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Ace For ('Our Rory') Norman Vernalls



Whilst playing in the Monthly Medal on 22nd May Norman Vernalls had a hole in one on the annoyingly testing 162 yard, 10th hole. Vernalls hit a 7 iron, uncharacteristically with draw, over the big Ash tree and onto the green and thought it was close and probably birdie-able. Playing partners Ade Day and Steve Griffiths were both convinced that the ball was in the hole and so it proved to be. This was Norman Vernalls' (Perdiswell Park's Rory McIlroy look-alike – not!!!) first ever hole in one.

Congratulations to Norman – first of many maybe!!

Vernalls eventually finished in ninth place after returning net 68.



'Our Rory' Receives His Hole In One Memento From Phil Lane

July Competitions

- Sat 02nd Presidents Bowl Rnd 1 (RM)
- Sun 03rd Presidents Bowl Rnd 2 (RM)
- Tue 05th Seniors Medal (RM)
- Wed 06th Seniors Captains Day (PP)
- Wed 06th Summer Eclectic Rnd 4 (PP)
- Sat 09th Crowley Pairs (PP)
- Sun 10th Chairmans Cup (RM)
- Wed 13th Foursomes Par Plate (PP)
- Wed 13th Ladies Stableford (RM)
- Sat 16th Summer National (PP)
- Sun 17th Monthly Stableford (RM)
- Wed 20th Two Day Salver Rnd 1 (PP)
- Thu 21st Midweek Stableford (RM)
- Sat 23rd Mens Captains Day (PP)
- Sun 24th Monthly Medal (RM)
- Wed 27th Two Day Salver Rnd 2 (PP)
- Sat 30th George Knight Round 1 (PP)

Book into Competitions via the PSI Terminal or How Did I Do website.

To enter a competition after the closing date or to cancel your entry please do one of the following :

Primary Contact - Please TEXT (preferred) or phone the club mobile on :

07925 276 097

Or

Secondary Contact – Please contact the :

Pro Shop

July Club Matches

- Mon 04th PPGC Seniors (H) v Dudley
- Sun 10th Handicap League PPGC (H) v Little Lakes
- Tue 12th PPGC Seniors (A) v Kingfisher
- Sat 17th Handicap League PPGC (H) v Gaudet Luce
- Tue 26th PPGC Seniors (H) v Sherdons

Know Your Course?

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 5

Know Your Club Members?

So, who's this then?



Club Offers Mobile Massage Discounts

Did you know that RGC has a qualified Masseuse in its employ!! Your resident Masseuse is Leanne Baker-Reid and Leanne will be offering RGC/PP Member discount massage packages in the comfort of your own home via her mobile service. To book your home massage please see Leanne for details.

PPGC Trophies

In preparation for this year's awards event would anyone who took home a trophy from last year's Presentation Evening please arrange to return it to Joe Jackson as soon as possible Thank you.

Best Foot Forward For Dave

On Sunday June 5th our resident amputee golfer, Dave Hancocks took on a Charity Walk in aid of Young At Heart.

In 2015 Dave was unable to participate in the walk, it being too close to the loss of his left leg!!

However, keen to help out our one-legged friend assisted on the challenge by providing transportation logistics to and from start and destination points.

This year following a regular and pretty hefty fitness and rehabilitation program over the fence at Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Dave felt more able to take on the 31 mile journey from Gas Street Basin, Birmingham to Stratford Upon Avon.

With a positive attitude and having come up with a thought process that would count down the remaining miles in terms of taking on 18 holes of golf Dave was convinced he would get the trip done and estimated it would take him between 10 and 12 hours to complete.



Dave Hancocks Hop(p)ing For Success

The news is that Dave did complete the 31.7 mile walk and he did it in 14 hours equating to 73,000 steps – and no blisters!!

Well done Sir Dave ("I'm Still Standing") Hancocks, that's an achievement anyone would be proud of.

Rumour has it Dave's going to repeat the walk next year whilst performing

golf ball keepy-uppy on a pitching wedge – NOT!

May Winners & Results

Sun 1st – Worcestershire Handicap Golf League **PPGC (A) lost 5 – 1 v Little Lakes**

Sun 1st – Foursomes Shield **John Hine & Simon Hine (22) net 71**



(l to r) John Hine & Simon Hine – Winners – Foursomes Shield

Tue 3rd – Seniors Medal **Terry Palmer (27) net 76**

Tue 3rd – PPGC Seniors **PPGC (H) won 6 – 0 v Kingfisher**

Wed 4th – Medal **Steve Baylis (10) net 66**



Steve Baylis – Winner – Medal

Sat 7th – Worcestershire Handicap Golf League **PPGC (A) won 3 ½ – 2 ½ v Droitwich**

Sat 7th – Summer League Round 3 **Roger Cutler (25) net 62**

Sun 8th – Challenge Cup Round 1 **Mark Keeling (18) 43 pts**



Mark Keeling – Winner – Challenge Cup Rnd 1

Wed 11th – John Hunt Cup
Phil Lane (16) 38 pts



Phil Lane – Winner – John Hunt Cup

Sat 14th – Challenge Cup Round 2
Steve Griffiths (17) 40 pts



Steve Griffiths – Winner - Challenge Cup Round 2

Challenge Cup - Final Result
Leighton Hine (39 + 37) 76 pts



Leighton Hine – Overall Winner - Challenge Cup

Sun 15th – Mens EGU
Robert Brookes (13) net 61



Robert Brookes – Winner – Men's EGU

Tue 17th – Seniors
PPGC (H) won 6 – 1 v RGC

Wed 18th – Presidents Cup Round 2 of 8
Bill Kelly (22) net 66



Bill Kelly – Winner – Presidents Cup Round 2

Wed 18th – Ladies 18 Hole Stableford
Alison Griggs (28) 32 points



Alison Griggs – Winner – Ladies Stableford

Thu 19th – Midweek Stableford
Geoff Edge (25) 45 points



Geoff Edge – Winner – Midweek Stableford

Sat 21st – Stephen Misters Memorial Cup
John Hine (22) net 63



John Hine – Winner – Stephen Misters Memorial Cup

Sun 22nd – Monthly Medal



Jamie Newton (14) net 62
Jamie Newton – Winner – Monthly Medal

Wed 25th – Spring Cup
Norman Vernalls (16) net 66



Norman Vernalls – Winner – Spring Cup

Sat 28th – Daily Telegraph Medal
Scott Thomas (16) net 63



Scott Thomas – Winner – Daily Telegraph Medal

Sun 29th – Club Stableford
Martin Hucker (17) 41 pts



Martin Hucker – Winner – Club Stableford

Sun 29th – Worcestershire Handicap
Golf League **PPGC (H) won 4 – 2 v
Kidderminster**

1st Martin Neath Memorial Open

On June 4th RGC hosted the first Martin Neath Memorial Open, a team Stableford competition. With a pink clothing theme 21 teams teed off on a decently mild morning which looked and felt ideal for some properly decent golfing exploits.

As the players navigated their way around the course the 'backroom' Staff were busy preparing for a long day ahead which was to include an afternoon BBQ, bouncy castle for the kids, crazy putting beside the patio area, raffle and of course plenty of imbibing of the liquid and solid refreshments.

As the golfers fought it out on the course 'guests' (families and friends) of all ages from the tiniest tots right up to Grandparents were arriving and from quite early on there was a great buzz around the Clubhouse.

As the teams began to return to the Clubhouse the feeling of expectation was electric as golfing stories of the day began to unfold. The Leaderboard was continually changing and we watched expectations waning as returned scores were bettered.

Finally, the results were in; with a fantastic score of 101 points Team Jim Staunton, Ian Threadgold, Andrew Chinn and Richard Adcock were declared top team.



With Michelle Neath (l to r) Andrew Chinn, Jim Staunton, Ian Threadgold and Richard Adcock – Winners of the 1st Martin Neath Memorial Open

Just before the winning Team were presented with their prizes Michelle Neath gave a beautifully emotional oration about her late husband and thanked the main organisers of the day, Roy Coombes, Graham Colley and Richard Markham for the tireless work in putting the event together. Michelle also thanked James and Angie Leaver and their Staff for all their hard work both leading up to and on the day.

(Editors Note : The Martin Neath Memorial Open saw a great coming together of friends, families, and Club Members and demonstrated exactly what the Golf Club stands for – we're not just about Golf, we are a golfing family, a community that comes together and pulls together to get things done and make RGC the great place it is!!)

Tom Aces 16th

Tom Jenkins carded a hole-in-one on the 151 yard, par 3 sixteenth during the Martin Neath Memorial Open on June 4th.

Almost perfect golfing weather meant that the normally swirling winds on the sixteenth hole were noticeable only by their absence and finding a nicely receptive green Jenkins' ball pitched, bounced once and found the bottom of the cup.

The Jenkins ace may not have been

enough to give his team a win but it was most certainly the costliest round played in the Open competition as the young(ish) golfer's wallet took a hefty hit in the heaving Clubhouse.

Typically modest Tom didn't really want to make a fuss about his achievement – but WE did!! And deservedly so!! Well done Tom.



Tom Jenkins – Hole-In-One

Splish, Splosh, Splash, Hope Cuts A Dash!



A sartorially elegant Perdi Club Captain, Barrie Hope, puts the finishing touches to our new Starters Hut.

It's tough being Club Captain!! Barrie Hope is seen here SPLASHING wood preserver on the new Starter's Hut.

Unusual because he's more used to SPRAYING his golf balls all over the course!

Seriously though, well done to all who helped site and erect the new Hut : Ade Day, Robert Brookes, Geoff Jones, Chris Williams, Steve Williams, Michael Huggins, Jamie Newton, Barrie Hope, Tom Hope and also James Leaver for providing the base slabs and RGC Green Staff for transportation etc..

Donated by Perdiswell Park Members this new addition at RGC has been named 'The Martin Neath Starter's Hut'.

Defibrillator Training

On the 8th June RGC hosted Defibrillator Training in the Clubhouse.

The training was undertaken by charity organisation CCSHF which donated the defibrillator at RGC which was recently used to treat Maurice Bullock who went into Cardiac Arrest as he left the course.

Directly following the incident RGC Management was asked if some sort of training package could be arranged. Angie Leaver acted on the request immediately and CCSHF agreed to deliver the course free of charge.

The incident at the Club showed clearly how important it is to have an insight into the response and action required if a similar situation should occur again – and, the more people who know how to use this piece of kit the better.



website : www.ccs hf.org.uk

For Smart Phone users there is a free interactive app called Crowdsav which gives information on defibrillator locations etc. – it's easy to use and could be a lifesaver!

Paper Economics

Due to the high cost of printing this Monthly Newsletter we will, forthwith, be targeting mainly on-line distribution i.e. via the PPGC website and Club V1 email communication system.

A very limited number of printed copies will still be made available in the Clubhouse but we are now asking Members to adopt a 'Pick, Read, Replace' policy.

However, if anyone has the means to print and collate our Newsletter (20 to 25 copies) each month please contact Club Management or Peter Brown.

Pond Life

Whilst walking from hole 9 through to 10, adjacent to 'Perdiswell Pond' I was reminded of a (probably politically incorrect) fact (?) thus :



Did you know that if you cut off a frog's legs it goes deaf?

The proof – pick up a frog and hold it in your open palm, shout "JUMP" and watch the frog go!

Now, carefully pick the frog up again, cut off its legs then shout "JUMP".

I promise you it won't move. See, no legs means DEAF!

Sorry! (Apologies to any nature lovers but no wild life was harmed in the telling of this!)

Know Your Course Answer

It's hole 2



Far too often alignment is overlooked as a cause of poor shot direction. Most golfers struggle to line up correctly because they start their routine from the side of the ball which distorts their perception of the target line. Alongside this golfers tend to line their body up to the target and this causes the club face to aim a long way right of the intended target line.

Errors in your alignment go easily undetected, if your aim is offline you will build compensations into your swing to try and strike the ball back on line. This is a classic example of set up faults leading to swing faults and making the game harder than it needs to be.

Perfect Alignment



1

In a correctly aligned set up, you should have your feet, knees, hips and shoulders all parallel to your target line.

2

When practicing place a club on the ground pointing directly at your intended target. The second club in the picture represents where the club will hit the ball. The 1st club (No.1 in the picture) sits parallel to the first to represent where you will align your feet and body alongside where the club face is aiming.

Your club face is behind the ball on the target line with your feet hips and shoulders aligned parallel.

Alignment Routine

We control ourselves throughout the day looking straight through targets and moving through them subconsciously. We do this by using our eyes to stare at the target as we position ourself to move through it. *Start your Golf shot from behind your target and try the following....*

1. Choose a target in line with where you're going like a divot or miss coloured grass only a few yards in front of you.
2. Walk into the shot and position your club head to aim at your target – Your club head must aim at the target as this is what's hitting the ball.
3. Line your feet hips and shoulders up on a line parallel to your club target line, but don't look at the target as you do this, look at your club head and position your feet, hips and shoulders.
4. When you look up you will feel the club is going for your target and your feet hips and shoulders are running on a line parallel and left of this.

Walk into the shot with confidence with a good posture, grip and perfect alignment and these are the ingredients for a great routine and the consistency we're all looking for!