

FFGC Newsletter February 2017

RESULTS

The period from November is relatively quiet on the golfing front, the results of the various club competitions are on the website and notice boards although there have been one or two highlights. In the February medal not only did Kevin Landles win but he also had 3 birdie 2's at the 5th 9th and 12th, questions were asked as to what happened at the 16th!! The annual match between England and Scotland was won by the Scots captained by Eddie Swift, thanks go to both James Douglas-Hamilton, for addressing the haggis, and James Young for piping it in.

The Winter 4 balls have continued over the winter and have been successful Thanks must go to Mo Pearson for organising these.

In December a very successful Texas scramble was played on the Kingsfleet course I and further competitions etc. will be arranged in the future.

MENS TEAM

We now have the draws for all the Men's county competitions as well as the Curry Cup. The draws for the Suffolk competitions are as follows: - Stenson Shield (Scratch Competition) a bye in the first round, second round at home to Bungay on June the 24th, Hambro Cup (handicaps up to 9) away at Gorleston on 14th May, I will be assisted by Neil Meadows for both the Stenson and the Hambro, if you wish to be considered for either of these teams please add your name to the list on the notice board in the Men's locker room. Practices / Trials have been arranged, the first of which is at Colchester on 19th March, then at FFGC on April 1st and April 15th teeing off at 12 noon.

CLUB FRIENDLIES

The first of the men's club friendly matches is on Saturday 11th March at home against Colne Valley if you wish to pay please add your name to the notice on the board. The next match will be Woodbridge away on April 9th.

COMPETITIONS

In the Tolly Cobbold Cup (handicaps 10-18) we have a home draw against the Suffolk on 14th May, Graham Popple will be looking after the Tolly team please keep an eye on the notice board for details.

Chris Pearson will be the organiser for the over 55's competition we have a bye in the first round of the Parks Trophy (handicaps up to 9), then an away draw at Fynn Valley. In Beaumont Trophy (handicap 10 to 18) we are at Woodbridge in the first round.

The first Curry Cup match is on April 1st at Seckford & Simon Scarff and Mark Linney have kindly taken on the organisation of this competition.

Unfortunately the Mail on Sunday is not running its national competition this year.

LADIES COUNTY WEEK

FFGC will be hosting the English Golf Union ladies county finals from September 18th to 22nd during this period the Martello course will be closed to members but we are requesting other clubs to provide courtesy rounds and the Kingsfleet course will be closed to non-members. We also need upwards of 100 volunteers to help this prestigious event run smoothly.

Course Etiquette

Please respect the ropes on the courses and do not lift your trolleys over them, these ropes are there for a reason, mostly to protect worn areas. In addition please repair any pitch marks you see on the greens even if you have not made them, during the last Bishops Chalice, I personally repaired 11 on the 1st green and 7 on the second most of which looked fresh by the 9th I had lost count and had already repaired over 50.

Speed of Play

The guidelines changed a few years ago from being numbers based (i.e. 2, 3 or 4 balls) to being speed of play based (see page 27 of the Rules of Golf 2016). Put simply the etiquette is "if there is a faster group behind you, invite them to play through". It doesn't matter if "they're all 4 balls in front of us" or "they're a 4 ball and we're a 2 ball" or "we're in a competition". If they are faster, let them through.

Just a gentle reminder that we do have dress code on the courses

Golfers must be dressed in customary golf wear or similar appropriate smart casual clothing.

Golf shoes must always be worn when playing the Martello course.

Trainers or other flat shoes may be worn on the

Kingsfleet course and the practice areas, but golfers must be aware of and accept the risk of slipping and/or loss of footing.

Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club Ltd. will accept no responsibility for accident or injury caused, or contributed to, by the lack of proper golfing footwear.

LADIES NEWS

The ladies continue to be successful & in the rescheduled East Anglian match against Bury St Edmunds (A) on the 9th January, I am pleased to say that Felixstowe won 3 - 0 in what turned out to be a miserable wet day. Well done to all the team and to Sheila Jarvis for being Captain.

Our final East Anglian League match on Monday 23rd January away to Ufford Park resulted in a win for Felixstowe 2 and 1. Well done ladies and also to Ann Maskell for being Captain for the day. This concludes our matches for 2016/2017 and we have achieved wins in all our three games. (15 points).

JUNIORS

As you are all aware the junior section has been rather dormant over the last 6 months, however we now have a new committee to organise this very important area of the club to be led by Peter White, other members are Trevor Mason, Robert Joyce, Julian Gibbs, Peter Wright and myself.

CAPTAIN CHALLENGES

The Challenges this year are

Captain & Vice-Captain

Captain & Ladies Captain

Captain & Junior Captain

Captain & Course Manager

Captain & Professional

Watch the notice boards for details

Other Diary Dates,

Mixed Away Day June 24th
Eaton Park Norwich,
Stud Bar Challenge July 15th
Captain's Day August 5th
Captain's Away Day
September 8th Thetford.

STAFF ADDITIONS

As you are probably aware we have made few additions to our staff, John Major and Jacob Fenwick have joined our green keeping team, Jo Saville is the new cook and David Spencer the general manager and I would like to warmly welcome them all.

CLUB DEVELOPMENTS

You will have all seen the update about the Practice Area development which is still being given a high priority and everyone is working to ensure that the FFGC member's gets value for their money.

A new FFGC website is prepared and is nearing completion and I must say it is looking good.

Currently we are doing some basic decorating in the club house to spruce it up in the short term pending agreeing a longer term plan for the whole bar and club house, please bear with us when work is being undertaken.

SOCIAL, BAR & CATERING

Several Social events have been arranged and are planned for 2017 please keep an eye on the notice boards and e-mails for details & if anyone has any ideas please let me know and I will pass these on to the social committee.

Another date for your diaries is the Summer Ball on Saturday July 1st.
A simple short survey has been sent out concerning the opening hours for catering please send in your replies as it is your club.

OUR COURSES

I am sure you will all agree with me that both courses are in very good condition and playing very well, moreover the recent work on the paths have greatly improved things also the areas, on the Martello around the bunker on the 5th and to the right of the 8th green. Work continues and Glenn & his merry gang plan to tackle the bunkers on the 14th in the near future.

We continue to receive many compliments about the condition of our courses from visitors to the club especially those playing in the winter 4 balls, including the professionals taking part. I would like to thank Glen and his team for all their hard work.

I have nearly completed my first 4 months as Club Captain, and I must say that I am still enjoying the role & I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to Felixstowe Ferry Golf club and hope you will all come and say hello if you haven't already done so. I hope that everyone enjoys their golf at FFGC during 2017 and please remember that it is supposed to be enjoyable so have FUN.



LATEST NEWS

Congratulations to Megan & her husband on the arrival of their baby boy!!

