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# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our new look newsletter, we are sure you will enjoy reading through and find it informative. Our intentions are to have a monthly publication and we aim to include interesting topical editorial, communicating on a more personal level with the membership. As members of Willow Valley Golf we hope you see it as an invaluable vehicle to communicate with your fellow members. With your help we are confident we can turn our monthly newsletter into a publication we can all be proud of. We would like to hear about any of your golf achievements and interesting stories or any suggestions you have on the topics we should be covering, please get in touch. The newsletter will be issued as an e-mail, a PDF on the website and printed off and displayed in the clubhouse. Our Editor, Helen Newton can be contacted via e-mail, by telephone, in person or by letter; all contact details can be found at the bottom of this page. We look forward to reading the future issues and hearing about all your fantastic experiences in the wider golfing community.

## Winter League & Competitions

### *Competition Results*

**The October Medal** played on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007.  
55 entrants took part and the winners were as follows:-

Div1- Janet Tedstone R-Up- Jonathon Shaw. Div2- Gary Green R-Up- William Squire

The winners were each credited £30 on their levy card with the runner-up in each division receiving £20.

Of the 55 entrants 52 took part in the 2's sweep.  
Christopher Nuttall, Jonathon Shaw & Ahsan Khan all received a share of the fund for their efforts in obtaining a 2!

41 members competed in the **Saturday Stableford** on the 13/10/07  
Christopher Nuttall was the winner in Div1 with 41 points,  
Shaun Helliwell took the Div2 honours with 38 points.  
Both claimed the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £30 on their levy card.

The following Sunday saw 56 competitors in the **October Stableford**, a summer like October morning saw some fantastic scores with Bill Brodzinski scoring 40 points &

David Wilson edging out Diane Greenwood on a card play-off with 44 points to win Division's 1 & 2 respectively, both receiving £35 for their efforts. There were also an astonishing fourteen 2's on the day!

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October saw the start of the **2007/08 Winter League**, a fantastic format of fourball betterball played over the 1<sup>st</sup> 12holes of Willow Valley is again sure to provide many superb games and plenty of talking points at the bar afterwards! Always played in a competitive & friendly environment on Sundays throughout the winter the defending champions Janet Tedstone & Audra Barlow will be looking to reproduce last seasons form and will again be the team to beat.

### **A Few Words from Your Captain Richard Skelly**

It has been a challenging year to say the least but one I have thoroughly enjoyed. The year has seen a lot of new members joining the club, which is good to see and it can only help the club grow.

I hope you're all reading and enjoying Captains Corner Jokes which you will find on the Captains Board, you will find a new joke every two weeks. If you haven't seen the jokes this means you are breaking the golden rule by not checking the notice boards, this is something I cannot over emphasise; the board displays important information. They display information for all competitions, when they are held, or when they have to be paid for to guarantee your inclusion in the draws.

In December the Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night will be held. There will be a list put up on the Captains notice board of members who have won any of the club competitions or competitions representing the club at away courses. I will of course expect to see all those members who have won something, either home or away to attend. If any of the prize winners cannot attend I would appreciate an explanation. This is one of the main social events and an opportunity for you to thank the organisers for all their volunteer work in your acceptance speech. The presentation is the main focal point of the evening with Captains past and present in attendance; any new members should take the opportunity to introduce themselves.

All members and their partners are welcome to attend enabling them to get to know some of the more established ones!

My aspiration for the year is:

"Be patient if you see other members making mistakes on the golf course, we all have to start the long learning curve which golf demands and we all learn at different paces".

Please enjoy your golf and the challenge of Willow Valley Golf's 3 courses.

**Minutes of Committee Meeting** – see attached sheet.

## **Welcome to all New Members**

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new members who joined in October 2007.

Mark Carroll	Lee Mason
Richard Holt	Phillip Purdy
Richard Stocks	Ralph Sillitoe
Paul Martin	
Steve Cooper	
Andrew McKenzie	

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 am for the new members welcome meeting.

Also a note to all the new members who joined since April, there are still a number of you who have not attended the welcome meeting. We would ask you to try and attend a meeting as soon as possible.

### **YOU ARE ALL INVITED!!**

#### **Members Christmas Dinner & Party On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

We are holding the members annual Christmas Dinner, prize presentations and disco. The event is hosted by our Club Captain Richard Skelly. The party is usually very well supported and the tickets will be limited to a first come, first serve basis. All new members are very welcome and we do look forward to seeing some new faces. If you would like to reserve yourself tickets please complete the attached menu choice and return back to golf reception with full payment. All prize winners do get a 7 day priority advanced booking. Final booking deadline for all is 25<sup>th</sup> November. Members may bring their partner or one guest.

Note: Payment by Levy card not applicable.

### **Ladies Evening**

We will be hosting a special evening for all lady members, pay and play guests and ladies having lessons.

This will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

It will be an informal evening, whereby you have the opportunity to meet our lady representative for the club, learn how to progress your golf for competitions. A number of you have asked about further details on rules, now is your chance to update your knowledge.

Refreshments will be included.

For further details please enquire at golf reception.

## **Staff Profile - Darren Rands – PGA Head Teaching Professional**

Firstly we would like to congratulate Darren on becoming a 'Daddy' for the first time. Baby Owen was born on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2007, weighing in at 8lbs 12oz – ouch!! Both Kielly and Owen are doing really well. Should Darren fall asleep whilst teaching – please let us know!

Lessons are always an excellent gift for birthdays or Christmas  
Individual lessons £15.00 for 30 minutes.  
Double lesson £21.00 for 30 minutes.  
6 lessons for the price of 5 - £75.00  
All lessons are filmed and analysed using GASP system  
(We can issue vouchers for any amount).



### **Tip of the month by Darren Rands**

#### The Swing

Developing and then maintaining a smooth and balanced swing is one of the hardest aspects of golf to achieve. Every golfer's swing is individual and it would be wrong to encourage all players to be the same. But there are general things you can work on to get the best out of your game. Here is a useful tip to help you swing with more rhythm and tempo maintaining your balance.

One of the most common faults I see is poor balance by people trying to hit the ball as hard as possible. You will tend to find that if you swing more within yourself you will hit the ball further than if you swing as hard as you can. This is down to having your body moving in the correct rhythm with your club.

So, next time you feel as though you can hit a flat out 7 iron to the green instead reach for a 6 and swing smooth keeping your balance.

### **We value your opinion**

We have produced the 1<sup>st</sup> in our series of member's questionnaires for you to complete. It can be found on our website and filled in electronically or paper copies are available on our information desk in the clubhouse. Please place any hand written ones in the questionnaire box provided. If you have an opinion we would like to hear it.

### **Why not treat you & your family!!**

As in previous years we will begin serving our traditional Christmas lunch, daily from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. A full menu is available in the club and bookings are now being taken.

**2 courses @ £9.95 or 3 courses @ £12.95.**

Half price for children 10 and under.

Why not top up your levy card and receive that extra 10% discount!

Our thoughts are with Roger Ashton and his wife; we hope he has a full and speedy recovery.

### Notes for your Diary

<u>01/11/07</u>	HHDGU Alliance 4B Better Ball Stableford- Dewsbury G.C.	
<u>04/11/07</u>	- November Medal	08.00 am – 11.30 am
<u>10/11/07</u>	- New Members Meeting	09.15 am
<u>11/11/07</u>	- Winter League Wk3	08.22 am – 10.14 am
<u>13/11/07</u>	- HHDGU Alliance Xmas mixed competition-Elland G.C.	
<u>14/11/07</u>	- Committee Meeting	19.45 pm
<u>18/11/07</u>	- November Stableford	08.00 am – 11.30 am
<u>20/11/07</u>	- Midweek under 55's & over 55's	08.00 am – 09.00 am
<u>21/11/07</u>	- New Members Meeting	19.00 pm
<u>25/11/07</u>	- Winter League Wk4	08.22 – 10.14 am

#### OPENING HOURS FROM MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2007

##### SHOP

MON TO FRI - 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
SAT TO SUN - 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

##### DRIVING RANGE

MON TO SAT - 7.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. (Last balls 8.30 p.m.)  
SUN - 7.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (Last balls 7.30 p.m.)

##### CAFÉ FORE

Closed Mondays  
SNACKS - TUES TO THURS 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
SNACKS – FRI 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
SNACKS - SAT TO SUN 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

##### BAR

MON, TUES, THURS AND SUN - 12.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
EXCEPT WED & FRI - 12.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  
SAT - 11.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m.

**Members wishing to benefit from their 10% levy card discount when using the driving range during the winter months will need to buy their range tokens from the shop during opening hours. After 6pm the range will be cash only in the machine.**

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