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**YOUR MONTHLY PPGC NEWSLETTER**

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**Keep Left (And Right)**

Particularly during the winter months it will help course conditions if we all avoid taking trolleys between bunkers and greens (this is normal golfing etiquette anyway!).

You will already notice that these areas are becoming rather 'brown' and muddy looking. It's good 'house-keeping' at any time to avoid these narrow, closely-mown areas as they can be subjected to more than their fair share of foot-fall and hence unwanted trolley wear.

The Committee is looking at potential methods of displaying 'diversions' that will not interfere with play but are easily implemented.

In the meantime, please think about how you navigate yourself around the course. It's only a few extra steps on each hole and your forethought and consideration will help keep Perdi in the best condition possible.

**Know Your Course?**

Which hole is this?



Answer on page 4

**This Month's Competitions**



**WEDNESDAYS**

- 04<sup>th</sup> Geoff Edge Rnd 8
- 11<sup>th</sup> Greensomes
- 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Scramble
- 25<sup>th</sup> Medal

**SATURDAYS**

- 07<sup>th</sup> Medal \*\*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Greensomes
- 21<sup>st</sup> Winter League Rnd 7
- 28<sup>th</sup> 4 Ball Better Ball \*\*

\*\* Please note these two competitions have exchanged dates.

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

**07925 276 097**



**AGM Reminder**

Don't forget the AGM on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Let's have a good turnout this year.

**If you really care, be there!**

**A Belated Thank You**

Our Greenkeeping Staff asked me to thank everyone at PPGC for their Christmas bonuses (gift vouchers). To say that the lads were 'chuffed' is an understatement; one of the lads commented that, "...it's great to feel that we have been recognised for the work we've done this year..".

I personally thought it was great that, even though the gifts were presented from PPGC, the lads made an effort to say 'thank you' to Members whilst out on the course – nice touch boys!

**Got Something To Sell?**



Those of you who don't have access to our website may not know that, as requested by John Rudge, we now have a facility to advertise items for sale on-line.

Although still somewhat experimental, we hope it may prove quite useful to many of you who have unwanted items languishing in a dark forgotten corner somewhere just collecting dust.

The 'Sell, Sell, Sell' page works in a similar way to the 'Forum' page and visitors can easily upload their own items. However, if you have anything to offer and can't upload it to the website yourself please contact Peter Brown with item description, item condition, selling price, seller's name

and contact details (photo also if you can but not compulsory). If you can't get hold of me you could leave the information in an envelope behind the bar at Perdi and I will make sure it goes on the website.

Items can remain on the website until sold but please let me know upon completion of sale so they can be removed or marked as 'sold'.

## The Physics Of Golf?

### Definitions

**Vacuum** : The space between your ears that becomes entirely void of matter the moment you set foot on the golf course.

### FORCES & MOTION

There are four main physical forces that variously affect the motion of a golf ball :

**Gravity** : which causes the ball to drop suddenly into hazards.

**Electromagnetism** : which makes the ball curve sharply towards whichever of the earth's poles is closest to the Out of Bounds.

**The Weak Force** : which minimises forward motion causing the ball to dribble to the Ladies tee. Warning – the weak force is often accompanied by a short-term medical condition resulting in redness of the face and temporary bouts of Tourettes.

**The Strong Force** : which maximises forward motion and propels the ball directly towards the group in front. Warning - the strong force is often accompanied by a short-term medical condition resulting in temporary muteness of the ball striker!!

## Rules Of Golf Workshop(s)

As most of you will know PPGC, represented by Barrie Hope and Geoff Nunney, held a Rules Of Golf Workshop in January. This great idea of combining constructive 'instruction' with social interaction mixed with a fair bit of banter seemed

to have gone down pretty well so we will be asking the 'rules gurus' to organise more of the same over the coming months.



Golf is very much a game of individual skill governed by some pretty complicated and often misunderstood rules and the more we all understand those rules and their importance the better the game will be all round.

Barrie and Geoff have only just scratched the surface of R&A's mysterious and comprehensive rules so if there are any particular aspects of the rules that you feel we could benefit from by better understanding, put your suggestions forward.

## PPGC Local Rules

The Committee has decreed that the Local Rule regarding Temporary Greens that already exists shall remain as per the PPGC score card as follows :

### Temporary Greens :

When temporary Greens are in play the normal greens should be considered as GUR and a ball resting on the green should be lifted and dropped off the green, not nearer the hole, in accordance with Rule 25-1b. The same rule will apply to Temporary Greens, when marked out, if the normal greens are in play.

Rule 25-1b specifies that the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. When the ball is dropped, the ball must first strike a part of the course off the temporary green.

### New Local Rules

#### Distance Measuring Devices :

Competitors may use distance measuring devices for play on the course in any of its competitions.

However, the use of a device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) is not permitted. Penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification.

### Winter Rules :

A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note: "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

### Immovable Obstructions :

The existing Local Rule will be amended to include out-of-bounds, water hazard and lateral water hazard marker posts.

All Local Rules are to be posted on the Notice Board, the website and added to the score card if required.

## Changes On The Way?

As you may have heard, the EGU is proposing to introduce the US handicapping system into the UK.

A month or so ago I helped the County Association assess our golf course for the new system.

The new system assesses the golf course for a bogey golfer as well as for a scratch golfer, whereas the existing UK system only assesses the course for a scratch golfer.

Furthermore, it goes into much more detail, such as taking into account the depth of bunkers and the percentage of the putting green circumference that is defended by bunkers. But, it offers the advantage that if you go to play a more difficult golf course, your handicap will be adjusted upwards.

I have recently received the results of the assessment, and under the new system the standard scratch score, off the white tees, will be reduced by 2 to 64.

Please bear in mind it will take a few years to introduce the new system.

Brian Hodgetts (PPGC Secretary)

## Greens Or Temps!!

It's pretty obvious that Greens are Greens except when they're Temporary (Winter) Greens!!

Golfers MUST play to the green in play i.e. if the flag is on a temporary Green then that's where you play to and the main Greens must be treated as GUR as per Local Rule!!

Offenders WILL be reported!!

## Swing Theory!!



1) All of the basic movements of a perfectly executed golf swing can be easily duplicated by using a forceful turning motion of your body to toss a bag full of clubs into a pond.

2) Anyone can groove a good, solid, repeatable practice swing.

3) Any swing drill or shot-making tip that you just couldn't get the hang of during a one-hour golf lesson will be immediately mastered by the first player you describe it to.

4) Few golfers are born with a natural talent for hitting the ball, but every player is blessed with the God-given ability to roll the ball over, kick it, knock it back in bounds, or throw it into the middle of the fairway.

5) There are three essentials to a great golf swing:

- Keep your head still
- Keep your stupid head still
- Keep your goddamn stupid head still.

6) When the wind is in your face, you swing too hard to try to compensate for it; when the wind is at your back, you swing too hard to try to take advantage of it.



## Snippets From January's Committee Meeting For Info

**Please Note :** It is important to state that the following issues were discussed but are still tentative and for information only until the Minutes Of The Meeting have been formally accepted and signed off in February.

In mid-January Brian Hodgetts will be posting, on the notice board, a list of current Committee Members (and their roles) indicating those who are willing to be re-elected and the means by which nominations for Committee positions can be made. Of course all positions are available for nomination even if this is in competition with existing members. Please look out for this important information as there will be a cut-off date for nominations etc prior to the date of the AGM.

Collis Fisher stated, due to other commitments, he didn't feel he could

continue in his role as Social Secretary next year but has offered assistance and advice to whomsoever takes up the position.

Adrian Crowley asked whether the Summer League could be a stableford competition like the Winter League. A vote was taken with a result of 3 in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The deciding vote was given to (chair) Adrian. Summer League matches this year, therefore, will be contested under a stableford format.

Geoff Edge explained that this year some seniors' competitions will need to be changed to allow previously donated trophies to be contested appropriately.

Chris Williams suggested an Order of Merit system (different to the Eclectic) for a selected number of competitions over the summer with specific points awarded for finishing positions; for example, to the top ten players in each competition.

This was generally agreed to be a good idea, but one that needs more thought given to it. (Chris to make a more detailed proposal at the next meeting.)

Adrian asked when the Roll Of Honour boards were going to be updated. It was agreed that we would find a suitable 'contractor' and try to expedite this matter as last year there were unreasonable delays from placement of order to actual job completion.

Peter Brown asked if the PSI system is capable of displaying more content such as competition start times after the draw has been made, historical results, player analyses etc. similar to that currently available on the How Did I Do website.

These additional functions would allow Members without website access to be as informed as those with. Chris Williams is to speak with Club Systems regarding this matter and report back.

It was agreed that co-opted Committee Member, Peter Brown, shall assume the role of Publicity Officer with website, newsletter and other communication tasks (and photography, apparently!) within his remit.



PPGC Committee Meetings will now be held at 1230 hrs on the first Saturday in each month. In order to enable Committee Members to attend as many meetings as possible, those playing in the competitions on those days will be allocated tee times in the earlier four groups.

Chris Williams is to speak with Dave Pugh (1Life) to finalise positioning and care of the proposed shoe cleaning device. Currently it is proposed to site the cleaner against the wall to the left of the Pro Shop adjacent to the existing Leisure Center caged 'plant'.



We realise that when the proposed swimming pool development takes place this equipment will have to be relocated and this is covered in the quotation from Green Air. PPGC will purchase the equipment outright and Chris is also discussing with Dave Pugh how the system will be protected and maintained.

**Late News** : This equipment has now been ordered!

John Rudge is to speak with Mark Woodward and our Greenkeepers regarding the placement, marking out and up-keep of a drop zone adjacent to the pond at the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway so that early completion of this matter can be achieved to fully comply with the existing Local Rule.

A brief discussion, instigated by Chris Williams, also took place as to whether it would be feasible/practical, at some time in the future, to install a second, 'repeater', PSI screen in the bar area.

However, we should be aware that the bar area is a shared Leisure Center area and not a designated golfers Clubhouse and PPGC already utilises the bulk of the available wall space for its golfing paraphernalia and 'memorabilia'!!

Geoff Edge will be looking at possibly re-scheduling some of the competitions over the Christmas/New Year period this year; it seems to make sense to look at moving one or maybe even two of the Saturday competitions to the Sundays to avoid Bank Holidays. Geoff is to investigate further prior to finalising the 2015/16 competition schedule .

In order to clarify, once and for all, the PPGC procedure for competition entry (booking in, signing in, cancellation etc.) and score card requirements, Chris Williams has drawn up a concise set of guidelines which will be posted on the Notice Board and our website.

We trust this document will explain why we do what we do!!

### Perdi Monthly Winners



Wed 3rd - Turkey Trot Stableford  
**Clive Instan 35pts**

Sat 6th – Winter League 3  
**Steve Wiggin 40pts**

Wed 10th – Bonus Stableford  
**Barrie Hope 41pts**

Sat 13th – Charity Comp  
**Geoff Edge 42pts**

Wed 17th – Texas Scramble

**Geoff Edge / Brian Hodgette / John Hine / John Rudge net 57**

Sat 20th – Medal  
**John Hine net 66**

Sat 27th – Stableford  
**Alastair Cutteridge 41pts**

### Know Your Course? The 6<sup>th</sup>



### Rules Corner

Geoff Nunney asks :

Question 1.

A player who started a round with 14 clubs loses his putter. He cannot replace it.

True or False.

Question 2.

In Match play, a player places a twig next to his ball to prevent it moving when he removes some loose impediments. What is the ruling?

- A. The player incurs a 1 stroke penalty.
- B. The player loses the hole.
- C. No penalty

Answers in Issue 5

Answers to Issue 3 Quiz :

Q1.

'B' False – Grass covered ground within a bunker is not part of the bunker. Accordingly, the player may drop the ball behind the bunker.

Q2.

'B' False – A player may, under Rule 22-2, have another ball lifted if that ball interferes either physically or mentally with his/her play.