

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Ladies, I had a plan to have some photos of us playing in the festival and enjoying the lovely weather, but obviously that has not happened and my newsletter is now very late.

I would just like to thank you all for your kind words and cards. My dad was very old and frail with no quality of life, but obviously it is all very finite and sad. He devoted most of his life to golf and he would be so pleased to know how kind everyone in the Club had been.

I would like to thank Carolyn for stepping in so ably to send out notices for the last week and for Denise for sending out the draw for the Presidents' Trophy. The Saturday ladies unfortunately did not get to play on 8th due to weather conditions (it was similar last year), I will let you know when we know what Saturday you can play it.

Our Scratch team played their first match on Sunday 2nd May away to Chesfield Downs. Thank you to our team of Karen, Gillian, Jane Walter, Jo Read and Christine Hutchings. Sadly we had a loss, but Gillian said it was lovely to be back playing another course and 'onwards and upwards' for the team going forward.

The Festival was played on Monday 3rd May. Well done to all the pairs that made it through to the knockout stages and thanks to Brian MacDonald for organising and for the weather for not raining until later in the day!

Congratulations to Frances Kipping for winning the Leckie Trophy on Tuesday, and for everyone who played as I understand it was rather cold.

We had our first friendly match on May 6th away to Mill Green. I understand the course is in transition and the weather was dodgy, but our team of Denise, Wendy, Karen, Sandy, Sheila S, Carolyn R, Gonny and Wenna had an enjoyable day with a narrow loss. Thank you all for playing and a special thanks to Karen for taking over the captaincy and for Sheila and Wenna for stepping in for myself and Sue.

Also on 6th May we had our first ever New members Webinar. All 4 Captains were present, plus our Manager Craig Delves and our Professional Rob Leonard. Some interesting questions were asked by the new members including will we get a putting green? to which the answer was that it is part of the plans being drawn up by the Course Development Group. Should we retain some kind of booking system for Tee times? To which the answer was that we will be reverting to the old system, but will keep it under review.

The coming week sees us playing the Coronation and the Presidents Trophy.

Monday 10th - Saturday 15th May, Coronation Trophy

Like the Taylor Cup, the top 16 finishers qualify for a knock out. Again, for this year only, it is a singles stableford event and you can enter as many times as you like during the week, although you can obviously only qualify once. Ladies are also invited to play, receiving six additional strokes and playing off the white tees (and using the Men's par and stroke indices). Handicap allowance is 95%



Tuesday 11th May, President's Trophy

This is a Ladies Pairs stableford event and the Men hold a similar event. The two winning pairs meet in the Final on Finals Day. Both players take 85% of their course handicap to arrive at their playing handicap. Please enter your score into the PSI ensuring that give the correct score to the right player. Business Ladies participate on Saturday May 8th.

The week beginning 17th May, we are playing the Archer Cup. Please let me know by Thursday this week if you cannot play.

Tuesday 18th May, Ladies Archer Cup

Stableford drawn in divisions.

Competition only on the day.



Tuesday 25th May

Ladies EG Medal, Joan Manyweathers

Draw in divisions.
Business Ladies participate on Saturday May 22nd



Monday 31st May

Mixed Tant Trophy

The entry sheet for the Tant Trophy is up on the board in the clubhouse.
It is a Mixed Greensomes event.

June Dates

We are hoping to follow the diary for June so things to look out for:

Tuesday	1 June	EG Medal
Thursday	3 June	Ladies Friendly v Whipsnade at home
Saturday	5 June	EG Medal
Tuesday	8 June	Ayot Green Cup – <u>SIGN UP SHEET</u>
Saturday	12 June	General play
Tuesday	15 June	Lady Captain's Day – <u>SIGN UP SHEET</u> - details?????
Saturday	19 June	Ping 4BBB – <u>SIGN UP SHEET</u>
Tuesday	22 June	Ping 4BBB – <u>SIGN UP SHEET</u>
Saturday	26 June	General Play
Sunday	27 June	Captains drive-in
Tuesday	29 June	Diamond Jubilee v Harpenden Golf Club at home

The Vic Charnley may be moved from 27th June and there are some other mixed that still need to be scheduled, so hopefully we can put at least one mixed competition in June.

Dates for your diary in July and August

Please try and play in the Diamond Jubilee on 29th June if you can, we want to make this as sociable event as possible with Harpenden Golf Club.

Please invite someone from another club to the **Invitation day on 6th July**

Lady Captains Away Day 3rd August. East Herts Golf Club

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Webinar Mind set Coaching with Andrea Hirshhorn Wednesday 19th May 6.30 -7 .3.30 pm

<https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/news.php?newsitem=1559>

Ladies County Championships - 3rd, 5th and 6th June at Knebworth in conjunction with the Men, but the Thursday 3rd is just for the Ladies! The closing date is the 14th May.. Again on line entry at <https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/competition.php>

Powell Cup 2021 – Ladies Scratch KO Foursomes – HCGC have received a bye in the first round of this competition.

Congratulations to Sophia Fulbrook of The Melbourne Golf Club and also a member of HCGC who has been selected to be a member of the England Golf Under 18 Thames Regional Squad this season.

Mixed County Greensomes – Paul and Gillian Hanson are representing the club in this event and have received a first round bye . They will play the winners of a first round match between Hadley Wood B and Batchworth Park.

Women on Par – for those ladies without a handicap or with a handicap of 37 -54 who would like to further their golf in a fun supportive environment, then this is for you! Two different ability groups! More details at https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/activities_and_events and also do speak to Helen Hartley who went on one of these events last year.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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>

Don't forget you can get useful information on My EG App, and on the Ladies Section Noticeboard – check out Step-by-step

<https://ladycaptainhcgc.co.uk>

Rob Leonard did a step-by-step video which we have uploaded to the above website. We would obviously be adding our casual round under red tees. You will find his video under **Step-by-step**

Mark Laskey does a Ladies Group Coaching Session on a Friday morning 9.30 – 11 am. Please contact him on 07855 930956. There is a flyer on our noticeboard too.

And Finally, the dogs have enjoyed the blue bells in the woods by the 4th hole.

