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# CLUB NEWS APRIL 2018

**YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **R&PPGC Committee 2018 - 19**

Following the AGM in February your Golf Club Committee will comprise :

**Stephen Griffiths – Club Captain**



**Martin Hucker – Seniors' Captain**



**Stephen Baylis – Treasurer & Immediate Past Captain**



**Mark Purser – Vice Captain**



**Sue Price – Ladies Captain**



**Richard Adcock – Club Secretary**



**Adrian Tinker – Handicap  
Secretary and Social Secretary**



**Geoff Edge – Competition  
Organiser**



**Peter Brown – Communications &  
Media**



As the 'new' Committee 'finds its feet' please bear with them if things are initially a little slower than usual. I'm sure you will all give each and every one of the above your full support and assistance should that be required.

It is the object of the Committee to ensure that the Golf Club is run efficiently and effectively and with the Members best interests at the heart of matters whilst also ensuring that things are run legally and within all the requirements of a Members' Golf Club and operating within the Rules of the R&A and other organisations.

Please also bear in mind and respect that each Member of the Committee gives his/her time and efforts on a voluntary basis.

As you read this Newsletter the 2018 – 19 season kicks off (albeit a day early, on 31<sup>st</sup> March) with a 2 man Texas Scramble which should be a bit of fun as we don't tend to go for this format very often.

The new Golfing Calendar then starts and, as usual, we have plenty going on throughout the year with something for everyone so there's no excuse, put your name down and join in with the fun (competitive of course!).

As we are looking at moving our prestigious Presentation to sometime mid-year it is not yet certain exactly when the next one will be so watch out for more information. Don't worry, if you've won something or represented the Golf Club at some point you won't be forgotten.

The new trophy cabinet is well under way and already looks pretty good. Once the build is completed the trophies will be assembled, sorted and displayed and should look very impressive.

With the improvements to the car park in recent weeks we can all see that things are moving forward as promised and with James Leaver's 'Short & Medium Term Plan' very-much underway we can all expect some more changes around the Club just as soon as funds and manpower are sufficient to carry out works without interfering with the normal running of everyday matters.

Following a couple of years without change the new Members' fees have been announced and you will be aware of a small increase to the charges. In the general scheme of things and in the current economic climate the increases appear fair and just – less than one of your pounds sterling per week extra seems like a great deal!

For on-going information about Competitions, Matches, Local Rules etc. plus Social activities please refer to the Notice Boards in the Locker rooms and on-line on [www.ravenmedowgolf.co.uk](http://www.ravenmedowgolf.co.uk) - don't forget to keep yourself up-to-date.

**Happy Golfing Folks  
Good Luck Out There  
See You Out On The Course**

## February Winners

Sat 3rd Stableford  
**Ian Threadgold (21) 41 points**



*Ian Threadgold – Winner – Stableford*

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Greensomes  
**Barry Warner & Neil Harrison (17) 39 points**



*(l to r) Barry Warner & Neil Harrison – Winners– Greensomes*

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Geoff Edge Cup Rnd 6 of 6  
**Tony Solomon (26) 40 points**



*Tony Solomon – Winner – Geoff Edge Cup Rnd 6 of 6*

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Medal Eclectic Rnd 11 of 11  
**Mark Brookes (28) net 67**

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Seniors Medal  
**Barry Sandel (28) net 64**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Scramble  
**Stephen Baylis, Barrie Hope, Stephen Griffiths & John Griffiths (3.9) net 55.1**



*(top – bottom) Stephen Baylis, Barrie Hope, Stephen Griffiths & John Griffiths – Winners – Texas Scramble*

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> (Medal Postponed) 18 Hole Stroke Play  
**Dave Johnston (28) net 65**



*Dave Johnston – Winner – 18 Hole Stroke Play*

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Winter League Rnd 5 of 7  
**Mark Keeling (12) 42 points**



*Mark Keeling – Winner – Winter League Rnd 5 of 7*

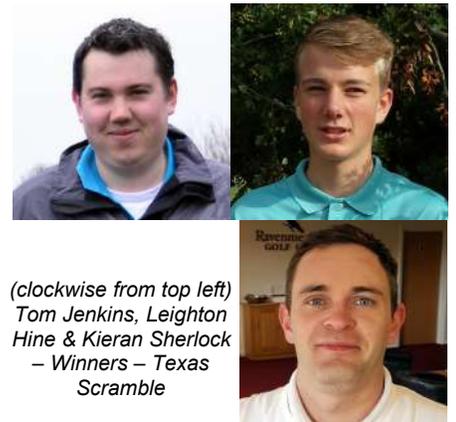
Geoff Edge Cup Final Standings  
**Winner - Martin Hucker 149 points**



*Martin Hucker – Winner – Geoff Edge Cup*

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Ladies Stableford  
**Gerry McLean (36)**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Texas Scramble  
**Tom Jenkins, Leighton Hine & Kieran Sherlock (4.8) net 58.2**



*(clockwise from top left) Tom Jenkins, Leighton Hine & Kieran Sherlock – Winners – Texas Scramble*

## April Competitions

Tue 03<sup>rd</sup> Seniors Texas Scramble  
Wed 04<sup>th</sup> Par Bogey  
Sat 07<sup>th</sup> Challenge Cup Rnd 1 of 2  
Sun 08<sup>th</sup> Sunday Medal Eclectic 1 of 11  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Medal  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Challenge Cup Rnd 2 of 2  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Seniors Roll-up  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Scramble  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Ladies Easter Shield  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Spring National  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Seniors Roll-up  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> President's Trophy Rnd 1 of 6  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Summer League Rnd 1 of 7  
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 contact :

### Pro Shop

**01905 757525**

### April Matches

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 17 – 24 League Match (H) v Bromsgrove  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Seniors Match (H) v Lydney  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> WHL (H) v Bewdley Pines B  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Scratch League (A) v The Chase  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Daily Mail Foursomes Rnd 2 (A) v Broadway  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Scratch League (A) v The Worcestershire

## Know Your Course

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 9

## Booking Into Competitions

The Committee would like to draw your attention to (and/or remind Golfers) the Booking process for entering competitions.

Most Competitions are set-up as Random Draws – this process is designed to encourage Member interaction with other Members whilst also discouraging the 'I want to play with my mates' ethos.

We are constantly seeing late entries being added on to the end of the Random Draw and we want to discourage, if not stop, use of this 'loophole' in the process.

Booking in closes three days prior to a Competition and the Random Draw then takes place which is fair to all players entering.

Although the Golf Club wants to encourage as many players as possible to enter our Competitions and the rules are designed to give a little leeway on the odd occasion we feel there are still far too many players abusing that leeway.

The majority of players do adhere to the Rules of Competition entry but too many still abuse the 'loophole'.

Basically, the clue is in the term 'Random Draw' which should apply to all. If players choose to play as add-

ons it makes a mockery of the Draw and causes unrest.

We remind you that our Competition Guide states :

'Once the booking period closes, "late additions" may be possible (ONLY IF SPACES ARE AVAILABLE) by contacting the pro shop. If the event is not fully booked, any "late additions" will be booked into:

- any available empty tee time slots throughout the field

- and if no spaces are available, they will be added to the end of the field.'

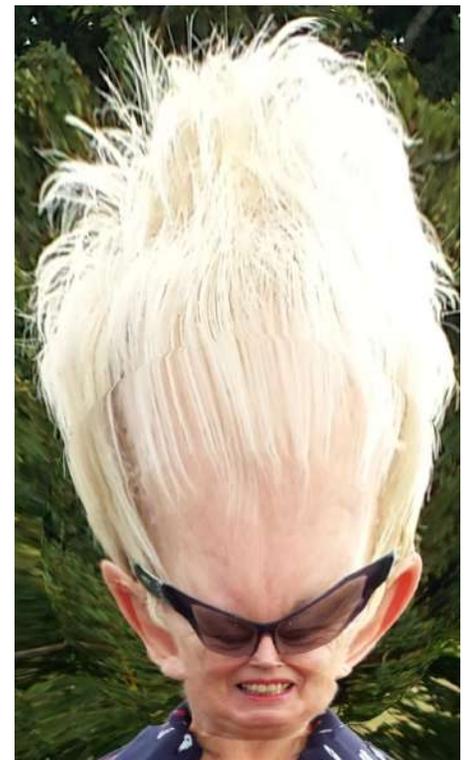
Also,

'Once the start sheet is drawn players will not be moved around unless extenuating circumstances exist e.g. withdrawals leaving a single player in a time slot, severe weather disruption etc. If players have to be moved every effort will be made to advise them and obtain their agreement to any change.'

Thank You

## Know Your Club Member

So, who's this then?



## Our Ladies Are An Odd Lot



Wednesday 21st March was Downs Syndrome Awareness Day and our Ladies joined in by sporting a motley variety of foot garments in support and to show that it's OK to be different!

The photo's to the left were uploaded to the Downs Syndrome Facebook page as were others from across the Country.

It looks like a couple of the 'lads' also joined in with the fun, as shown in the bottom photo, but noticeably the wearers of the Odd Socks in this case chose to remain faceless!!

Thanks to Sue Price for the photo's – Sue and husband Brian have a Grandson who has Downs and he, and his school, also took part in the show of togetherness.

**Website Reminder / Help**  
[www.ravenmeadowgolf.co.uk](http://www.ravenmeadowgolf.co.uk)

Just a reminder folks, if you are unable to Register and then Log-in to our website please make sure that your email address is on the main Admin database (see James Leaver or Shop).

The process to Register / Log-in is currently as follows :

1. Open website
2. Click PLAY
3. Scroll down and Click BOOK TEE TIMES
4. Click BOOK TEE TIMES – MEMBERS
5. Look for the Log-in / Register panel
6. Click REGISTER / LOST PASSWORD
7. Insert your name and email address
8. If your email address is recognised by the database you will receive an email with a password.
9. Go to the Log-in panel and Log-in with your name and password

If your device allows select Remember Log-in details etc.. I hope this helps.





# Demo Day!

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**12pm-4pm**

With the new golfing season approaching it is important to get you fit!, here you have a great opportunity to come and test some of the newest products on the market including free fitting and feedback from ball data and ball flight technology provided by a fitter from the brand.

We hope to see as many of you as possible!

*Professional Staff, Ravenmeadow Golf Centre*

## Know Your Course Answer

It's hole 17



## 17 – 24 Handicap League Kick-off Their Season

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March saw our 17-24 Handicap Team start their season with a home match versus Little Lakes.

(l to r below) Malcolm Dainty, Bob Wood, John Hine, Andy Turner, Darren Cook, Joe Jackson (Captain), Ian Threadgold, Mike Williams, Rob Griffiths & Bill Kelly



Team Gee-up with the Skipper  
(Par 4 one, par 4 all huddle)



I hope their game was more organised than their huddle!!

(Ta to Chris Williams for the pics.)

Good luck for the 2018 season guys and good luck to all of our teams – Handicap League, Scratch League, Daily Mail Foursomes.

# Keep things SIMPLE To PUTT WITH CONFIDENCE

Leo Tarrant - PGA Professional

Don't make Putting a multiple choice test with 5 questions that have a choice of 3 answers and you've got to get them all right in a row to hole the Putt, how many people have you ever seen win 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' when that's the case?

## Putting

1. You're looking at the break, uphill or downhill?
2. How fast is the green? Should I hit this Putt firmly and allow for less break?
3. My mates keep saying; "You've got to slow your stroke down", "You're always aiming right of where you need to be"
4. My mind's eye is talking to me about when I took 4 putts from here on the same green 2 weeks ago!

The indecision in these scenarios is the reason you'll hit a bad putt and take too many shots on the greens. So much of putting is mental, which is why it's so difficult and most Golfers I meet overthink it.

If the Putt breaks you'll see it pretty quick and by how much, putts can also be pretty straight and are likely to be if you see nothing there. Spending 3 or 4 minutes looking at 'Everything' takes it too far and creates the indecision that ruins your confidence. Don't just look for something that's not there and don't ask yourself loads of pointless questions you can't find the answers for.

## Choose SIMPLICITY for CONFIDENCE

*When you are confident about something you know you're going to do it, everyone occasionally gets that feeling stood on the green so make it happen more regularly.*

1. Walk on to the green feeling confident and know your stroke is good.
2. Take a look at your Putt and go with the 1st take on how it'll break, if there's nothing to see hit your ball at the hole and from close range you'll see a lot more going in.
3. Use your visualisation to tune into the distance, someone judging the distance of the first putt and reading the green ok will very rarely 3 putt.
4. Stand over the putt & see the ball going straight in the hole, you'll be in more of a hurry to make a stroke full of confidence feeling good, being relaxed and believing you'll do what you can see.

Go back up to the top of the page and read about the other guy again, he's not going to have much success on any green, the player below will have 10-15 putts less when he or she plays so start to think that way on the green so you can shot better scores this season too.

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