



THE LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB

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GENTLEMAN'S DINNER & PRIZE GIVING

A large number of members attended the **Gentleman's Dinner and Prize-giving** on Friday 23rd November, 2018 to celebrate with the winners of the club's major trophies during the 2018 season. Club Captain Neil Scotchbrook welcomed our guests: two from the Leicester Tigers, Joe Ford and Owen Hills and one from the Leicestershire County Cricket, Callum Patterson. As this was Neil's last event of his Captaincy, he reflected on the harsh winter followed by a very dry summer, which had affected courses around the country. However, our greens were still rolling fast and true. The introduction of the two Par 5's had seen 12 eagles on the 6th hole, but none from any member on the 9th!



Neil congratulated our 1st team Captain Tom Sherwin and his team for gaining promotion in their first attempt, to Division 1. Neil encouraged all members to come out and support the team next year.

After a wonderful dinner, it was time for the presentations. Club Champion Lee Woodcock was presented with the Scratch Championship Cup by Club Captain, Neil Scotchbrook (pictured left) having scored $69 + 73 = 142$. Mark Scarrett (pictured right) won the Bolton Carter Cup (1921), awarded to the



member returning the three best gross scores $72 + 69 + 75 = 216$ and the oldest trophy in the club, the Everard Gold Medal (1893) for the three lowest nett scores $68 + 65 + 72 = 205$ in monthly medal competitions! The Billson Bowl (1897) went to Trevor Farmer for the three best scores $36 + 35 + 41 = 112$, in single stableford competitions during the season.



Amongst the other prize winners who received their trophies on the night were: Rob Smith – Coronation Cup, Yousuf Mulla – Corah Bowl, Mike Piper & Mark Simpson – C H Rawson Cup, Graham Warwick & Francis Lobo – Hugh Smith Salvers, Yousuf Chhadat – Claret Cup, Ayub Patel – Lorrimer Cup, Mike Bucktin & Rob Field – Hewitt Cup, Mark Dziuba & Thomas Dziuba – Diamond Jubilee, Tom Sherwin – Flude Cup, Yousuf Mulla & Mehmud

Adam – Lars Helgeson Trophy, Thomas Dziuba – Montague Whitehead Trophy, Yousuf Mulla – Tim Tyler Trophy, and Ross Morrison & Ben Ridgway – Durston Cup. Many congratulations to all the winners and especially to those whose long hours on the practice ground paid off.... Lee, Mark Scarrett, Yousuf, Ayub and young Thomas.

It was then time for a Q&A with our guests. All three answered questions from the members about their roles as professional sportsmen, covering topics on rugby about the awful lineouts at Tigers, avoiding high tackles, HIA, bench – press weights, Manu Tuilagi's fitness, sacrifices & disciplines of a professional. And on cricket about the art of spin bowling, varying deliveries in an over, wicket conditions over the dry summer & progress of the County team. Member Jon Flint, who played as an amateur for Tigers when he was 18, asked about pre-season training. He was told it lasted 6 weeks and involved a lot of workouts on the field and in the gym, plenty of line-out drills (not that we would notice!), new attacking and defensive patterns. Jon stated his pre-season was 3 days in an Army camp, lying on a narrow camp bed!





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Winners of the November monthly competitions were:

November Medal:

Division 1: Mark Scarrett 71 - 3 = 68

Division 2: Neville Spikings 77 -12 = 65

Division 3: James Clarke 93 - 21 = 72

November Stableford:

Division 1: James Nelson - 38 points

Division 2: Graham Warwick - 35 points

Division 3: Nick Mason - 36 points



Winter Series 2: Parin Patel, a member of TLGC, made local knowledge and good weather count (unlike Storm Callum last month) when he won the second Winter Series with an amazing score of 44 points! Parin became a member earlier this year after his two children joined our Junior section. £500 will buy a lot of golf equipment for the kids, Parin. Ivan Vernon (Breadsall Priory) 39 points was runner-up after a tie with leading professional George Woolgar (Chesterfield GC). Mick Heatherley (Kirby Muxloe) was in fourth place, professional Paul Streeter (Lincoln GC) in fifth and Colin Taylor (Rothley Park GC) in sixth, all on 38 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

And now the leaves have all been gathered, medals and stablefords are over, no scorecards to worry about, it's time for the Winter League. 48 pairs have entered and will enjoy the banter and competition of match play through to March 2019.

Annual Committee Dinner

Adcock, continued a tradition started in 1893, by attending a dinner hosted this year by the Club Captain, Neil Scotchbrook. The meal was prepared by new Catering Manager, Simon McNeil and his assistants. Every course was well presented and the food was delicious. If anyone has any concerns about the catering at the golf club maintaining its high quality standards, they were certainly dispelled that night.

Neil thanked outgoing President, Alan Fletcher for his two years of excellent service during a testing time for the club, with the appointment of a new Head Professional and Catering Manager and discussions on the sale of land. Neil also stated he had enjoyed his year as Captain and thanked those who had supported him, especially when he had personal and business issues to cope with, not to mention his unexpected time in hospital following a wasp sting.



Members of the General Committee and senior members of staff, including just retired Catering Manager Gaynor

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Simon McNeil and his assistants in the kitchen made a brief appearance at the end of a wonderful evening to warm applause from all those present.



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Ladies Section

The Ladies AGM and prize giving took place on Tuesday 27th November. Lady President Liz

Mitchell explained the plans for a trial period using match managers, with greater involvement of both shop and office in our ladies' golf. We wish Marion Keene (pictured left) a very happy and successful captaincy over the next 12 months and to Jane Jelley, elected as vice-captain rather than vice-president.

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Qualifying Competitions have now finished and the Winter League is well underway. Some Ladies prefer to play in the 9 hole competition instead and these will run each Tuesday throughout the Winter months. The Ladies 9 hole Christmas Invitation will be played on Monday, 3rd December.



JUNIOR SECTION

End of season has been extremely busy for the members of the Junior section with many trophies being contested. The Challenge Cup (1928) was played

for on the 21st October and the winner was Thomas Dziuba with a gross 77, nett 66, with Oliver Tutt in second place with a gross 99, nett 68. (if anyone knows of the whereabouts of this cup, can they please contact the office, so James Dobson, Junior Organiser, can present it to Thomas!)

Ben Ridgway successfully defended the Millennium Cup (notice the similarity with the Ryder Cup), with a gross 82, nett 64. In second place was Finn Dobson with a gross 97, nett 77 and third was Oliver Tutt, gross 109, nett 80.

Thomas Dziuba rounded off an excellent season by winning the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union County Juniors Nett Order of Merit for 2018. Thomas is pictured being presented with yet another trophy by the L&RGU County President Kevin Whitfield-Green. Has Dad Mark built a large trophy cabinet for you, Thomas?

Sunday 18th November saw a group of County Junior Girls attend a coaching session at TLGC by our assistant professional Kym Larratt, who had only just returned from a week long residential Year 3 PGA training course at The Belfry. Kym was assisted on the day by Katie Tebbet from Rothley Park Golf Club and Zoe North from Rugby Golf Club and Leam



Valley Range.

Congratulations go to Elexis Brown who was awarded the Most Improved Junior Girl Golfer at the County AGM earlier this month.

The Seniors held their second winter series on Monday, 19th November. There was a really good turnout for a Texas Scramble, played in 'non-Texas' conditions, with driving rain! The winners were:

1st David Walker, Peter Crewe, David Baugh and Alan Baker Nett 62.5

2nd Graham Warwick, Dhirajlal Popat, Barry Hall, Merrick Yates Nett 63.3

The next Seniors winter series 3 is on Monday 10th December 2018 - 4BBB.



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Meet our new Catering Manager!

After three months of learning the nuances of catering at a golf club from Gaynor, Simon McNeil is now in charge of continuing the high quality standards set by his predecessors. Simon is a creative and experienced chef, specialising in pastry making (members are in for a treat, if the committee dinner is anything to go by) and is keen to produce outstanding food using the finest and freshest ingredients. Simon comes to us from spells at 4 star hotels, 4 AA Rosette and 1 Michelin star restaurants, including Stapleford Park Hotel in Melton and Danesfield House Hotel in Marlow.

Simon has this to say "I have held several senior roles and am experienced in dessert creation (yum!), team management and overseeing bespoke events. I have knowledge of food castings and menu planning. I am up to date with current trends and find inspiration in all aspects of life."

The kitchen was without gas for several days in November but Simon and his team put in a special effort to ensure members and guests hardly noticed anything was amiss. Bodes well for the future!

Coming Up...

- ⇒ The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 1st December at 6.30pm**. President Alan Fletcher is delighted 7 members have put their names forward to serve the club on the General Committee, where there are 3 vacancies. You are requested to attend in person or to cast your vote in writing by 2pm on the day
- ⇒ Christmas Lunch and Carols on **Sunday 2nd December**, during which the Captains will hand over a cheque for their chosen charity, The Kidney Care Appeal
- ⇒ Winter Series 3 on **Friday 14th December**
- ⇒ Children's Christmas Lunch with Father Christmas on **Sunday 16th December**. (SOLD OUT)
- ⇒ Cross Country & Captain's Drive-In on **Sunday 6th January**, followed by the Big lunch!
- ⇒ TLGC Quiz Night on Friday **18th January** at 7.00pm

... & IN OTHER NEWS

Many of our members were deeply affected by the tragedy at the **King Power Stadium** at the end of last month and our club flag flew at half-mast for a week. President Alan Fletcher conveyed to Leicester City FC on behalf of all members, our sympathy, prayers and support to all those affected directly and indirectly by these tragic events. Several members took part in the 5000 -1 march from Jubilee Square to the stadium, including Vice-President elect, Peter Brookes.



Remembrance Sunday – November 11th. At the outbreak of War in August 1914, 21 members and 3 staff of the Club joined up to serve H.M. Forces. Eventually 38 members and all 6 of the club's staff joined up. 11 members were killed in action. We remember them and all those killed in World War 1.



County Golf - A new winter series of golf tournaments has been launched for low-handicap amateurs in a bid to discover potential county golfers for the future. The 3 tournament series will incorporate an Order of Merit. TLGC has been selected for Rounds 2 and 3 in December and February, confirmation our course is in good condition and playable throughout the year.



Winter Golf - As winter sets in, several members have been chasing the sun in Portugal, Spain and Turkey. Pictured at the Faldo course in Belek, Turkey are Sunil Lakhani, Mahmed Asra, Tushar Joshi, Bhikhu Hindocha, Prakash Magdani, Dhuru Popat and Prakash Dattani. Maybe this is what Tony Jarvis had in mind, when he failed to turn up for a round of golf because it was cold!

New Golf Rules come into effect on 1st January, 2019. You have 4 weeks to read the very informative display in the club foyer.