In early December, Geoff Edge and Steve Williams attended the AGM of the Worcestershire Handicap Golf League. The draw for the 2015 season was made and PPGC will be in Division 1, initially pitted against Little Lakes, Ombersley, Bewdley Pines, Kidderminster and Cleobury Mortimer.

This tough competition that runs throughout the summer months requires total commitment from the players and last year our team pulled together superbly to achieve their best ever finish as shown in the table and results on the right.

Following PPGC's excellent Handicap League results in 2014 we are, of course, hoping for an even better season in 2015.

Dates for the 2015 matches are still to be finalised but the Committee are hoping to arrange as many Sunday matches as possible so that our own Saturday competitions are not unduly affected. However, we have to be prepared to compromise somewhat in order to fit in with the other clubs' requirements and schedules.

<http://worcshcp.leaguerepublic.com>

### See It – Report It

One way we can all help to keep our Golf Course in top condition is to report anything untoward directly to Mark Woodward in the Pro Shop.

Missing flags, damage to the course, unwanted nuisance 'guests' etc, - report it!! Stuck behind a five ball (yes, it does happen) – don't even wait, get on your mobile right away - report it!!

Don't expect things to just go away, don't expect others to make a report, take action immediately yourself when you leave the course or sooner – be pro-active.

It'll only take a few minutes to pass on relevant information and who knows, something may happen very

|                      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For  | Against | + or - | Points    |
|----------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|---------|--------|-----------|
| <b>BROMSGROVE</b>    | 10     | 6   | 2     | 2    | 35.0 | 25.0    | 10.0   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>BEWDLEY PINES</b> | 10     | 5   | 3     | 2    | 32.5 | 27.5    | 5.0    | <b>13</b> |
| Perdiswell Park      | 10     | 5   | 2     | 3    | 29.0 | 31.0    | -2.0   | <b>12</b> |
| Gaudet Luce          | 10     | 2   | 4     | 4    | 31.5 | 28.5    | 3.0    | <b>8</b>  |
| Wharton Park         | 10     | 3   | 2     | 5    | 30.0 | 30.0    | 0.0    | <b>8</b>  |
| Ombersley            | 10     | 2   | 1     | 7    | 22.0 | 38.0    | -16.0  | <b>5</b>  |

  

| Fixtures & Results |                 |     |                 |     |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Date               | Home            |     | Away            |     |
| 15-Mar-14          | Bewdley Pines   | 3.5 | Wharton Park    | 2.5 |
| 29-Mar-14          | Bromsgrove      | 4.0 | Bewdley Pines   | 2.0 |
| 29-Mar-14          | Ombersley       | 4.5 | Wharton Park    | 1.5 |
| 05-Apr-14          | Gaudet Luce     | 4.5 | Bewdley Pines   | 1.5 |
| 19-Apr-14          | Perdiswell Park | 4.0 | Wharton Park    | 2.0 |
| 26-Apr-14          | Perdiswell Park | 5.5 | Ombersley       | 0.5 |
| 27-Apr-14          | Bromsgrove      | 5.0 | Perdiswell Park | 1.0 |
| 10-May-14          | Gaudet Luce     | 2.5 | Perdiswell Park | 3.5 |
| 10-May-14          | Ombersley       | 2.5 | Bewdley Pines   | 3.5 |
| 11-May-14          | Wharton Park    | 3.0 | Bromsgrove      | 3.0 |
| 18-May-14          | Ombersley       | 1.5 | Bromsgrove      | 4.5 |
| 25-May-14          | Perdiswell Park | 3.0 | Gaudet Luce     | 3.0 |
| 31-May-14          | Bromsgrove      | 5.0 | Ombersley       | 1.0 |
| 08-Jun-14          | Ombersley       | 3.5 | Gaudet Luce     | 2.5 |
| 08-Jun-14          | Perdiswell Park | 3.0 | Bewdley Pines   | 3.0 |
| 14-Jun-14          | Wharton Park    | 5.0 | Ombersley       | 1.0 |
| 22-Jun-14          | Ombersley       | 2.5 | Perdiswell Park | 3.5 |
| 29-Jun-14          | Bewdley Pines   | 5.0 | Bromsgrove      | 1.0 |
| 20-Jul-14          | Gaudet Luce     | 3.0 | Bromsgrove      | 3.0 |
| 26-Jul-14          | Wharton Park    | 6.0 | Perdiswell Park | 0.0 |
| 02-Aug-14          | Bromsgrove      | 3.5 | Wharton Park    | 2.5 |
| 09-Aug-14          | Gaudet Luce     | 5.0 | Wharton Park    | 1.0 |
| 10-Aug-14          | Bewdley Pines   | 4.0 | Perdiswell Park | 2.0 |
| 16-Aug-14          | Gaudet Luce     | 3.0 | Ombersley       | 3.0 |
| 17-Aug-14          | Perdiswell Park | 3.5 | Bromsgrove      | 2.5 |
| 17-Aug-14          | Bewdley Pines   | 4.0 | Ombersley       | 2.0 |
| 24-Aug-14          | Bewdley Pines   | 3.0 | Gaudet Luce     | 3.0 |
| 31-Aug-14          | Wharton Park    | 3.0 | Bewdley Pines   | 3.0 |
| 31-Aug-14          | Bromsgrove      | 3.5 | Gaudet Luce     | 2.5 |
| 7-Sep-14           | Wharton Park    | 3.5 | Gaudet Luce     | 2.5 |

quickly rather than in few days or never. We all hear the complaints on the car park and in the bar – park it where it belongs – with Management.

As Members we're all responsible! So, take responsibility and help to make a difference and we'll all benefit!

### Know Your Course? The 12<sup>th</sup>

