



6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021. 19:00

# NEW MEMBERS MEETING

# PRESENTERS



Matt Hignell: Captain



Craig Delves: General Manager



Jane Howe: Lady Captain



Barry Walker: Seniors Captain



Rob Leonard: Professional



Mark Lake: Junior Captain

# MATT HIGNELL – CLUB CAPTAIN



# THE COMMON

- The Common is a shared resource with the public. Its use is a case of give and take between the public and the club. The official rule is:
- *“The public may not promote or play organised games on the course as prepared by Harpenden Common Golf Club, nor obstruct or interfere with any person lawfully authorised to play organised golf there on or play any game thereon. In turn the club and its members shall not interfere with the use of the common by the public for purposes of obtaining fresh air and exercise.”*

- **Please be courteous at all times.**

*Any Incidents must be reported to the GM within a day.*

- **Golf on the Common: Other points of note:**
  - Speed of play
  - Replacing divots and repairing pitch marks
  - Play when ready

# AT THE RACES



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# BARRY WALKER – SENIORS CAPTAIN



# JANE HOWE LADIES CAPTAIN



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# MARK LAKE – JUNIORS CAPTAIN



# RESUMPTION OF GOLF – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH





# TOP LEVEL HCGC ROADMAP

## 29<sup>th</sup> March

### 4 balls allowed (Members only)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tee. 18 Holes. 7:30 onwards
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tee. 9 holes; 7:30 to 9:15

**Booking via Club v1**

**No competitions.**

**Outside Catering & Bar facilities closed**

**Inside catering & Bar facilities Closed**

**Outdoor Practice facilities Open**

**Pro Shop, click & collect only**

**Tour shed closed.**

**No member's guests permitted**

**No Societies until 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

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## 12<sup>th</sup> April

### 4 balls allowed (Members only)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tee. 18 Holes. 7:30 onwards
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tee. 9 holes; 7:30 to 9:15

**Booking by Club v1**

**Optional competitions**

**Outside Catering & Bar facilities open**



**Inside catering & Bar facilities Closed**

**Outdoor Practice facilities Open**

**Pro shop Open**

**Tour shed Open (1:1 basis only)**

**No member's guests permitted**

**No Societies until 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

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## 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Two tee start, normal operation as per notice board.**

**No booking required,**

**Named Club Competitions resumed.**

**Outside Catering & Bar facilities open**

**Inside catering & Bar facilities open**

**Outdoor Practice facilities Open**

**Pro shop Open**

**Tour shed Open**

**Member's guests permitted**

**No Societies until 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

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## 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Normal Operation resumed;  
All facilities open.**

**Societies from 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

**Exception for members charity days from 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

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Dates are based on current guidance.

● Subject to the rule of 6

## CRAIG DELVES – GENERAL MANAGER



# ROB LEONARD – CLUB PROFESSIONAL





# COMPETITIONS & TROPHIES

- Refer to the club diary (Have you picked up your free copy?)
- We run men's, ladies, seniors, mixed and junior events throughout the year. Entry to these is a good way to meet people
- The principal match play knock out competitions are now closed for this year but there are plenty of other trophies and one day events which are still open. You need to watch the notice boards and sign up when the entry sheets are put up.
- There is a specific recent members competition which is coordinated by Brian Macdonald. You are encouraged to join this.



# EVENTS

- Refer to the club diary and the notice boards located in the club house lobby and the changing rooms. Once we are in the new-normal we anticipate reinstating the club social events.
- These are coordinated by the social committee and include
  - The Common draw, on the first Friday of the month
  - Race Night
  - Quiz Night
  - Captains drive in, on the 27th June, 4pm
  - Captains Day, 3rd July. This year a team competition.
  - Lady Captains Day

# ROLL UP'S & SWINDLES

There are a large number of roll ups and swindles which operate as informal playing groups and which you are welcome to join.

The Pro Shop and the Captains can direct you to the organisers but they include

Day	Time	Who	Meet location	Lead organiser	Format
<b>Monday</b>	7:45	Seniors	Pro shop	David Toms	Stableford
	8:45	Seniors	Pro Shop	Tony Burgess	4BBB
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30	Seniors	Pro shop	Brian Baker	
	7:30	Seniors	Proshop	Brian Goddard	
	10:00	Ladies day 10-13:00	Proshop	Jane Howe	See link below
<b>Wednesday</b>	13:00	Tuesday Club	Proshop	Mike Cooper	Eclectic
	7:30	Seniors	Pro shop	David Toms	Stableford
	9:30	Seniors	Pro shop	Brian Baker	
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30	Aldwickbury	Pro Shop	Eric Matthews	
	7:30	Seniors	Proshop	Brian Goddard	
<b>Friday</b>	9:15	Ladies Roll up	Proshop	Anne Hignel	
	7:45	Seniors	Pro shop	David Toms	
	9:30	Seniors	Pro shop	Brian Baker	

1 <sup>st</sup> Tee		10 <sup>th</sup> Tee	
Up to 9:30	4 balls	Up to 9:30	2 balls
9:30 – 11:30	2 balls	9:30 – 11:30	4 balls
11:30 – 13:30	4 balls	11:30 – 13:30	2 balls
13:30 – 15:30	2 balls	13:30 – 15:30	4 balls
15:30 – 17:30	4 balls	15:30 – 17:30	2 balls





## Q & A

### Question 1

As a new member it has been great to be able to use the booking system to join and meet new people. . It is also great having an allocated time during busy periods. I don't want to lose the roll-ups but could the club entertain a combined approach?

**We believe that the majority of members prefer having not having bookable tee times but this will be kept under review.**

### Question 2

Can we have a putting green next to the first tee?

**The possibility of having a putting green by the first and tenth tees is being looked at as part of the 5 year development plan.**

### Question 3

How do I find partners for mixed competitions?

**Speak to Rob Leonard or a member of his team in the pro shop**

### Question 4

Are we insured if we hit a member of the public with a golf ball?

**Yes providing it is reported promptly to the manager**

## Q & A

### Question 5

Do I have to play in a competition to submit cards?

**No you can submit casual rounds.**

### Question 6

It would be good to meet new members in person.

**Brian Macdonald is in the process of organising a new members competition.**

### Question 7

What is the correct men's stroke index for holes 12 and 13?

**The correct index is as written on the score card, which means that 12 is index 12 and 13 is index 10. The indices were switched round a while ago and it is the marker posts on the holes which are out of date.**

### Question 8

Given that the hedge to the right of the 17th is a lateral hazard, if my second shot goes into the hedge can I drop a new ball and play 4 from the point my ball entered the hazard, even if I cannot find my original ball?

**Yes, it has been decided that in order to speed up play the hedge would be made a lateral hazard.**

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THANK YOU



# FAVOURITE HOLES

- Matt – 18<sup>th</sup> – raises money for captain's charity if you go into bunker
- Barry – 7<sup>th</sup> – perfect for his natural fade
- Jane – 15<sup>th</sup> – really pretty hole surrounded by trees
- Mark – 12<sup>th</sup> – good birdie opportunity as he can reach in two
- Rob – 18<sup>th</sup> – by club house, banter from crowd watching

# FAVOURITE HOLES – BRIEFING NOTES

Hole	Informal Name	Comments
1	'1931'	Date of HCGC founding OOB left beyond white posts, right to car park and clubhouse grounds On weekdays follow 2,4 ball timings. Filtered start with groups coming off the 18th. Do NOT start if humps not visible At the green, it is a courtesy to allow players on the 18th tee to play before putting out.
2	Dingley Dell	Watch for the road crossing the hole before the green. Practice ground to the right is NOT OOB.
3	Line and Length	Cricket Pitch is used on Sunday afternoons so walk on to alternate tee. OOB on road to left or beyond upto last white post by green.
4	Hawthorn	Signature Hole. Watch for walkers emerging from trees on left Ditch beyond the green is a lateral hazard
5	King's Mistress	Local property allegedly used for Royal assignments. Plays longer than you think. Tricky green belies stroke index. A given putt should be savoured
6	Rookery	OOB beyond fence in hedge to right. 'Get your provisional ready' was the runner up in naming this hole.
7	Duck Pond	A deceptively sharp dog leg with OOB right and a small duck pond beyond and to the left. The green slopes to the water and a pin on the left is a real challenge
8	Tipperary	It's a long way.... Be aware of the road crossing the hole 120 yards in front of ladies tee. OOB beyond the white posts to the right of the hole protecting the practise range. Two bunkers guard the approach to the green, one hidden on the left.
9	One for the Road	It is mandatory to have a player on the road in front of the tee to manage the public crossing the hole. The entrance road crosses the fairway near the green and cars are supposed to wait to be waved through. Be aware though because cars often ignore the warnings. OOB in the clubhouse environs and the car park as well as beyond the green on the road.
10	Fresh Start	Drivable for the long hitters. OOB right beyond the white posts and long. On weekdays follow 2,4 ball timings, filtered start with groups coming off the 10 <sup>th</sup> . Do NOT start if 1st birch tree beyond the fairway is not visible
11	Gorsey	Wayward tee shots are drawn to the Gorse left and right. Keep left for a shot to the green

12	Ken's Field	Named for Ken Brown who laid out the jockey field when this was added to the course. OOB to right beyond the fence. Reachable in two for the longer hitters but a difficult green to hold and putt out on.
13	The Paddock	OOB right beyond the fence and long beyond the green. Lateral hazard in the landfill to the right of the green. A tricky green to putt out on, requiring an accurate approach to miss bunkers right and left.
14	Turn for home	The left fairway bunker gathers the shorter tee shots. Longer hitters can clear all the fairway bunkers but watch the landing area is tight.
15	Birch Green	Keep aware for tee shots from the 7th and the 12th which can stray onto this fairway.
16	Sweet	Beware OOB to right and hollow to left of green. Courtesy on tee to give way to 7th green putting out.
17	Draw	Follow the line of the fairway towards bunker but beware trees to left blocking approach. Lateral hazard hedge enclosing path from 8th green to 9th tee.
18	Captains Bunker	OOB Clubhouse, practice net and spike bar. Charity collection £1 for each bunker visited. Captains Drive In 4pm, 27th June, all welcome.
19	Bar	<b>Spike bar and terrace.</b>



# New Members Briefing

## New Members Meeting

6th May 2021 – 19:00 (Zoom link in email)

## Presenters

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