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**YOUR MONTHLY PPGC NEWSLETTER**

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**May's Committee Meeting News**

My apologies, but due to your Editor being forced by 'she that must be obeyed' to take a holiday in Mexico, the regular feature 'Committee Meeting In Brief' is not available for this issue!

Normal service will be resumed in July.

**It's Your Newsletter, So....**

.....how about some of our readers putting 'electronic pen' to 'electronic paper' and writing an article or two for these pages?

I'm sure there must be some interesting things and/or achievements going on in your lives that you could share with fellow PPGC Members!!

Yes, it's your Newsletter – help me make it a smidge more personal – it doesn't have to be golf related – just Member related – come on have a go!

**Know Your Course?**

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 4

**This Month's Competitions**



**WEDNESDAYS**

- 03<sup>rd</sup> Medal
- 10<sup>th</sup> John Hunt Cup Team Event
- 17<sup>th</sup> Presidents Cup / Trophy
- 24<sup>th</sup> Combined Pairs / Rabbit Cup

**SATURDAYS**

- 06<sup>th</sup> Ladies 30+ Medal / Summer League 4
- 13<sup>th</sup> Founders Cup
- 20<sup>th</sup> Club / Ladies Championship / Turner Challenge Shield
- 27<sup>th</sup> Crowley Pairs

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**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Seniors v Burlish Park Away
- 14<sup>th</sup> Handicap League v Ombersley Home
- 25<sup>th</sup> Seniors v Sherdons Away
- 28<sup>th</sup> Handicap League v Bewdley Pines Away

**A Golfing Enigma....**

The majority of us talk golf.

Most of us love golf.

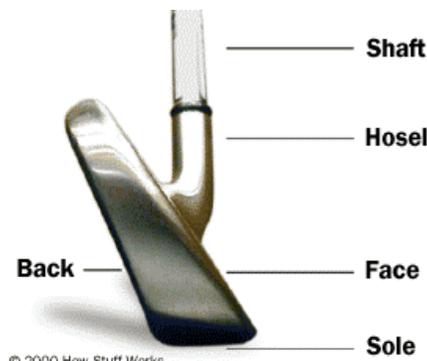
Many of us dream golf.

Some of us live golf.

So how come so few of us can actually play the damn game?

**About The Club Head**

The five parts of the golf club are shown below :



So what's it all about then?

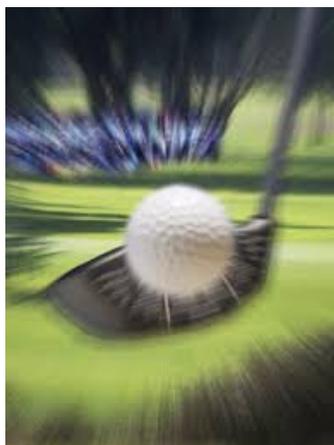
We'll ignore the back and hosel as being pretty self explanatory and move on.

We all know about woods and irons; we know that :

The number on the club is related to the angle at which the face slopes back from vertical when the club is held in its normal position facing the

ball. A higher number for the club represents a greater degree of slope away from vertical, generally resulting in a higher, shorter shot. There are some slight variations between manufacturers, but the club numbers and their related slopes are generally very similar.

The slope is important for two reasons. First, the face will launch the ball on a path perpendicular to the plane of the face at impact, so a more laid back face will start the ball on a higher trajectory. This is crucial when a golfer tries to send the ball over some obstacle, or when the golfer wants the ball to come back down at a steep angle, which tends to result in a shorter roll after landing. The second important aspect of the slope is spin -- the greater the slope, the greater the spin.



In the 450 millionths of a second that the ball and club are in contact, the ball does several things. First, it deforms quite a bit, flattening against the face of the club. As the ball begins to rebound to its normal globe shape, it starts to slide up the club face. Finally, just before it leaves the club, the ball returns to its familiar shape and begins to roll up the face. By the time the ball has left the club face it is spinning quite rapidly; according to the USGA a ball hit by a wood or one of the longer irons (3 to 5) will be spinning at approximately 3,600 RPM when it leaves the club. The same ball struck by a pitching wedge will spin at nearly 6,000 RPM when it leaves the club. A spinning golf ball is a good thing because the rapid spin provides aerodynamic lift, causing a spinning ball to travel

higher and farther than one with no spin at all. The spinning ball is also less influenced by small gusts of wind, making for a more predictable shot. One of the other features you will notice on the face of a golf club, the grooves, also help provide spin

The grooves on the face of a golf club serve two purposes. First, they provide just a bit of 'bite' for the golf ball as it slides up the face, helping it to spin more rapidly. Next, if grass is trapped between the ball and club at impact, the water in the grass will be squeezed out by the nearly 3,000 pounds of force generated by the average swing. Like tread on a car tyre, the grooves on the club face give the water somewhere to go so that the ball doesn't skid up the face without spinning.

Ideally, the Sole of the golf club will minimize the twisting of a bad hit; in woods, the broad, flat sole with rounded edges helps the head glide over the surface of the grass without digging in whilst shots using irons tend to take divots, so the soles of irons are designed to slice through the turf evenly, without twisting or unexpected tugging to disrupt the golfer's shot.

### Perdi Monthly Winners & Results - April



Wed 1<sup>st</sup> – Doug Bush Trophy  
**Bill Kelly net 61**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Summer League 2  
**Adrian Burbridge net 65**

Tue 07<sup>th</sup> – Seniors (H) v Burlish Park  
**Perdiswell won 5 – 2**

Wed 08<sup>th</sup> – Medal  
**George Postans net 67**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> – Yellow Ball  
**George Postans / Steve Bidgood / Ed Nicklin / Paul Wiggett 154 pts**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Stableford  
**Collis Fisher 39pts**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> – Handicap League (A) v Ombersley  
**Perdiswell Lost 3½ – 2½**

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Mixed (A) v Sherdons  
**Perdiswell lost 5-3**

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Stableford  
**Ed Nicklin 43pts**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Daily Mail Foursomes (A) v Hollywood  
**Perdiswell Lost 4&3**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring National  
**Ed Nicklin net 62**

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Presidents Cup / Trophy  
**Mike Sanders net 64**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Summer League 3  
**Steve Kupfer net 64**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> – Handicap League (A) v Kidderminster  
**Perdiswell lost 5-1**

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> – Stableford  
**Clive Brown 38pts**

### Hole In One!!

For those of you who haven't seen this on-line :

If you score a hole-in-one you are invited to enter England Golf's monthly free prize draw. The winner receives a dozen golf balls from their sponsor, Titleist.

To enter, send a copy of your scorecard signed by you and your marker and countersigned by the Captain, Secretary or Handicap Secretary of the golf club where the feat was achieved to:

England Golf, Club Services Department, The National Golf Centre, The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6PU.

To qualify for the monthly draw the card must reach England Golf by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

## Perdiswell Park – Still The Friendly Club?

Oh, I think so!! Easy Tiger (and you Michael!!)



It's amazing what people will do to get on camera! Stop it NOW!!

## PPGC And Parent Leisure Centre Relationship Explored

With all the uncertainty surrounding the proposed Leisure Centre upgrade etc. there may be a misconception about exactly what status PPGC has within the scheme of things and here Past-President Ron Milbourne tells us about our Golf Club and why a golf club is not always a golf club as we know it!!

There are many views about what Members could expect in terms of organisation, facilities and benefits from this Golf Club and those expectations are often misconstrued due to our position within the Management organisation (currently 1Life). So :

A question frequently asked in the "clubroom" is "what happens to my annual membership payment when the Union of Worcester Golf Clubs and England Golf affiliation fees are somewhat less than I actually pay?" To answer that, we have to go back to the PPGC constitution, relative to the golf course, Perdiswell Leisure Centre and Worcester City Council.

The Club (yes we are a club!) is, in essence, a stand-alone Golf Society that plays all its meetings at the same course and is allowed, by the Owners, regular tee times each week enabling an elected committee to organise competitions and award golf

handicaps in accordance with "England Golf" and "Royal and Ancient" rules. As such, the Club has no actual jurisdiction over the Golf Course although, through our Greens Liaison Officer, we are allowed a two-way communication with the Head Greenkeeper which has proved to be very beneficial to the Club with respect to improving Course preparation, condition and hence overall playing experience.

When Worcester C.C. agreed to the formation of PPGC the level of annual membership fee was stipulated and would be paid to the Company managing the Perdiswell Centre. This money would be utilised to pay the affiliation fees to the Golfing governing bodies and the surplus used for ancillary costs of administration such as staff wages, stationery, postage for circulating Members with club information etc..

The Parent Company also pays a substantial part of the costs of trophy engraving with winner's names, provide free use of committee rooms for meetings and use of the bar area for social events. Also, a nominal amount of each membership fee is paid back to PPGC in order to assist with youth development.

In recent times the management has allocated the ground floor office space for the Club's sole use, wall space for Club Notice Boards for displaying results, fixtures and general information and wall space for Honours Boards, which they update annually, and for the space to accommodate our new PSI system (including internet access and servers etc.) in the restaurant area.

More recently they have supplied PPGC team shirts and now have agreed to provide the electrical supply for our shoe and trolley cleaning facility. The management also allows the Club to arrange inter-club golf competitions such as our Senior friendlies, The Worcester Handicap Golf League and several others outside the original allocated tee times and unlike most Golf Clubs the visiting teams do not pay green fees!!

I am sure that if one was to take a very detailed look at the variance between the income and expense columns the balance would be a healthy benefit to golfers.

So, as the Club moves forward we strive to continue to improve all aspects of PPGC and with the healthy two-way respect and working relationship between PPGC and the Parent Company and their assistance in many matters we aim to set a very high standard within the ranks of our (Council owned) golfing peers.

## Bunkered and Caught On Camera!!

Following on from the article in Issue 7 (May) about bunker shots I thought I would share with you a couple of photos taken during April's Spring National competition :



*Nice splash of sand here as Jamie Newton stylishly pops it out onto the 8<sup>th</sup> green!!*

...and...



*A positive sand storm here as Barry Monk blasts out of the fairway bunker on the 11<sup>th</sup>.*

We could play 'Spot The Ball' with this one above – any idea where the ball is folks? (answer on page 4)

## Know Your Course? The 17<sup>th</sup>



### The Air Shot !!!!

A player who assumes his stance, formally addresses the ball, and then fairly strikes at it, but in so doing fails completely to make contact with any part of the ball, is deemed to have performed a full-address rehearsal of his swing (practice swing) and therefore need not count a stroke provided that he strictly observes the following procedure:

1. He must immediately readdress the ball with the same club, and his next stroke shall be counted regardless of result.
2. He must not exhibit any surprise or dismay or suggest by gesture or facial expression that he ever harboured an expectation or belief that his swing would cause his ball to undertake any forward movement whatsoever.
3. He must make no remark disparaging the course, the prevailing weather conditions, the state of his equipment, or the level of his own playing skill, other than a statement taking note of the fortuitous elimination through practice of a faulty swing or a declaration of an intention to strike at the ball with less force or in a more controlled and measured manner when making his actual, true, real, final, intended, and accountable stroke.

### I THINK NOT!!

Recognise any of the above folks?



## Spot The Ball Answer (from page 3)

Did you guess correctly? (Sorry Barry, I just couldn't resist!)

**The ball is still in the bunker!!**

## PPGC Teams

It was good to see our Handicap League Team get back to winning ways at the start of May. After two successive away defeats during April of 3½ – 2 ½ and 5 – 1 to Ombersley and Kidderminster respectively our Perdi boys gritted their unified teeth and ground out a great 5 - 1 home win against Little Lakes.



*PPGC Handicap League Team 3/5/15 versus Little Lakes - (l to r) Phil Lane, John Rudge, John Griffiths, Jamie Newton, Barrie Hope, Joe Jackson, Mark Purser, Steve Bidgood, Norman Vernalls, Steve Griffiths, Robert Brookes, (Captain) Steve Williams*

Our Seniors, under the Captaincy of Phil Lane, have started well with two home wins 5 – 2 and 4½ – 1½ against Burlish Park and Kingfisher respectively. This 'friendly' 10 match series may not bring home any silverware but pride is certainly the key; every match is keenly contested and Team places this year are at a premium with more Members than normal showing an interest in playing.

## Rules Corner

Note : If the following seems a little random, it isn't!! This poser has been formulated by Geoff following an incident in a recent competition at Perdi; no-one in the playing group involved could decide the correct ruling and the player in question ended up disqualifying himself from the competition – the moral of the story is: **know your rules!!**

Geoff Nunney asks :

Incident : A player's ball lands on the putting green on a par three after one shot. Without marking its position, the player lifts the ball in order to clean it before attempting his birdie putt.

Scenario 1 : The player replaces the ball in the exact spot from where it was lifted, plays his second shot and holes the putt.

Scenario 2 : The player replaces the ball in a different place from that where it was lifted, plays his next shot and holes the putt.

Scenario 3 : The player realises his mistake when he initially placed the ball and so replaces it in the correct place, plays his next shot and holes the putt.

Scenario 4 : After playing from the wrong place and not correcting the error on the hole, the player drives off from the next teeing ground.

Question :

In each scenario has the player incurred any penalty strokes? If so, how many should be added to the two strokes taken?

Answers in Issue 9

Answers to Issue 7 Quiz :

Part 1. As the ball is resting on the plastic bag and is not touching the course/ground the ball must be dropped. So, the ball may be lifted and the bag removed. The ball must, through the green, be dropped as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay on the bag, but not nearer the hole.

Part 2. As the ball is resting on the course/ground the ball must be placed. So, the ball should be placed, the rake moved and the ball played. However, if the ball moves when the rake is moved place the ball back to marker. If the ball moves when replaced, replace ball at marker again. If the ball moves again place ball at the nearest point to the marker where it will remain stationary, not nearer the hole.