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YOUR MONTHLY PPGC NEWSLETTER

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Perdi Monthly Winners & Results



Sat 2nd – Stephen Misters Memorial Cup
Phil Lane nett 62

Sun 3rd – Worcestershire Handicap Golf League
Perdiswell Park (H) won 5 - 1 v Little Lakes

Tue 5th – Seniors
Perdiswell Park (H) won 4 1/2 – 1 1/2 v Kingfisher

Wed 6th – Medal
John Hine nett 68

Sat 9th – Men's EGU
Steve Williams nett 64

Wed 13th – Bonus Stableford
Steve Williams 48pts

Sat 16th – Daily Telegraph Strokeplay
Alistair Cutteridge nett 59

Tue 19th – Seniors
Perdiswell Park (H) won 5 – 1 v Ravenmeadow

Wed 20th – Presidents Trophy Rnd 2
Roy Turner nett 68

Sat 23rd – Vice Presidents Cup
Bob Bradshaw nett 64

Wed 27th – Spring Cup
George Postans nett 67

Sat 30th – Millennium Cup
David Hancocks nett 62

Sun 31st – Worcestershire Handicap Golf League
Perdiswell Park (H) won 4 – 2 v Bewdley Pines



*PPGC Handicap League Team 3/5/15
(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, Steve Williams*

This Month's Competitions



WEDNESDAYS

01st Presidents Cup / Trophy
08th Foursomes Par Plate
15th Seniors Captains Day
22th Two Day Salver Rnd1
29th Two Day Salver Rnd2

SATURDAYS

04th Summer National
11th Captains Day
18th George Knight 1
25th George Knight 2

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

06th Seniors v Dudley Home
12th Handicap League v Kidderminster Home
14th Seniors v Kingfisher Away
28th Seniors v Sherdons Home

How Do You Like Your Tee?

Studies have shown that the best height to tee the ball when using a driver is equal to the crown (or top) of the driver. In other words, the bottom of the golf ball, resting on the tee, should be level with the top of the driver.

As the club you're using gets shorter, you'll lower the height of the ball. For a 3-wood, leave about one-half to one-third of the ball above the crown of the club. For other fairway woods and hybrids, leave about one-third to one-quarter of the ball above the crown (about a half-inch of a standard tee should be above ground).



If you're teeing off with an iron, less of the tee will be above ground. For long to mid-irons (2, 3, 4, 5 irons), it is recommended that about a quarter-inch of the tee remains above ground.

For the shorter mid-irons and short irons (6, 7, 8, 9 irons and PW), press the tee all the way into the ground so that only its head is above ground.

To recap:

- Driver: Bottom of ball level with top of driver
- 3-wood: About half to a third of ball above the top of clubhead
- Other fairway woods and hybrids: About a half-inch of tee above ground
- Long to mid-iron: About a quarter-inch of tee above ground
- 6-iron and shorter: Only the head of tee above ground

The theory above is fine but it's down to the individual to find his/her optimum tee height for any given club/shot.

Know Your Course?

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 4

Handicap Adjustment, CSS, SSS etc.

Geoff Nunney recently undertook the putting together, for this Newsletter, of an 'idiots guide' to show how handicap adjustments are calculated; what started as a sprint turned into a marathon and ended up as a world tour!!

So, after much soul searching, 'blood, toil, sweat and tears', Geoff realised that the matter was far too complex to break down into short component parts that together correctly represent the whole for inclusion here.



However, Sir Geoffrey has now compiled an eight-step explanation ('handouts') with tables and a flow chart that cleverly illustrates the issue.

Geoff's handicap 'bible' can be found in the bar area in the large purple folder. I'm sure some of you will find this work very interesting and informative – I'm also sure some of you will be totally baffled by it all – whatever your view you will no doubt agree that it's a good job that our PSI system takes care of all the relevant calculations and, barring the odd techno-glitch here and there, continues to come up with the right answers.

A big thank you to Geoff for taking on this task – enjoy folks!!

June'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 in July.

Adrian Crowley confirmed that the PPGC Open would be held on 15th August 2015. The format will be Texas Scramble which will be open to all to try and encourage participation from new members.

Insurance for the PSI System was discussed and it was agreed that, as it is specialised equipment, we should take out cover as per quotation from Club Systems.

Chris Williams is to discuss with 1Life to ascertain who receives exemption from Club Membership payment i.e. Life Vice Presidents etc.

John Fogwill informed us that the EGU event will take place on the 12th July at King's Norton Golf Club. Steve Griffiths and Steve Williams qualified – if they cannot play then further players will be invited in finishing order of the qualifying competition.

Daily Telegraph – Alastair Cutteridge will be representing the club in the next round provided that he is in the top 24 qualifiers in the region. You can follow Alastair's progress on www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/sport/golf-challenge/11602342/wales-south-west-men.html

Simeon Chapman was invited to discuss a proposed insurance quotation; there were several questions from the Committee that were adequately answered by Simeon.

John Rudge informed the Committee that the Council have previously assured the club that the Council would accept liability. Several discussions ensued but it was felt that as the actual Club operates separately from the Parent Company and Council owner, insurance would be beneficial and indeed probably necessary.

A vote was taken and it was agreed that the policy would be effected from Monday 8th June 2015.

An earlier proposal to purchase driving nets for general Member use and to offer practice facilities to enable the growth of a proposed Junior 'Academy' was further discussed : The driving nets have been approved by WCC in principle, we are awaiting written confirmation and then an order will be placed for the nets.

A discussion on where and how to locate the nets ensued and will be finalised in due course as we have to be mindful of the imminent building work for the proposed Swimming Pool etc..

With regard to the flooring within the nets, a decision on whether to use astro turf or turf will be made in due course but it is likely to be turf initially until the impact of the future construction work is fully understood.

As a mark of appreciation of their great work, it was agreed that we should :

1. Invite members of the ground staff to play in a competition without the need to pay a green fee so that they can see the course from our perspective.
2. Invite the ground staff to our presentation evening .
3. A letter is to be sent to the ground staff to re-establish relations and thank them for their work.

John Rudge acknowledged that the greens were a little long whilst they were being treated but this has now been resolved.

Some work is still required to try and establish a firm schedule for the cutting of greens to better suit our competition schedule.

John has communicated to the head green keeper that the tee blocks should be at least two club lengths from the back of the teeing area thereby facilitating the full teeing off distance allowable.

The length of the rough and the density of the Laurel trees behind the 18th green was discussed and it was agreed that an area behind the laurels should be closely mown to allow a player to get club to ball and play a shot. If this is not possible, the area behind the 18th may be deemed a hazard under Local Rules.

Barrie Hope informed the Committee that four new members have had handicaps issued recently and that a review of people who have been

issued with a new handicap will be undertaken in the first three months following issue.

Barrie asked for a consensus on what a reasonable time frame would be for the presentation of scorecards. It was agreed by the Committee that all scorecards need to be returned within 30 minutes following the completion of the round.

Barrie received the Committee's plaudits and approval for his new take on issuing competition results which include a brief 'insight' into the results/players; his brief narratives help make the otherwise bland results feel very much more personalised.

Joe Jackson informed the Committee that after researching several venues Worcester Cricket Club is proposed as the venue for presentation evening. Joe is researching various bands to provide entertainment. The cost for Members will be finalised when everything is in place. The Committee agreed unanimously to use Worcester Cricket Club.

A review of the presentation evening prizes is to be undertaken as it is felt that some members may prefer other types of prizes.

Joe has requested a budget around which he can work for this event.

Advertising on PSI – The Committee agreed to set the price for advertisers at £1 per week and that Shadow Cleaning will have free advertising in lieu of stationery materials used for Committee/Club purposes.

Golf Mark – It was decided by the Committee that priority will be given to the promotion of the junior section before proceeding with Golf Mark any further.

Selection policy for Wyvern Cup needs to be decided. It was agreed that twelve will come from the five Competitions preceding the Challenge Match and four will be the Captain's/Vice-captain's picks.

Selection therefore will be from the following Competitions :

1. The Founders Cup
2. Summer National
3. G.Knight Round One
4. G.Knight Round Two
5. Olive Hodgetts

Points will be awarded according to positions gained. The top 12 positions will form the basis of the team.

It was unanimously agreed to make Brian Hodgetts a Life Vice President of PPGC in recognition of his unstinting work as Club Secretary over the last few years and his tireless endeavours behind the scenes. It is recognised that Brian's hard work and tenacity has been very much instrumental in bringing our Club to where it is now. Thank you Brian from all the Members.

Disability, What Disability?



Dave Hancocks preparing to try out his new prosthetic limb

It doesn't seem five minutes ago that we welcomed amputee Dave Hancocks into the Perdi family. Dave recalls his initial introduction to the Perdi 'family' thus, 'Whilst walking to the first tee I was greeted by a 'gentleman' whom I now know to be Steve Bidgood. Steve asked me if I wanted to join him and after pointing out my 'disadvantage' we took to the course together. That initial welcoming gesture was the deciding factor for me and I, there and then, chose to join PPGC. That friendly natured welcome continued as I

gradually got to know the PPGC 'family' and got on with the job of regaining my handicap.'

So, having chosen to join Perdiswell Park rather than any of the other great courses in the area Dave initially joined us on Wednesday mornings, teeing off alongside us in our regular weekly competitions in order to obtain his handicap. Dave wasn't overjoyed with his awarded 27 handicap and went all out to get cut!

It wasn't long before Dave's name was cropping up in discussions all around the course as he started to rip into his handicap on his way to regaining his pre-PPGC handicap of 14 which still remains his target.

Such has been Dave's recent form that Handicap Secretary Barrie Hope wrote, '...his handicap continues to fall faster than Sepp Blatter's approval ratings..!'

Currently trying out a new prosthetic to his below-knee amputation Dave is totally focused and massively driven to get down to 14 again picking up winner and place vouchers along the way.

Dave's friendly nature and tenacity to participate and achieve is something we should all aspire to and he certainly demonstrates that having a pretty severe disability should be no obstacle to playing this great game.

Know Your Course? The 10th



Mark – My Words

Dear Members

Summer is finally here, and what a difference it makes. Firstly I'd like to thank the members for their support, it's extremely tough to compete with online golf companies and large golf

retailers. Please remember I also have the ability to order things in for you as well.

The course itself has improved so far this year, the renovation work in April seemed to have been completed without any issues. The correct amount of water from the irrigation system now being applied to the tees and greens and is working well, with a consistent putting surface, a touch SLOW maybe but something we are working on. Areas of the rough around the course are slowing up play to a degree, so I'm in the process of agreeing our options with the green keeping staff.

Members Golf Shop Deals :

Club T-Shirts £15.99

Re-gripping (9 x grips fitted) £23.99

Srixon (12 balls) AD 333 (rrp £30.00) £17.99

Footjoy T-Shirts (rrp £44.99) £24.99

Footjoy chillout tops (rrp £74.99) now £39.99'

British Open Offer (See Mark For Full Details) : Trade in your old golf shoes for a new pair (terms & conditions apply) (Ordering can take as little as 2 days)

Thank you again
Mark Woodward
P.G.A. Professional Golfer

Rules Corner

Geoff Nunney asks :

Question 1.

In Stroke play a marker signs the competitor's card in the space provided for the competitor's signature and the competitor signs the card in the marker's space. What is the ruling?

Question 2.

Players A & B are partners in foursomes play. At the 5th hole but forgetting the format being played, Player A drives and is immediately followed by Player B driving. It was

A's turn to drive. so what is the ruling?

Answers in Issue 10

Answers to Issue 8 Quiz :

Scenario 1 : One stroke penalty for not marking.

Scenario 2 : One stroke penalty for not marking and a further two for playing from the wrong place.

Scenario 3 : One stroke for not marking, but no further penalties for placing in the wrong place but correcting the error before playing his next shot.

Scenario 4 : Disqualified, for not correcting an error before playing the next hole.

How To Par The 8th (albeit the hard way!) By Chris Williams

1. The Tee Shot



2. The Bunker Splash



3. The Putt



Nice par save Chris

There are of course other easier ways to get your par on the 8th! This is just Chris' way!