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## **PRGC Captains 1st December 2023 - Newsletter**

Hi All

Obviously, the current weather is playing havoc with our competitions, but we will persevere and hope to get as many in as possible.

### **The Course.**

Hopefully every player will be able to appreciate the work that is going on by the greenkeeping staff in maintaining the course, and so please bear in mind the following:

Course Etiquette: not just the normal rake bunkers, replace divots etc but speed of play - let's make it enjoyable for everyone who is following your round.

We are introducing, with immediate effect, a new Local Rule, due to our near neighbours the "deer herd". If your ball lands IN a deer hoof mark in a bunker, then you can claim free relief, within the bunker and no nearer the pin. This is like other clubs, such as Studley Wood, which have the same animal problem.

You will have noticed that most ponds are now roped off and with red hazard stakes. This is for your own safety and to prevent damage to the ponds.

In consultation with Jack, I have requested that the mat on the 8th/17th be brought further away from the fence line and back two or three yards. This should enable players teeing off to avoid troubling the white 18th tee area.

Anyone using a buggy will now have to sign a declaration as to its use and there will be zero tolerance on misuse. The committee has asked for a buggy pathway map to be drawn up, which should help drivers access all tees.

Most of you will have heard about the new Course Rating and Slope Rating changes, taking effect from the 1st of January 2024, and this will be covered under a separate message.

## **Mens Away Trip 7th/8th/9th May 2024.**

The "take-up" for this trip to the Staverton Park Hotel and Golf Resort was excellent with twenty-one players already signed up and deposits paid. There are still two or three places for anyone who has only just heard about it or is now able to join us. Please contact me directly.

## **Our New Pro Shop.**

Under the direction of our very own Luke Viney, I know that all the new stock is now in and available. The golf towels and beanie hats will make excellent Christmas gifts for keen golfers. I have included some of his offers below.

## **Competitions.**

The November Results are in:

11/11/2023. The White Tee Champion of Champions in Division One is David Orford (also our new Seniors Captain) and his name will go on the board in due course. (Division two was won by me)

14/11/2023. The Seniors Champion of Champions was won by Pete Smith, and the runner up was Barry Woledge. On the same day, the Best of the Rest Competition was won by Barry Keats, with Mike Pool the runner up. For the full results list, please use the section "Men's Results on HowDidIDo." A very "Well Done" to all the winners.

## **Future Dates for Your Diaries...**

Please note the following:

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Christmas Eve Club Florida Scramble.

Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - My Captains Charity for the year "On Course Foundation" (Reigniting the futures of our wounded Service personnel and Veterans, through golf.) - A charity Visit to play golf at PRGC.

Saturday 13th July 2024. - A revamped event PRGC vs Whiteleaf GC in a 50/50 match - all details will follow from Vice Captain Phil Sloan.

Saturday 17th August 2024 - Captains Day.

## **And Finally:**

Obviously, there are numerous other competitions and events already organised and it is here

that I would like to thank Al Bowyer (our Competitions Secretary) for his diligence in organising the Club Calendar for the next twelve months.

**Dick Pooley, Club Captain.**

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