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GEAR UP FOR THE NEW SEASON



Club professional Pete Livie has probably the best golf shop in the area at The Leicestershire Golf Club. Ready to meet all your needs for the coming season, Pete has a wide array of clothing and merchandise with the club logo, including polo shirts, caps, golf bags and club covers.

In addition, you will find Calvin Klein gents clothing, Under Armour shoes and gloves, Green Lamb ladies clothing, colourful Callaway balls. The shop now stocks

5 Golf Club brands (Callaway, Ping, Titleist, TaylorMade and Mizuno) and clubs can be adapted to suit your individual requirements.

Pete, along with his assistant professional Kym Larratt, also offer lessons on a regular basis. Their 2 driving bays are well fitted with FlightScope and a wide array of clubs and putters. In addition, several club fitting days are held over the year with technicians from the leading brands in attendance to offer advice. Pete will always try to match any online price so get yourself kitted out for the new season.





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KERSLAKE PUTTER

The late Alan Kerslake, a member of TLGC for over 50 years and a well-known county golfer, was elected a life member in 1963. Known for his exceptional short game and putting skills, it was appropriate his widow, Mrs. Nora Kerslake, should present one of her husband's treasured putters made by James Braid as a trophy, known as the Kerslake Putter.

Played for by a club team led by Club Captain, Mike Bucktin and a team of past Captains, led this year by Neil Scotchbrook.



Sixteen past Captains attended the lunch, including, for the first time, a past lady Captain, Katherine Hunt. Shown pictured left, along with the current Club Captain Mike Bucktin and Lady Captain, Marion Keene. The earliest Captain present was Peter Reichenbach (1983). Mike raised a toast to absent friends, in particular, to David Brooks (2015) and Richard Tyler (1984) who have sadly passed away in the last year.

Following yet another delicious lunch, both solid and liquid, many present were tempted to stay indoors with a glass of kummel, rather than face the wrath of Storm Hannah. A hard fought match, played in very strong winds produced some interesting results. Past Captain Neil Scotchbrook ensured he claimed the additional two strokes (given to those 70 and over!) in addition to the four he was already receiving from Club Captain Mike Bucktin. Mike had to produce three birdies to finish with a half!

Ashwin Mody and Ashwin Mistry beat Barry Davies and Kanti Patel (2/1), Rob Field and Simon Nickson beat Neil Robertson and Peter Recordon, Martin Stevenson and Roy Evans beat Peter Reichenbach and Richard Hallam (3/1), Richard Orme and Simon Gravett beat Graham Warwick and Suki Johal (6/5), David Mitchell and David Allcock beat Jan Reading and Adam Dovey (3/2), while Marion Keene and Malcolm Northover halved with Kathy Hunt and Peter Howkins. This left the score at 4-3 with the last match out on the course! James Dobson and Mahmed Asra halved with Simon Pollard and Tony Jarvis to ensure the club team won the Kerslake Putter, edging out the Past Captains 4.5 - 3.5. Neil Scotchbrook is seen presenting the handsome trophy to a delighted Mike Bucktin.



L&RGU SPRING TOURNAMENT

Three of our members Richard Wale, Marc Palmer and Mat Taunton were in action on 27 / 28 April in the **L&RGU Spring Tournament** for the **Robin Fraser Trophy**. The first 2 rounds on the 27th were played at Kibworth GC - unfortunately Storm Hannah accounted for Marc and Mat and they did not make it through to Scraftoft GC for the final day. Richard, however, battled through the horrendous conditions on the 27th with rounds of 71 and 73 (CSS 74). With the strong winds subsiding, Richard had a very solid first round on the 28th with an amazing score of 67 (lowest for all 4 rounds), followed by a 75 (CSS 71), to finish with a winning total of 286. In second place with 290 was George Griffiths, Longcliffe GC. **MANY CONGRATULATIONS RICHARD** on defending your title.





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FREDDIE BECK/ DIAMOND JUBILEE

Many congratulations to Mark Simons and Lee Towers on winning the Freddie Beck Foursomes, with a Nett 72. All the top 5 places were awarded after countback! In second place, also with a Nett 72, Ian Dunk and Ian Vernon, closely followed by Nett 73's from Edward Cufflin and Simon Gravett, Anil Patel and Suki Johal, James Dobson and Finn Dobson. Congratulations to them and to Yousuf Chhadat and Max Dassu, Alan Fletcher and Neil Scotchbrook who will all contest the Diamond Jubilee Knockout rounds over the coming months.



The turnout for this competition was excellent with 58 pairs taking part – as Club captain Mike Bucktin notes, “Foursomes medal play is golf at its purest and provides a unique challenge. Up to now it has not enjoyed the support at TLGC it should, so I was delighted so many members took part. The Hewitt Cup is next up and, in consultation with Mike Castleman, it will be played as a Pinehurst Foursomes, a slightly more forgiving variant of foursomes golf – I look forward to another good turnout.”

LEAGUE TEAM – recently promoted to **Division 1** of the **L&RGU Scratch League**, our team played their first match against Hinckley GC at home on Thursday 25th April. Played in blustery conditions and with the light fading fast, the few of us who were present witnessed some amazing golf. Shot making of the highest order, saw Captain Tom Sherwin and his team, Richard Wale, Lee Woodcock, Phil Thomason, Mark Birkenshaw, Tom Flavelle, Tony Lord and Richard Binnie win 5 – 3 against a very good side from Hinckley. Tom was ecstatic with the result! Congratulations to all our team and we look forward to another great exhibition of local golf when we play Lutterworth GC at home on Thursday 9th May. The team will welcome your support.

Ladies Section

The final of the Ladies Winter League was played on 8th April between

Lucy Patterson and Kathy Hunt and Helen Hope and Gee Jackson. Both pairs topped their respective groups and some very high quality golf was played in the final. The worthy winners were Kathy Hunt and Lucy Patterson.



On 15th April at the Leicestershire, our Daily Mail Foursomes team of Mary Jarvis and Janey Heaney won their second round match against Luffenham with a great result of 6 and 5. This was despite Janey nursing an injury. We wish them every success in the third round against Ruddington Grange GC.

The Club matches have begun with a draw against Lingdale and a win against Harlestone. The Longcliffe match was played as an AM/AM at their request. The hard work of the Match Managers for these matches is appreciated.

Ladies County Championships – Ladies Captain, Marion Keene states “We are hosting the County Championships from 3rd to 5th May 2019. This is a great honour and if you want to see some brilliant ladies golf, please come along to support. The first tee times are from 8.50am on the Friday. 36 holes strokeplay with the highest 8 going through to knock out matchplay on Saturday and Sunday. We have 3 Leicestershire ladies entered, namely Kathy Hunt, Alexis Cummins and Janey Heaney. Will Caroline Parkes -Walley retain her title for a third year?”



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Seniors Section

The first monthly stableford was played on Monday 15th April in brilliant sunshine - a total of 56 members took part. The winner with a very good score of 38 points was Robin

Fraser, closely followed by Simon Gravett on 37. Simon appears to be going through a purple patch at the moment, featuring in the top of many competitions recently!

Latest standings for the Mike Lewis Trophy are Prakash Magdani on 8 points, very closely followed by Tony Mendes on 7.75 points, with Francis Lobo and Brian Marlow in third place with 6 points.

Seniors club matches have started in full swing, with four matches played in April. The first was against Glen Gorse with the TLGC seniors going down 5-1, however the next match against Wollaton Park showed a 4-2 win, followed by a loss against Kibworth 4-2. The final match against Scraptoft ended 3-3.

Seniors Captain, Paul Donaghy received this message from Kibworth Captain, Michael Heath... *"I just wanted to say thank you both personally and on behalf of Kibworth Seniors for your superb hospitality last Wednesday. There could not have been a better example of how seniors matches should be conducted in terms of facilities, catering and most importantly friendship and good sportsmanship. I meant it when I said how much John and I enjoyed playing with you and John Palmer and my team all said they had a great time. It will be a hard act for us to follow next year."* Paul passed on his thanks to Will and Alice in the office, Peter and Kim in the professional shop, Piotr, Simon and Clare in house, for all their support.

Seniors Spring Open: 192 players from around the Midlands chose to play at The Leicestershire on Thursday 26th April, breaking all records for the numbers taking part. Higher than expected winds made for some tricky conditions, but everyone was complimentary of the welcome they received, the free range balls, the starters to see them off on time, the course, with many indicating they will be back for the summer open and for next year's spring open!

The winners were Peter Tatterall and Peter Burgess from Elton Furze GC and Steve Barnett and Maruice Egglestone from Burghley Park GC who won on countback with 87 points.

Seniors Captain, Paul Donaghy would like to thank everyone involved who helped make this day go so well. "In particular I would like to thank our head professional, Peter Livie, for all the hard work he put in to ensure the day was a huge success for the club".

Two dates to put in your diaries are, Friday 12th July, the Seniors away day at Beeston Fields, and Thursday 19th September, the Seniors invitation.





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Juniors Section

April. They all had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the session and came away full of enthusiasm.

Alice Lowe from the Golf Foundation commented to James Dobson the following day that the TLGC girls, despite being younger than most of the other girls, really stood out in their knowledge and enthusiasm and were always keen to answer questions. Well done to (from left to right) Eesha Patel, Emily Wolverson, Elexis Brown, Megan Grimwood and Amelie Tutt.

HSBC Golf Roots Centre TLGC have been successful in obtaining HSBC Golf Roots Centre Certification. HSBC Golf Roots Centres are approved junior friendly golf clubs and facilities, that reach out into schools and the community to provide young people with a fun and safe introduction to golf led by a qualified PGA Professional Coach. They offer structured follow-on coaching, with the opportunity to progress into regular play and ultimately membership. This certificate is born out of the work Pete Livie and James Dobson did with various Cubs, Guides and Brownie groups last year. Following on from that success, TLGC have been asked to provide golfing activities over five days at the Charnwood 2019 jamboree in August. There will be around 3500 guides and scouts from Leicestershire, England and around the world, all camping at a site near Coalville. Alice Lowe from the Golf Foundation has agreed to support TLGC in providing fun golfing activities over the 5 days.

Growing the Junior Game Junior Organisers James Dobson and Neil MacDougall were recently invited to attend the pilot for a new training course, jointly run by England Golf and Golf Foundation, called 'Growing the Junior Game'. Aimed at 'Club Activators', the course set out to teach those involved in junior golf how to make golf clubs a more welcoming and engaging place for new juniors, whilst understanding a young person's golfing journey and the role Club Activators, (Junior Organiser/Overseers) play in making that journey a good one. James & Neil both learnt a lot and have already started planning how they can put what they have learnt into practice.

Juniors on Tour The Shires Golf Tour kicked off the new season with the opening event hosted by Bedfordshire and County Golf Club (14th April). Eight of our juniors were entered across the 18 hole and 9 hole formats, making us the best represented club on the day. Despite the cloudy, cold and at times drizzly conditions, all eight of our juniors played some high quality golf, but it was in the Diamond Division (9 holes) where we saw the greatest success. Xander MacDougall shot a personal best 50 shots (24 points) and picked up 3rd place. Brendon Riff continued his great form, shooting an impressive 45 (26 points) picking up the 2nd place trophy. Toby Grimwood made it a clean sweep for TLGC by taking 1st place with a sensational 38 shots (36 points).

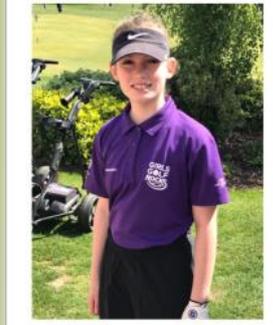


All eight of our juniors are now in strong positions for the Order of Merit, which is competed across six events (Stableford). left to right: Xander MacDougall, Eesha Patel, Anay Patel, Brendon Riff, Elexis Brown, Megan Grimwood, Toby Grimwood – Henrietta Geddes was not available for the photo).

The next Shires Tour venue is at Elton Furze, Peterborough on the 5th May, where we are sure we will once again have a strong contingent of junior representatives.

Good luck to all those involved and many thanks to our Junior Organisers and Overseers.

GGR Ambassador Training In preparation for the forthcoming Girls Golf Rocks (GGR) taster sessions on Saturday 18th May 14:00 - 16:00, five TLGC junior girls attended GGR Ambassador training at Cosby and Lincoln in



left to right: Toby, Brendan, Xander



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Coming Up... ⇒ Ladies County Championships - We are hosting the County Championships from 3rd to 5th May 2019

- ⇒ **Sunday 9th June** - Under 35's team championships, qualifying 36 hole medal, played in 3's - full details on club's website
- ⇒ **TLGC Summer BBQ** - Sunday 23rd June (no dress code!)
- ⇒ **Thursday 4th July to Sunday 7th July** - English Men's Open Mid-Amateur Strokeplay (Logan Trophy) - We are looking for volunteers. Contact the office if anyone would like to help
- ⇒ **Monday October 7th** - Bridge lunch
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st December** - New Year's Eve dinner and disco

... & OTHER NEWS ⇒ Do you know of anyone who wants to learn to play golf? Get them to enrol in the club's 'New to golf membership'. £250 includes 6 lessons, a Range pass and £50 to spend in the bar.

- ⇒ Immediate past junior captain, Callum Ferguson is hard at work studying for a degree in sports journalism at Brighton University. Members will remember he warmed up by penning a column for the club's newsletter and is now writing a regular column for the University's web-site. Click on the link below to check out his progress, particularly his efforts to recreate Tiger Woods 60 foot putt at Sawgrass. Good to hear from you Callum - work hard!!!
<http://www.overtimeonline.co.uk/category/golf/>



⇒ On Thursday 18th April, the scratch team visited Coombe Hill Golf Club as a warm up for their attack on the division one title. Upon reaching the 14th tee, Jimmy Tarbuck appeared in time to watch Richard Wale eagle the par 4, 14th. Jimmy Tarbuck pictured with Tony Lord, Tom Sherwin & Rob Smith.

⇒ Hearty Congratulations to 2 of our members for taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday 28th April and in the process raising monies for 2 very important charities. Chris Saul who ran to support Age Concern, ran the marathon in 04:01:31. Sajjad Khan, who is looking to raise £1000 for Dyslexia Research Trust, completed the marathon in 05:49:27. Well done to

both of them!!

- ⇒ Several past Presidents and ex Captains joined President, Clive Smith and Captain, Michael Bucktin on Tuesday 30th April at St. Wilfrid's Church, Kibworth for a Service of Thanksgiving for **Richard H. C. Tyler**. Richard (pictured right) was Captain of TLGC in 1984 and President in 1991/92.
- ⇒ **Alice Marston**, our Assistant General Manager and 5 other members of staff will be doing a **skydive** in September in aid of the Captains Charity, the **Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance**. Keep an eye out for posters and other information being sent out soon!

