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YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Another Face To Another Ace



On 10th July 2018, Malcolm Shepherd carded a magnificent Hole-In-One on the fifth hole whilst playing in Round 2 of the Seniors' 2 Day Salver; hitting a steady 5 iron off the tee Shepherd and his playing partners, Dave Johnstone and Peter Jansen, watched his well-hit shot pitch on-line just short of the green and then trundle up towards the hole.

All three players knew that Shepherd's ball had finished close to the hole but none of them could actually be sure whether the Ace had been made or not. Once again, some of the 'shine' of the Hole-In-One was taken off by the uncertainty but as they approached the green expectation steadily grew until Shepherd's 4th Ace in his golfing 'career' was finally confirmed when the

players reached the hole and found Shepherd's ball sitting nice and snugly in the bottom of the cup.

Erstwhile Captain at Ravenmeadow (2003 & 2004) Shepherd left the Club for approximately 2 years to try his luck at Gaudet Luce but returned to our happy fold in November 2017.

August Competitions

Wed 1st President's Trophy Round 6 of 6

Sat 4th Vice President's Cup (inc Williams Challenge Cup Round 4)

Sun 5th Sunday Medal Eclectic 5 of 11

Tue 7th Seniors' & Veterans' Championships

Wed 8th Texas Scramble (select your own team)

Sat 11th George Knight Memorial Round 1 of 2

Tue 14th Seniors' Roll-up

Wed 15th Ladies Stableford

Wed 15th Greensomes

Wed 15th Fred Gough Singles Matchplay Final

Sat 18th George Knight Memorial Round 2 of 2

Tue 21st Seniors' Roll-up

Wed 22nd Medal

Sat 25th Chairman's Cup (pairs) (inc Williams Challenge Cup Round 5)

Tue 28th Seniors' Roll-up

Wed 29th Ladies Gillian Berry Summer Foursomes

Wed 29th TBA

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

August Matches

Sun 5th Scratch League (A) v Droitwich

Thu 9th Seniors Match (A) v Dudley

Sun 19th 17 – 24 League (A) v Gaudet Luce

Sun 19th Scratch League (H) v Stonebridge

Sat 25th 17 - 24 League (A) v Little Lakes

Sun 26th Scratch League (H) v Droitwich

Thu 30th Seniors' match (A) v Alexander Park

Know Your Course

Which hole is this?



Answer on Page 4

June Winners & Results

Sat 2nd Martin Neath Memorial
Adrian Day, John Griffiths, Mark Purser & Jamie Newton 97 points



(top l to r) Ade Day, John Griffiths
(bottom l to r) Mark Purser, Jamie Newton –
Winners – Martin Neath Memorial

Sun 3rd Sunday Medal Eclectic rnd 3 of 11
Ian Threadgold (20) net 67



Ian Threadgold – Winner – Sunday Medal Eclectic Rnd 3 of 11

Tue 5th Seniors Annual Salver
Dave Brace (20) net 68



Dave Brace – Winner – Seniors Annual Salver

Wed 6th Mixed Charity Shield
Geoff Jones (23) 40 points



Geoff Jones – Winner – Mixed Charity Shield

Sat 9th Foursomes Shield
Norman Vernalls & Joe Jackson (17.5) net 64.5



*(l to r) Norman Vernalls & Joe Jackson –
Winners – Foursomes Shield*

Wed 13th Medal
Stephen Baylis (8) net 64



Stephen Baylis – Winner – Medal

Wed 13th Rabbit Cup
Collis Fisher (29) net 69



Collis Fisher – Winner – Rabbit Cup

Wed 13th Pat Mills Memorial
Gerry McLean (35) 35 points

Sat 16th Millennium Cup
Leighton Hine (13) net 63



Leighton Hine – Winner – Millennium Cup

Wed 20th Presidents Trophy Rnd 4 of 6
Phil Lane (16) net 65



Phil Lane – Winner – Presidents Trophy Round 4 of 6

Wed 20th Ladies Stableford
Jane Rowland (28) 31 points



Jane Rowland – Winner – Ladies Stableford

Sat 23rd Summer League Rnd 4 of 7
Neil Harrison (18) net 63



Neil Harrison – Winner – Summer League Rnd 4 of 7

Wed 27th Presidents Trophy Rnd 5 of 6
Barrie Hope (8) net 64



Barrie Hope – Winner – Presidents Trophy Round 5 of 6

Sat 30th Crowley Pairs
Stephen Baylis (6) & Barrie Hope (8) net 59



(l to r) Stephen Baylis & Barrie Hope – Winners – Crowley Pairs

June Match Results

Sun 10th Scratch League
R&PP (A) lost 7 - 1 v Stonebridge

Sun 17th Scratch League
R&PP (H) lost 7 - 1 v The Worcestershire

Tue 19th Seniors
R&PP Seniors (A) halved with Sherdons

Thu 21st Seniors
R&PP Seniors (H) won 4½ - 1½ v Lydney

Sun 24th Handicap League
R&PP (A) lost 5 - 1 v Bewdley Pines B

Thu 28th Seniors
R&PP Seniors (H) lost 4 - 2 v Alexander Park

Know Your Club Member

So, who's this then?



Eagle Eyed Mick Calls It In!!



As you will be aware, our golf course is occasionally subject to wanton vandalism from some of Worcester's more unsavoury characters. It's frustrating for us golfers of course but probably more so for our Management and Greenkeeping Team.

However, luckily for all of us we have our very own 'Lookout' who is only too willing to phone in any misguided pranks that he comes across: living just a stone's throw from the 15th fairway Mick Huggins often finds himself being the only witness to some of the late-night shenanigans that go on!

In the latest case, on a balmy evening at the beginning of July, from his 'crows-nest' advantage point, Mick first heard engine noises and, as you would look out to see what all the commotion was about. He then saw a car driving around our precious golf course and, as he always does, he phoned it in to the Police (it went something like this...):

Ring....ring...

"Hello, Police".

"Er, hello, I'd like to report a white Mini Clubman being driven around on Ravenmeadow Golf Course.....etc, etc."

"Ok, thank you Sir.....etc. etc."

Duty fulfilled, our not-so-secret agent took himself off the bed in the knowledge that his good work for the day had been done. He needed a decent night's sleep before the

Know Your Course Answer

It's hole 2



Competition on the following morning!!

The next day when our Agent 007½ bumped into 'The Boss', James Leaver, in the Clubhouse, he asked whether the Police had contacted him about his phone call on the previous evening.

"Why?" James asked somewhat bemused and openly taken aback.

Mick went on to relay his tale of the previous evening.....engine noise, white Mini Clubman, phoning the Police, "Evening all" blah, blah, blah!!

Unperturbed James smilingly replied, "Oh, yes, that was me in Angie's Mini, I was watering the greens!"

(Great vigilance by Mr.Huggins and great dedication to duty by our Leader it has to be said)

Long Lease Update

For anyone who hasn't yet heard about the situation regarding the Long Lease, James Leaver emailed the following on Wednesday 11th July:

I am pleased to finally announce that we have signed a 25 year lease for the 9 holes on the council (Perdiswell) land.

As you know this has been a long time in the coming and am relieved that I can now draw a line under the protracted negotiations and start to focus on the future.

You may have read in my previous emails that there were some issues over the loss of open space and the council therefore sought to re-negotiate the terms of the lease.

Having signed the lease the land is no longer open space, it is leased to Pure Golf Ltd who in turn have agreed to access to the land at certain times and with certain restrictions.

The paths around the perimeter of the course and the footpath through the course are rights of way for the general public at all times and are not included in my lease and therefore access is unrestricted.

Access to the wider land is restricted to:

April to October before 9am and after 6pm

November to March before 9am and after 3pm

Along with the time restrictions, we are able to insist on certain behaviour conditions. These will include insisting people staying off the greens, tees and bunkers and that

dogs must be under control.

The above is not ideal, however policing any access or control to the site was always going to be near on impossible as unfortunately we have a few people who are insistent on their opinion regarding the land.

Therefore, I am also pleased to say that tied in with the lease is a budget of funds promised by the council to improve the entrances, routes and paths around the land, signage and indeed safety of these holes. As part of a wider project, over the coming 12 months you will see improvements to the whole park making the unused land more appealing and the routes around our land, safer, dry and more obvious.

I actually believe, that although we have had to concede some access, we will end up with a better solution in reality and practice than if we just tried to fence it off!

I am sure that there will still be a few belligerent walkers who will purposefully break the rules, however, I believe most will be reasonable. I would advise golfers to be courteous and polite, avoiding arguments or conflict with walkers as I am sure the best way to get the desired result is to gently educate people.

Over the coming weeks I expect to have more detailed plans and expect to work with the council to advise the general public about the new rules on the land.

Thanks as always for your patience with this matter and hopefully here's looking forward to a bright future.

Yours sincerely
James Leaver - Director of Golf

Captain's Day

On July 14th Club Captain Stephen Griffiths hosted his Captain's Day playing for the Captain's Vase but, more importantly, raising money for his chosen Charity, St Richards Hospice. The event was blessed with glorious weather and an impressive assortment of scores were brought in

to as if to show that, although the day was essentially a fund-raiser, the competitive spirit of the competitors would not be found wanting!

Our 'Skipper' did things very-much his own way and as well as the usual on-course mini-comps there were to be a few little surprises later on as things unfolded.

Scoring was very good with Duncan Frederics winning the Captain's Vase after posting 44 Stableford points. Roger Richardson took second place, on countback with 42 points which pushed Scott Thomas into third place and finally Matt Hake took fourth place after finished in a four-way tie on 41 points with countback favouring his back nine score.

The on-course mini-competitions were won as follows : Ladies Nearest The Pin Hole 3 - Sue Price, Ladies Nearest The Pin in 2 Hole 15 – Jane Brinsford, Ladies Longest Drive Hole 11 – Sonia Wigley, Mens Nearest The Pin Hole 10 – Leighton Hine, Mens Nearest The Pin In 2Hole 15 – Bob Wood, Mens Longest Drive Hole 8 – Wayne Humphries.

Additionally Captain Griffiths awarded prizes for : Best Ladies Score – Jane Brinsford with 40 points, Best Seniors' Score – Richard Palfrey with 40 points & Best Veteran Score – Roger Richardson with 42 points.

Griffiths cheekily also awarded a 'booby' prize to the player who finished with the lowest score; David O'Connell was the unlucky player after he posted just 20 points. However, Captain Griffiths then went on to present O'Connell with a voucher for a golf lesson donated by PGA Professional Adam Whiting – nice touch!

Following the competition awards there were dozens of donated prizes to be won in the Raffle which also included some impressive Stephen Griffiths hidden spot prizes (with the Griffiths table taking more than their fair share!) It has been said the the Raffle was quite likely the longest drawn out affair ever known to man!! That may have been because, as the photo's below show, our Captain

didn't have his reading glasses on and every ticket they drew from the bucket was just a blur to him!! Shame!

The grand total raised for St Richards Hospice was £1000 made up from Players Entry Fees £305, Raffle £546.60 and % of sales from Thatchers Gold Cider £94.85 plus Stephen Griffiths topped up the 'booty' to make it a nice round GRAND!

Here are some of the day's winners being presented with their prizes by the our Club Captain :



Roger Richardson - 2nd Overall
42 points



Scott Thomas - 3rd Overall
42 Points



*Matt Hake - 4th Overall
41 Points*



*Sue Price – Ladies Nearest The Pin
Hole 3*



*Jane Brinsford – Best Score Ladies
40 points*



*Jane Brinsford – Ladies Nearest The Pin
Hole 2*



*Wayne Humphries – Mens Longest Drive
Hole 8*



*Roger Richardson – Best Score Veteran
42 points*



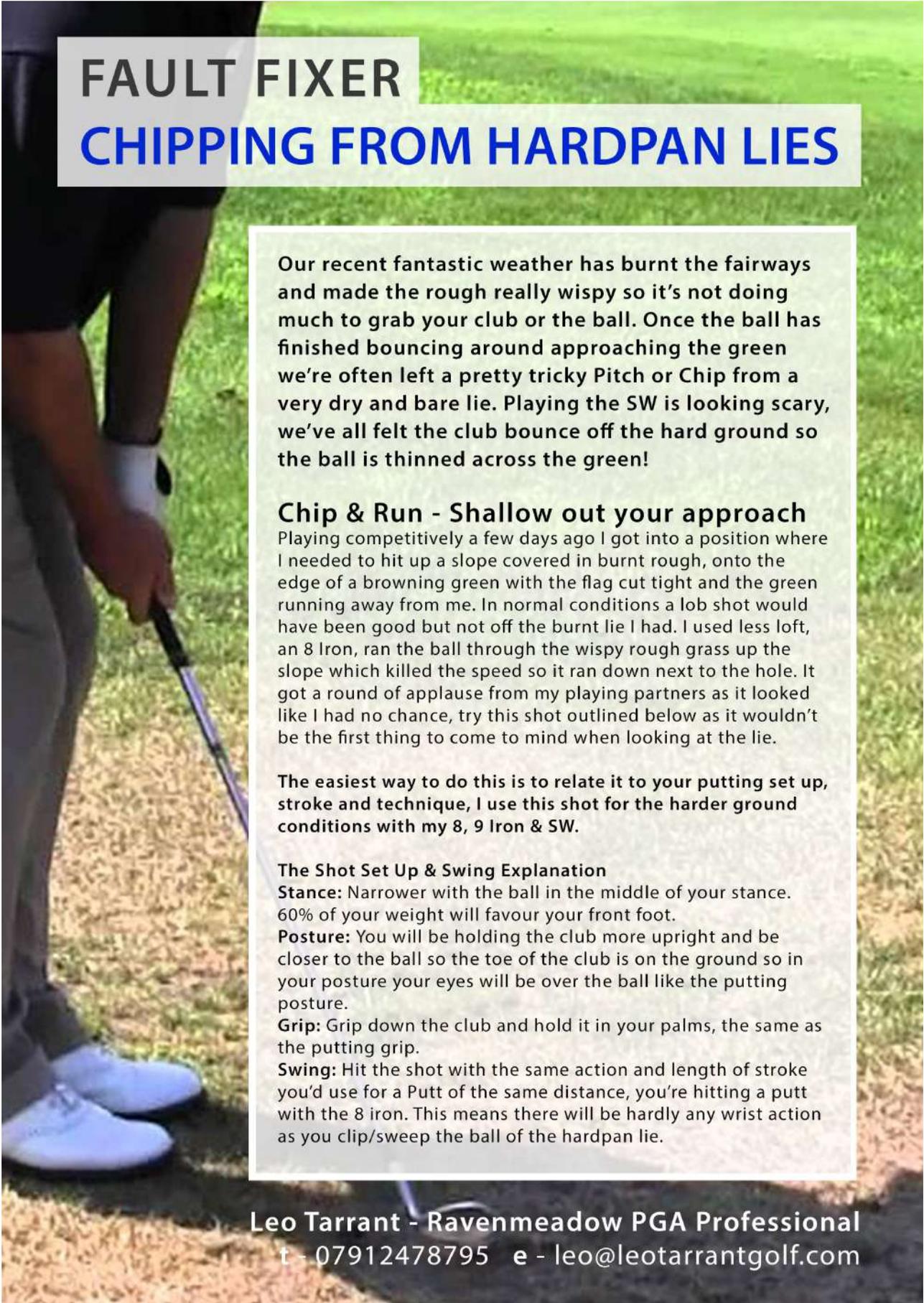
*Sonia Wigley – Ladies Longest Drive
Hole 11*



*Bob Wood – Mens Nearest The Pin in 2
Hole 15*



*Dave O'Connell – Lowest Score
(all taken in good spirit by Dave!) 20 points*



FAULT FIXER

CHIPPING FROM HARDPAN LIES

Our recent fantastic weather has burnt the fairways and made the rough really wispy so it's not doing much to grab your club or the ball. Once the ball has finished bouncing around approaching the green we're often left a pretty tricky Pitch or Chip from a very dry and bare lie. Playing the SW is looking scary, we've all felt the club bounce off the hard ground so the ball is thinned across the green!

Chip & Run - Shallow out your approach

Playing competitively a few days ago I got into a position where I needed to hit up a slope covered in burnt rough, onto the edge of a browning green with the flag cut tight and the green running away from me. In normal conditions a lob shot would have been good but not off the burnt lie I had. I used less loft, an 8 Iron, ran the ball through the wispy rough grass up the slope which killed the speed so it ran down next to the hole. It got a round of applause from my playing partners as it looked like I had no chance, try this shot outlined below as it wouldn't be the first thing to come to mind when looking at the lie.

The easiest way to do this is to relate it to your putting set up, stroke and technique, I use this shot for the harder ground conditions with my 8, 9 Iron & SW.

The Shot Set Up & Swing Explanation

Stance: Narrower with the ball in the middle of your stance. 60% of your weight will favour your front foot.

Posture: You will be holding the club more upright and be closer to the ball so the toe of the club is on the ground so in your posture your eyes will be over the ball like the putting posture.

Grip: Grip down the club and hold it in your palms, the same as the putting grip.

Swing: Hit the shot with the same action and length of stroke you'd use for a Putt of the same distance, you're hitting a putt with the 8 iron. This means there will be hardly any wrist action as you clip/sweep the ball of the hardpan lie.

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