

Lady Captain's Newsletter February 2021

Dear Ladies, well another month has gone by without golf, but at least we have a date when we will hopefully be starting again and my March communications should be filled with more information about a return to golf from 29th March. So, no more snowy pictures or extra water features – how about some Snowdrops.



We are still having our Committee meetings every month, working on updating the handbook, dealing with correspondence and thinking about how we can get our Ladies Section up and running as smoothly as possible. The January minutes are on the Ladies Section noticeboard we have created and I am hoping they will be on the Club website soon. The mementos are back in the office along with engraved trophies, the Club manager will let you know when you can come and pick them up.

Hospice UK

Carolyn Richmond had a lovely thank you from her chosen charity for 2020.


‘thank you for raising an amazing £2,100 as Lady Captain of Harpenden Common Golf Club in 2020. This is such an incredible amount to raise, especially given the circumstances of this year. Please pass along our sincerest thanks to everyone that donated. With your help, we will improve end of life care so that everyone in the UK receives the high quality care and support they deserve, allowing them and their families to focus on what really matters: living well until the end’.

Golf News







Well done to Sarah Topping who is our Medal Finalist for last year. Amazing to think we played 4 medal events in 2020.






England Golf have sent out a pathway for a return to golf

<https://www.Englandgolf.org/roadmap-for-the-return-to-golf-infographic/>

COVID-19: A roadmap for the return of golf in England 

(Last updated on Friday, February 26 2021)

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	STEP ONE - MON 8 MAR	STEP ONE - MON 29 MAR	STEP TWO - MON 12 APR	STEP THREE - MON 17 MAY
 Playing Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No golf permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourballs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourballs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourballs.
 Retail Shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All professional and retail shops must remain closed. Click and collect service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All professional and retail shops must remain closed. Click and collect service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All professional and retail shops may open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All professional and retail shops may open.
 Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All catering facilities must be closed. Takeaway service may be provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All catering facilities must be closed. Takeaway service may be provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All indoor catering facilities must be closed. Outdoor catering facilities may open, subject to the Rule of 6. Takeaway service may be provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor catering facilities may open, subject to the Rule of 6. Outdoor catering facilities may open, subject to a maximum of 30 people. Takeaway service may be provided.
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 Driving Ranges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted provided they are outdoor.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All driving ranges open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All driving ranges open.
 Outdoor Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No coaching is permitted, with exceptions for disability sport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor coaching is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. Group coaching is permitted to the Rule of 6 (group of 6 including the coaches/volunteers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor coaching is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. Group coaching is permitted to the Rule of 6 (group of 6 including the coaches/volunteers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor coaching is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. Group coaching is permitted to a maximum group size of 30.
 Indoor Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor coaching is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor coaching is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor coaching is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor coaching is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. Indoor group coaching is permitted to the Rule of 6 (group of 6 including the coaches/volunteers).
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 Indoor Swing Studios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor swing studios must remain closed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor swing studios must remain closed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor swing studios may open for individual use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor swing studios may open for individual use. Indoor swing studios may open for organised group activity.
 Fitting Outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fitting is permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor fitting is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis or to the Rule of 6 (including fitter). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor fitting is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis or to the Rule of 6 (including fitter). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fitting is permitted outside.
 Fitting Inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fitting is permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor fitting is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor fitting is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor fitting is permitted on a 1-to-1 basis. Indoor fitting is permitted as part of an organised group activity.
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 Tournament and Competition Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under strict COVID-19 controls and where overnight accommodation is not required for staff or players. Club/regional/county tournaments/competitions permitted. No national finals. No overseas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under strict COVID-19 controls and where overnight accommodation is not required for staff or players. Club/regional/county tournaments/competitions permitted. No national finals. No overseas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under strict COVID-19 controls. Club/regional/county/national tournaments/competitions permitted. No overseas.
 Changing Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms are not permitted to open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms are not permitted to open, although use of indoor toilets is permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms are permitted to open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms are permitted to open.
 AGMs/Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted, providing they are COVID safe.

*Some golf ranges can class as indoor settings. Each range should interpret the guidelines based on their individual circumstances. If in doubt, contact your local authority.

FROM 21 JUNE: ALL RESTRICTIONS END

I really hope that we can get back to playing as soon as Tuesday 30th March. More news on that later on in March. I have included the roadmap here but if it is too small, click on the link above.

The link is also on the Ladies Section noticeboard <http://ladycaptainhcg.co.uk>.

Please also note the **key dates section** on the Ladies section link. There is a possibility we may move the Spring meeting date to accommodate the club house being open. Still to be decided. The Spring and Autumn meeting will also be in Stableford form this year. We can review this at the end of the year after feedback. The Lady Captain's away day will be at East Herts golf club on the 3rd of August.

County Report February 2021

As mentioned before the County are going ahead with a number of their events and All entry forms will be on the Hertfordshire Golf web site <https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/> and when we are allowed back will be on the County Board in the Ladies Room too. A quick reminder about the Spring Meeting on the 17th May at Batchworth Park, which is a team event and suitable for all handicap players. Closing date is 23rd April.

De Paula - this is Knock out Ladies Singles competition which is open to anyone with a handicap between 12.5 and 20.4 on the day you enter. The closing date for entries is 31st March. The first round does not have to be played until the 30th June. Those eligible should have received an entry form via our county rep but if you have not or have mis placed it, a further copy can be obtained at https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/de_paula_cup

Opens – Ladies and Mixed – the Golf Empire Web site is a very useful site for these entry forms and can be found at <https://www.golfempire.co.uk>

Powell Cup – the club have entered this scratch knock out foursomes for 2021; the first round of which does not have to be played until the 30th June. The lowest available handicappers are asked to represent the Club in this event.

USEFUL GOLF APP

New England Golf App which can be downloaded, shows one how many strokes one gets or loses on Away courses as well as up to date statistics on one's own Handicap Index. Available from Android or Apple Play Stores “[My England Golf](#)” or “[MyEG](#)”

Lady Member News

As we have not been able to meet up. I thought I would include this Section to update you all on some of our Lady members.

A lot of ladies seem to have had their first vaccinations, which is great news.

Pam Henson, our Lady Captain of 2019, had her radiotherapy treatment in January. She is feeling well and hoping to get back to golf when we all return.

Lynne Leigh had a big operation in January, she still has a long recovery plan, but she wanted to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes and is hoping to get up to the Club to meet for coffee and a chat, when we can – April 12th outside (weather permitting) rule of 6.

Barbara Kemp has had a very miserable time since Christmas. She had a fall, broke some bones, ended up in hospital for a few weeks, contracted COVID, was released to Fonthill Nursing home and then just when she was going to stay with her sister and have her cast off, there was a COVID case in Fonthill. We are hoping she can get to her sister's this week and wish her a speedy recovery.

Wendy Audsley found out that Heather Burden, a past member of the Common and part of the Ladies bridge team, sadly passed away this month, our thoughts are with her family.

Frances K has been doing some detective work and found out that a past Lady Member Dilys Bish-Wilson died last June. Her grave is at St Helens Churchyard, Wheathampstead. We think her husband Colin might have died recently. Maybe if anyone lives near the Churchyard, they could pay their respects and see if there are now 2 graves?

Signing off for February now, roll on March and GOLF...

