



Dear Members,

This month has certainly seen massive changes to the condition of the course. Jaey and his team have done exceptional job considering the inclement weather over April and May.

The course is being left to grow in certain places and the strategic mowing of areas is going to prove a significant but fair challenge for the PGA event later this month and the request for assistance from members to assist I think will focus on "spotters" who will be busy, and it is a great experience to be so close to the action.

Bowood's Buthlay Cup Team had a resounding victory over Kingsdown.

Playing at home they won all matches.

The next match is against Cumberwell Park on or before 15th August.

Team captain John Hood is eagerly awaiting the draw to decide whether its home or away.

Good luck in the next round chaps.

There are two major competitions this month;

Club Championships

Please note the new format:

The CC for 2021 will be played on the weekend of 3rd and 4th of July.

Day 1 Saturday 3rd July

- Medal Competition.
- The lowest 30 and ties nett scores will make the cut and progress to day 2.
- The remaining entrants will be cut and will play on day 2 for the CC Plate in which the lowest nett score wins.
- All handicaps will be adjusted in accordance with current guidelines before day 2.

Day 2 Sunday 4th July

- Medal Competition.
- Tee times for the progressing entrants will be arranged as is the current practice.
- Tee times for the Cut players partaking in the CC Plate will be allocated by the pro shop as normal.
- Sufficient tee times will reserved for that weekend.

This will mean that all participants will be involved both days in competitive golf.

In addition the seniors scratch cup will run in conjunction with Day 1 of the CC.

PGA Bowood Cup

Saturday 24th July – Play the course off the same tees (mixture of Black, White and Yellow) to the same pin positions as the competitors in the English PGA Championships.

The format will be Medal play.

Please note this will be a non-qualifying competition in relation to handicaps due to the mixture of tees which makes playing off a non-measured course.



Seniors Section

The Seniors season is well underway with first round matches in the Alan Winter individual and the Pete Gilby pairs matchplay K.O. competitions almost completed. The regular Wednesday competitions continue each week with a stableford, medal, & Social Handicap event each month and June this included a white tee stableford where the top four all came back with 36 points or more.

June also saw the completion of the first Honours Board competition of the summer, and congratulations to Damien Coulter who won the Powell Cup. Concurrently the Veterans (over 70's) also played for the Veterans Handicap Trophy which was given to the Club by John O'Dea but had not been played for a number of years. This was won by Mike Broughton with 35 points which also gave him third in the Powell Cup.

The Seniors Club matches have also been moving ahead with 4-2 Home wins against Burnham & Berrow, Kingsdown and Bristol & Clifton - this successful run being marred by a heavy 0-6 defeat Away to The Bristol - a course that definitely needs some local knowledge with a number of blind shots where a driver is not always the immediate choice off the tee. The next three matches are again at Home against The Manor House, Tidworth and Upavon before a chance to get even with The Bristol in mid-July.

The Seniors have welcomed a number of new members to the Club and bookings for Wednesday competitions through Howdidido allows new members to sign up and to meet people. A number of Seniors are also playing on Monday and Friday mornings at around 8.30-9.30 and if anyone wants further information about the Seniors and getting involved then just drop Bill Ford an email (bill.ford@outlook.com).

Ladies Section

The ladies section goes from strength to strength which lady captain Sue Minchin has managed to organise as well as finally moving house! The Sheila Huddy Trophy was won by Di Giblin. The County Coronation Medal Div 1 was won by Margaret McLauchlan and Div 2 by Franki Pennington- Leigh. Both ladies go through to the county finals and we wish them all the best. This month sees the PING 4BBB and the Bowden Millenium Trophy.

Have a good month everyone and keep safe.

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