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Message From Your New Captain Adrian Crowley



As we look forward to the new season I once again feel privileged to take on the role of Club Captain from Jamie who has been outstanding during his tenure.

During the past 12 months members will have seen that the Club continues to evolve. This is due to the tenacious efforts of many of the Committee and other Members which I am very appreciative of. I see a key element of my role is ensuring that change continues where it is for the benefit of all members.

As well as continuing to develop the Club's facilities we shall also be competing in more inter-club competitions including senior matches, national competitions and participation in the Worcestershire Handicap League for the third consecutive year. After finishing a very credible third in Div 1 last year it is hoped we shall achieve greater things in 2015 under the leadership of Steve Williams.

The challenge facing all golf clubs at the moment is the retention of existing and the attraction of new members. In my opinion we already have one of most friendly and welcoming clubs in Worcestershire and I hope that the improvements and investment planned by the committee will only further enhance the golfing experience we offer to existing and new members. Spread the news!

I look forward to your continued support and happy golfing!

Adrian Crowley

This Month's Competitions



WEDNESDAYS

- 01st Doug Bush
- 08th Medal
- 15th Presidents Cup/Trophy
- 22th Stableford
- 29th John Hunt Cup / Team Event

SATURDAYS

- 04th Summer League 2
- 11th Yellow Ball
- 18th Spring National
- 25th Summer League 3

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

CLUB MATCHES

- 28th March Mail On Sunday National Golf Club Classic (Mens) Rnd 3 v Tewkesbury Park (Away)
- Date TBC Daily Mail Foursomes Rnd 2 v Hollywood GC (Away)
- 07th Seniors v Burlish Park (Home)
- 11th Handicap League v Ombersley (Away)
- 14th Seniors Mixed v Sherdons (Away)
- 26th Handicap League v Kidderminster (Away)

3 Frustrating Golfing Facts.....

1. It's reckoned that 90% of a tree is simply air. How come your ball nearly always finds the other 10%?
2. A 10 foot putt counts the same as a 10 foot drive!
3. Approximately 99.99% of the Universe is open space but the remaining 0.01% will stop your golf ball dead!

.....And 2 Not So Factual!

1. Golf courses are designed around the principals of magnetism : fairways repel and hazards attract!
2. The real reason this game is called 'golf' is because all the other really good four-letter words were already taken!

Know Your Course?

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 4

Through The Green?

Just what does this often used but also often misunderstood phrase actually mean?

'Through The Green' is the whole area of the course except:

a) The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played.

and

b) All hazards on the course.

Well worth getting one's head around this as it's pretty significant when it comes to getting some of the rules right!

Perdi Monthly Winners



Sun 1st – Mail On Sunday National Golf Club Classic (Mens) Rnd 1
PPGC won 4½ - ½ v The Worcestershire

Wed 4th– Geoff Edge Cup Rnd 8
Bill Kelly 39pts

Geoff Edge Cup Overall Winner
Ed Nicklin 209pts

Sat 7th – Medal
John Fogwill net 67

Wed 11th – Greensomes
Peter Brown & Adrian Burbridge net 65.4

Sat 14th – Greensomes
Bill Kelly & John Hine net 60

Wed 18th – Texas Scramble
Clive Instan, Roger Jones, Geoff Jones & Ron Law net 65

Sat 21st – Winter League 7
Barrie Hope 40pts

Winter League Overall Winner
Barrie Hope 193pts

Wed 25th – Medal
Ed Nicklin net 71

Sat 28th – 4 Ball Better Ball
Alastair Cutteridge & Simeon Chapman net 60

About Shafts & Flex

(courtesy topcustomclubs.com)

The shaft is a key component of every golf club. Golf club shafts are manufactured from two materials - steel and graphite. Steel shafts are stronger, heavier, and more durable than graphite shafts. They provide more control on shots but require more swing speed to generate the same distance as a club with a graphite shaft. Steel shafts are recommended for stronger players who need extra control. Graphite shafts are lighter and less durable than steel shafts. The graphite absorbs the shock of impact in a swing. Their lighter weight allows players to generate higher swing speeds for more power. They're harder to control than clubs with steel shafts. Other materials are sometimes added to graphite shafts to make them stronger and more durable.

Shaft flex is a key factor. Flex is the amount of "bend" in a shaft. Shafts come in one of five flex levels: L (or Ladies), A (or Senior), R (or Regular), S (or Stiff), X (or Extra Stiff). A shaft with more flex provides more distance than a shaft with less flex but less control. A shaft with less flex provides less distance than a shaft with more flex, but is easier to control. In general, a shaft's flex needs to match a golfer's swing speed. Beginners and players with less powerful swings benefit most from a more flexible

shaft. Players with a swing speed of 75-90 mph benefit most from a regular shaft. Players with powerful swings - in the 90 -110 mph range - benefit most from a stiff shaft, which provides better control.

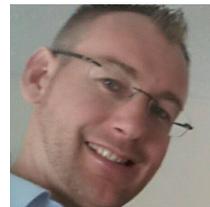
If your flex is too stiff :

- You will likely get a lower and shorter shot than desired for any given loft.
- The ball may go off course, to the right, for right-handed players because the clubface is tougher to get square at impact. It tends to get too open.
- Even if you hit square and make good contact, the shot will simply feel less solid.

If your flex isn't stiff enough :

- The ball might fly higher for any given loft.
- For the right-handed golfer there is a tendency for the ball to go left, because of hitting with too closed a clubface.
- Even average or badly hit shots could feel more solid than they actually are.

Goodbye Dave & Thank You



1Life Manager Dave Pugh is moving on to pastures new with a different Leisure Company.

On behalf of all Members of PPGC I would like to take the opportunity to wish Dave all the best of luck for the future and of course we must also acknowledge the part Dave has played in the success of PPGC during his time with 1Life.

Fun With Names

Chris Williams has found that the PSI system allows us to enter nicknames onto the system so if anyone wants to add a little fun to our Perdi golfing experience let Chris Know : 'Toxic

Pete' is definitely going on, I believe 'Gorgeous George' is in the mix and almost certainly 'Fat Boy' although there may be a rush to nab the latter!!

Words From Jamie Newton, Your Outgoing Captain

Well, that was a pretty tough twelve months but I'm glad that I could play a part in the decision-making processes and running of this great Golf Club and I would like to thank everyone at the Club for their support, advice and encouragement, especially those involved in PPGC's great golfing year in The Worcestershire Handicap Golf League and Wyvern Cup.

We all know there's no 'I' in Team but I hope I will be remembered for making the best decisions and selections for the right reasons at the right time.

I am proud to have held the prestigious position of Club Captain and I will never forget the last year for all the right reasons.

I have personally learned a lot about what it means to be active on a Golf Club Committee and how harrowing it can be to have to take responsibility for your actions and decisions. I only hope that PPGC has benefited from my time as Captain as much as I have benefited personally.



I'd like to wish our new Club Captain, Adrian Crowley, all the best of luck during his tenure and I would ask all Members to have belief in him and support him as he continues to take PPGC forward to, hopefully, even better times and strives to help grow and improve this Golf Club.

Thank you all and good luck.
Jamie

Worcestershire Handicap Golf League 2015

This month sees PPGC once again opening their account in the Worcestershire Handicap Golf League under the Captaincy, this year, of Steve Williams.



On behalf of everyone at the Club I'd like to wish Steve and his Team the very best of luck in this year's campaign which, as is usual, will be a hard fought and fiercely contested tournament.

Come on you Perdi boys!!

March's Committee Meeting In Brief

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 next month.

In his absence Jamie Newton had requested that the Committee approve expenditure for new club shirts for both the Handicap League team players and the Seniors match team players. This was approved on the basis that all team members contribute 50% of the cost of their shirt, in addition to any required contribution to league/match fees etc..

Collis Fisher notified the Committee that he had reached agreement in principle for a Weeping Willow tree to be planted adjacent to the 5th (Sheila's View) fairway in open view of Mick and Sheila Huggins' house.

Dave Pugh of 1Life has confirmed that he will arrange for the update of

the Club Honours Boards in the bar area.

Brian raised the issue of the weekly maintenance routine for the newly installed shoe-cleaning equipment. The Committee agreed to ask whether this could be carried out by John (Jake) Wilkes. Jake has since been approached about the matter and has agreed to take on this duty. There followed a general discussion on the security of the new shoe-cleaning equipment. A number of options were put forward and it was agreed that this issue, feasibility and cost, needed further consideration before a final solution could be proposed.

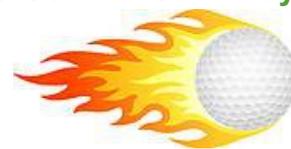
Chris Williams stated that he thought there should be a separate handicap committee and that this should be checked in regard to the Rules of Golf.

Chris proposed that anyone playing a round in order to submit a card in order to establish a handicap should inform a member of the Committee in advance. Such a round should be played alongside, and signed by, a member of the club. Failure to notify in advance will mean that the card will not be accepted. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

Pete Brown proposed that all local rules should be published on the Club notice board with immediate effect and that those involved should ensure that opposition teams are aware of the latest local rules (especially those that differ from the score cards) when they visit the club for an official competition.

The 2015/16 Fixtures Card content was reviewed. This will be published following the AGM.

Free Golf Balls – 1 Day Only!



Don't forget to pick up your free box of Provisional Balls on the first Wednesday of April!!

Nice One George

It was great to see George Knight (the quiet Gentleman of PPGC) back in our midst at the AGM. As many of you will know George has been very unwell over the last few weeks but his passion for PPGC was still very evident.

Good health to you George.

AGM In Brief (extremely brief and in no particular order!!)

Please Note : It is important to state that the following issues were discussed, along with other items, and what I outline here are the bare essentials and are for general information only; the Minutes of the AGM, once signed off, will be deemed to be the 'official' version of events.

An interesting and at times heated AGM saw your new Committee voted in under the existing Club Rules (Constitution) as follows :

President – George Postans
Club Captain – Adrian Crowley
Vice Captain - Barrie Hope
Secretary – Chris Williams
Treasurer – Steve Griffiths
Senior's Captain – Phil Lane.

The attending Members also elected the following 'Ordinary Members' :

Handicap Secretary – Barrie Hope
National Competition Organiser – John Fogwill
Greens Liaison Officer – John Rudge
Competitions Organiser – Geoff Edge
Media Manager – Peter Brown.

Due to the current lack of Lady Members the role of Ladies Captain continues to lay dormant.

A proposed rule change was dismissed as being 'unlawful' at this time. The Committee suggested re-visiting Club Rules over the next few weeks and months.

The Treasurer's annual report was presented simply but with well conceived clarity and was well accepted. Steve Griffiths was asked if he could furnish the Membership

with a couple of addition figures in next year's submission.

The Secretary was asked to explain in detail the issue of Club Membership fees; who pays what to who and why. It was agreed to look into this slightly grey area with a view to re-gaining control of the payment and 'distribution' of those fees to the relevant agencies, associations etc.

New Club Captain Adrian Crowley acknowledged various Committee Members and went on to present his 'Vision' for PPGC during his tenure. Adrian was confident that he could carry on taking PPGC forward to bigger and better things.

The issue of 'Postal' voting for the AGM was thought to be outside the existing rules and was therefore unacceptable at this time. It was proposed that the Committee should re-visit this matter during the coming year.

During Brian Hodgetts' Secretarial presentation an interesting discussion took place regarding the 'financial' and working relationship between PPGC and 1Life. Brian outlined some of the benefits PPGC currently receive from 1Life and ex-President Ron Milbourne politely interjected with a narrative from the original agreements on this matter. For those that managed to take on-board Ron's comments it may have come as a bit of a shock to realise just how much PPGC has benefitted, over and above the original edict, from our long and professional relationship!

A number of Members stated that their Direct Debit green fees payments had risen by £1/month at some point during the year but had received no notification from 1Life as to why the increase had been implemented. I was agreed that the Committee would look into this matter and report back.

Departing Club Captain Jamie expressed his pride and pleasure at having been given the chance to lead PPGC over the last twelve months. Jamie was presented with a small keepsake from the Club in recognition

of his Captaincy and memorable achievements.

With all the uncertainty brought about by the new development proposals on the Perdiswell site Jamie urged the Members to be patient and remain positive over the position of PPGC within the overall scheme of things.

Departing Club Secretary Brian Hodgetts was given a rousing reception for all his hard work for the Club over many years.

Know Your Course? The 1st



Rules Corner

Geoff Nunney asks :

Question 1.

A flagstick attendant removes the flagstick and, in the process, pulls out the hole liner. The players ball rolls into the the now unlined hole. What is the ruling?

Question 2.

A players ball lies under a green keepers parked vehicle. What ruling applies?

Answers in Issue 7

Answers to Issue 5 Quiz :

Q1.True - 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.

Q2. False - A white stake defining the "Out of Bounds" is not a movable obstruction.