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YOUR MONTHLY PPGC NEWSLETTER

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AGM – Important Notice

The AGM will be held on Saturday 21st March at **2.00pm** in the bar area.

If You Really Care – Be There!

You have until 7th March to make nominations for Committee Members. The nomination form is on the notice board.

New PPGC Members

A belated welcome to two new(ish) Members, Matthew Clarke and Stephen Baylis who both joined us in September 2014. Also, joining in winter 2014/15, another four new Members, Desmond Kemp, Steven West, Nigel Collinson & Trevor Lloyd.

Please give them all a warm welcome and help them, as they integrate into the Club, by offering any help they may require and by making introductions to fellow Members.

This Month's Competitions



WEDNESDAYS

- 04th Medal
- 11th Stableford
- 18th Am/Am
- 25th Medal

SATURDAYS

- 07th Marie Curie/EGU
- 14th Medal
- 21st Par Competition
- 28th Summer League 1 (change of date)

CLUB MATCHES

- 07th Mail On Sunday Golf Club Classic (Men) Round 2 - Gaudet Luce (A)

To enter a competition after the closing date or to cancel your entry please **TEXT** (preferred) or phone the club mobile on :

07925 276 097

6 Golf Ball Truths

You can draw the ball, you can fade the ball, but no one can straight the ball.

The only time you can put your ball exactly where you want it is when you stick it in the ballwasher.

The only sure way to find a ball sliced deep into the woods is to hit a provisional ball right down the middle of the fairway.

Your ball will always travel farthest when hit in the wrong direction.

If you can't find your ball in the rough, but you do find another ball that you could easily play, it will be orange, yellow, or pink.

Your ball will never lip out of a pot bunker or burn the edge of a pond.

Getting To Grips With The Grip

We all know that gripping your clubs too hard can cause swing problems as the wrist and arms stiffen up as your grip strength increases; well I remember reading a cracking piece of advice from the great Jack Nicklaus, way back in his prime, regarding how hard your grip should be, it goes something like this :

“...when you address the ball imagine the club in your hands is a tube of toothpaste with the cap off; grip too hard and the toothpaste will come out, grip just right and it won't!...”.



An old tip maybe but a great analogy and probably as true today as it was when The Golden Bear wrote it - a really great way to get the point across I thought!

So, caress your club, don't strangle it!!

Tops For A Chair...

Val Williams and Derek Walker are requesting that we all place plastic

bottle tops in the bin(s) provided in the bar. Funds raised from the collection/recycling of these tops will be used to help buy a much-needed wheelchair for a disabled person.

Know Your Course?

Which hole is this?



Answer on page 4

Going, Going...

If you're looking for a bargain, have a look at our 'Sell, Sell, Sell' website feature.

We **are** getting items for sale and they **are** selling!! So keep looking folks, and if you need help with a sale or purchase please contact Peter Brown.

Website Tip – Once In Always In!



For those slightly less computer savvy, if you're fed up with having to put the password into the Members Page to access Member content please read below :

Once the password has been entered on the 'Members Area' page and you find yourself in our 'inner sanctum' simply bookmark that page as a 'FAVOURITE' then every time you enter via that favourite you will have full access to all of the website as a Member without ever needing the password again!! (unless, of course, I change the way it works!! Ha ha)

Perdiswell Open (?)

PPGC are looking at putting on our own Open Tournament!! Still very much in its embryonic stages the Open will be aimed at raising money for charity as well as helping promote PPGC and 1Life Leisure Centre.

'On the table' for discussion at the moment are stalls, fun golf competitions and various 'teasers'. In order to get this idea off the ground we will need to form a Committee for the event and we are looking for input and help from anyone willing or able to help out on that Committee or simply on the day and especially anyone who can help put together a business plan to get everything going on the right footing.



THE 20?? OPEN

Dave Pugh of 1Life has agreed to the idea in principle and 1Life are willing to help with promotion and organisation as the event will doubtless impinge on the Leisure Centre in several ways.

As Chris Williams is the 'instigator' here, anyone who can help please contact Chris initially or any other of the current Committee Members.

This is not a straightforward proposition and it may take a while to come to fruition. We will keep you posted on progress as and when information becomes available.

Perdi Monthly Winners



Sat 3rd – Bonus Stableford
Simeon Chapman 47pts (38 + 9)

Wed 7th – Geoff Edge Cup 5
Clive Instan 38pts

Sat 10th – Winter League 4
Paul McDonald 35pts

Wed 14th – 4 Ball Better Ball
Mike Huggins & Jake Wilkes net 63

Sat 17th – Winter League 5
Barry Monk 39pts

Wed 21st – Geoff Edge Cup 6
Barrie Hope 38pts

Sat 24th – Am/Am
Steve Williams/Clive Instan/Jamie Newton/John Griffiths 133

Wed 28th – Geoff Edge Cup 7
Brian Cash 34pts

Sat 31st – Winter League 6
Brian Cash 36pts

Course Condition

Once again I think we are duty-bound to thank Chris Bedford and his team of greenkeepers for their excellent work in continuing to give us a course on which we should be proud to play; unlike many courses in the area we've been able to play almost every day so far throughout the wet and often frosty weeks of winter with just a minimum of winter greens coming into play and very few other interruptions to our golfing enjoyment.

Apart from their usual mowing, feeding and nurturing duties, you will have noticed that several of our often boggy walkways have been wood-chipped, the lower, troublesome, branches of many trees have been lopped, most of the tees are on the proper teeing-grounds whenever possible and of course then there's our greens – surely second to none at this time of the year.

Keeping in-mind the often trying prevailing walker through-put we have I think the greenkeepers are doing everything in their power to provide us with the best conditions possible – sometimes against all the odds.

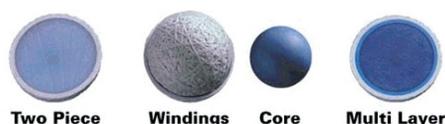
Please take a few seconds out to thank these guys as you go round – they'll really appreciate your words!

What About Golf Balls?

(courtesy ImprintGolf.com)

Which ball is best for me? I'm sure we've all asked ourselves this question as we stand, bemused, in front of the myriad different ball types on offer. So, with most manufacturers proffering varying degrees of construction and/or performance data etc., all beautifully printed on the eye-catching packaging, purporting to make the choice easier, are we actually anywhere closer to making the right choice? Here's a few facts that may help (or not!):

Golf balls vary in construction; as seen below, there are two piece, wound and multi-layered balls.



Ball construction is no longer synonymous with performance.

Two-piece : Consisting of a large core and a thin cover, these balls are traditionally categorised as distance balls.

Wound : Three piece balls are characterised by the middle layer of material that is squeezed between the core and the cover. This middle layer is rubber thread (windings) stretched up to 10 times its original length. This process is designed to produce softer feel and increased spin.

Multi-layer : These balls are designed to provide the ultimate fit for every type of shot. The core is designed for driver distance, mid layers for full iron shots and the cover for feel and spin in half shots, chips and putts.

And then there's :

Hardness: The harder a golf ball's core, the further the ball goes. This is a result of less deformation of the ball at impact, therefore maximising the energy transfer at impact and producing a higher initial velocity. The hardness also gives the ball additional roll, this reduces the

amount of spin you can put on the ball to "stick it" by the pin.

Compression : What is the difference between 90 and 100? 90 compression balls feel softer than 100's, though the actual difference in distance is minimal. Golfers with a moderate swing speed or those playing in a cooler climate may prefer playing a lower compression ball for a softer feel.

Dimple pattern : The dimple pattern on a golf ball does not effect the spin, it creates the aerodynamic lift that allows a spinning ball to remain in the air longer. Varying the dimple size also affects the aerodynamics of a ball. By matching the dimple pattern and the construction of a ball, manufacturers can optimise the resulting trajectory for both distance and control.



PPGC Website At 1 Year

Next month (April) marks the 1st anniversary of our website (and Facebook Page) which came about from a suggestion put forward at last year's AGM. So far the site has been well utilised by you the Members and seems to have been generally well accepted.

Personally, as webmaster, I'd like to see a little more Member input on the various interactive pages i.e. Forum, Blog and Club Business but hey, that's for you to decide.

Many of the pages and features within the Members only area have come about through Member's suggestions and I continue to welcome any other ideas that could enhance your on-line experience.

I am extremely pleased with the fact that the website seems to be getting a decent amount of 'unique visitors' each month which suggests that more non-members are now finding

and accessing the site. The website, after all, is a publicity medium for PPGC!!

February's Committee Meeting In Brief

It was proposed by Steve Griffiths and agreed that PPGC vouchers will be redeemable for goods and services at the Worcester branch of American Golf. Existing options will also remain i.e. behind the bar at the 'clubhouse' and at the Pro Shop. This new concept will offer voucher winners more purchase options and alleviate potential reduction of facilities during and after the swimming-pool build.

Following feedback from the Members, the Committee agreed to re-visit the question of Summer League competition format; a new vote was taken and it was agreed to rescind the earlier decision and return the Summer League Competition to stroke play format.

Geoff Edge reported that the schedule of 2015-16 fixtures is nearing completion and once Geoff could be sure that there were no clashes with 'external' matches he would issue the new list for posting onto our website.

The question of Membership fees following a change of Leisure Centre Management was raised. Brian Hodgetts is to speak with 1Life on this matter and report back.

Brian Hodgetts raised the issue of the current uncertainty surrounding the proposed Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool development and its perceived impact on PPGC. Chris Williams felt that PPGC should have some input in this matter during the early stages of proposals and development and suggested we form a 'Working Group' to draw up potential issues and to see how we can be actively involved in any decisions going forward; our findings and concerns could then be put to Worcester Council and the relevant Project Management Team. A meeting of the 'working group' will be held towards

the end of February to formulate an action plan.

It was also agreed to amend the Club rules to state that if any of the officer positions are not filled at the AGM another member can be elected to the Committee as a general Committee Member. This may be the case this year regarding the position of Lady Captain. A list of current Committee Members and a nomination form has been posted on the notice board.

John Rudge reported that the drop zone adjacent to the water hazard at the end of the 12th fairway has been marked out and is now in use. John also stated that some repair work is planned on and around the footbridge on the 17th and various other pathway areas have been marked G.U.R. in readiness for repairs etc.

Club Systems have indicated to Chris Williams that the PSI system is currently unable to display extra data (start sheets, competition histories etc.) but our query has been noted.

Peter Brown reported that Member feedback regarding the Newsletter had been very positive especially the inclusion, last month, of information extracted from the Committee meeting. Peter requested that draft minutes be made available to him within 7 days of each Meeting to facilitate early Newsletter inclusion.

Jamie Newton reported that he is in discussions with American Golf regarding obtaining sponsorship in the form of team shirts for our Handicap League players. As well as reducing PPGC's overall costs there would be potential benefits for American Golf should they wish to advertise their sponsorship on the shirts. Jamie is continuing to discuss other ventures with American Golf; these will be reported as and when (or if) they materialise. What is important here is the fact that American Golf are very much welcoming the opportunity to work together with PPGC in many ways which could benefit both parties.

The issue of PPGC holding an 'Open' golf day was briefly discussed and it was agreed that Chris Williams would continue to investigate the concept. Due to the amount of work involved it was felt that 2016 would probably be the earliest that something of this magnitude could be implemented!

Due to unforeseen circumstances the time of the AGM this month has been changed: the meeting will now be held in the bar area at 2.00pm.

In order to allow Committee Members and playing Members to be available to attend, Brian Hodgetts is to arrange (if possible) a shot-gun start for the Par Competition on the day (21st March).

Newbies In Pro Shop

As you are probably aware, Pro Shop Assistant Pete Welch left us at Christmas after several years (man and boy!) of service – best of luck in your new job Pete and thanks for all your help.

Mark Woodward has recently taken on two new members of Staff to help in and around the shop; Richard and Matt. Let's welcome the two of them into the Perdi fold! (Good luck with that computer terminal boys – you'll soon get used to its little nuances!!)

Your Committee

As we near the end of another Club year I think I should mention the good work carried out again by our Committee over the last 12 months.

I would like to say, on behalf of all Members, a big thank you to those involved.

I think a special mention is also due to our retiring Club Captain, Jamie Newton. Jamie has done a sterling job in helping to make PPGC the Club it is today; his tireless work with the Handicap League Team and in fact his encouraging words and presence at many other Club Matches has helped give our teams a reputation that is justly deserved. His pro-active Captaincy style and his motivational team talks resulted in our

best ever finish in the Worcestershire Handicap League and brought back the prestigious Wyvern Cup to PPGC. On behalf of PPGC, thank you Captain Jamie. We hope that you have got as much out of your experience as PPGC got from your Captaincy.

Know Your Course? The 8th



Rules Corner

Geoff Nunney asks :

Question 1.

A ball is holed when it is at rest within the circumference of the hole and all of it is below the level of the lip of the hole.

True or False

Question 2.

A white stake defining the "Out of Bounds" is a movable obstruction.

True or False

Answers in Issue 6

Answers to Issue 4 Quiz :

Q1.

A - True - A lost club is not one which has become unfit for play in the normal course of play – see Rule 4-3.

Q2.

A – Player incurs a 1 stroke penalty - The player purposely touched his ball in play, contrary to Rule 18-2a, and incurred a penalty of one stroke.