



6TH MAY 2021. 19:00

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

PRESENTERS



Matt Hignell: Captain



Barry Walker: Seniors Captain



Craig Delves: General Manager



Rob Leonard: Professional



Jane Howe: Lady Captain



Mark Lake: Junior Captain

MATT HIGNELL - CLUB CAPTAIN



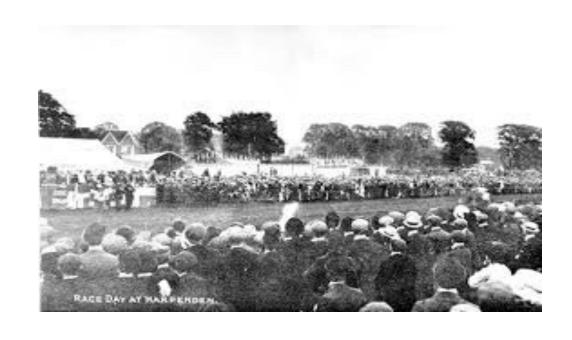
THE COMMON

- 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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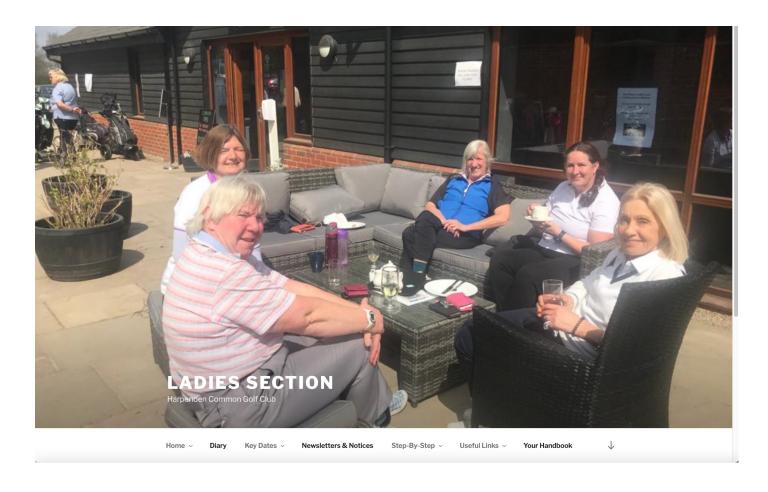




BARRY WALKER - SENIORS CAPTAIN



JANE HOWE LADIES CAPTAIN



https://www.ladycaptainhcgc.co.uk



MARK LAKE - JUNIORS CAPTAIN



RESUMPTION OF GOLF – 29TH MARCH





TOP LEVEL HCGC ROADMAP



29th March

4 balls allowed (Members only)

- 1st Tee. 18 Holes. 7:30 onwards
- 10th 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 1 st July.

12th April

4 balls allowed (Members only)

- 1st Tee. 18 Holes. 7:30 onwards
- 10th 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 1st July.

17th 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 1st July.

21st June

Normal Operation resumed; All facilities open.

Societies from 1st July.

Exception for members charity days from 21st June.







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

1 st Tee		10 th 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 or 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 it 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?

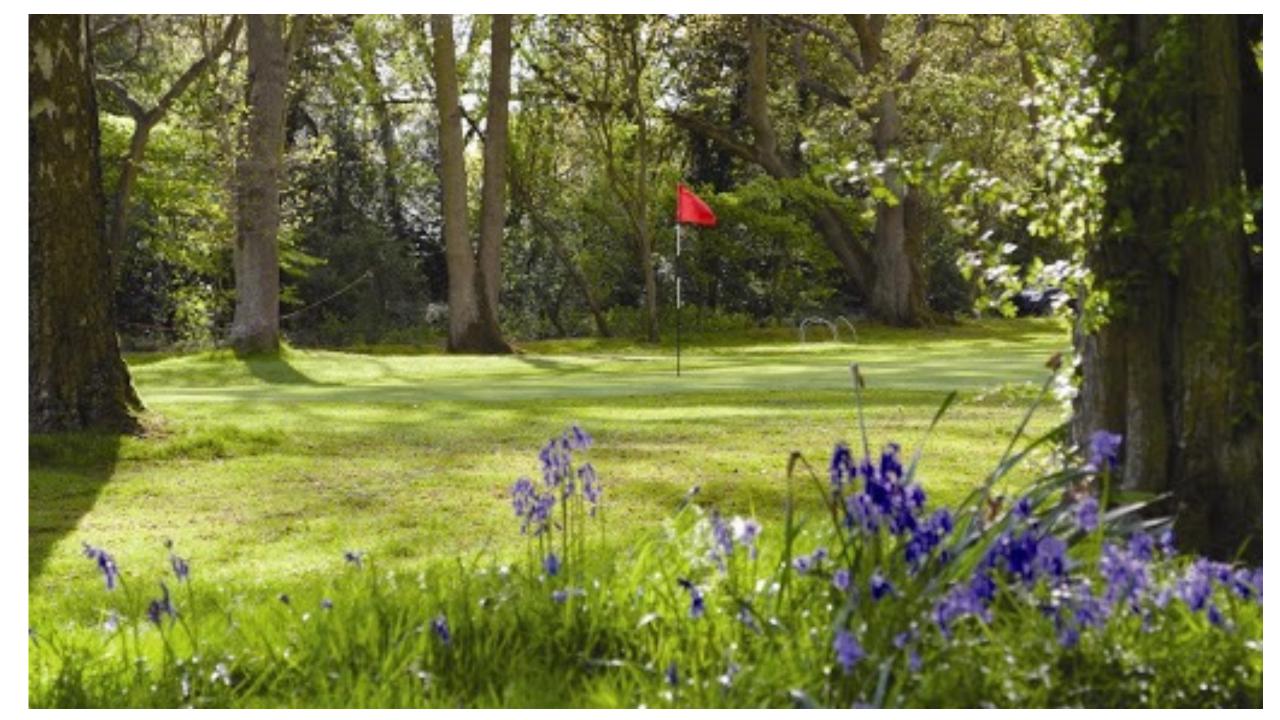
Yes, it has been decided that in order to speed up play the hedge would be made a lateral hazard.

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THANK YOU

FAVOURITE HOLES

- Matt 18th raises money for captain's charity if you go into bunker
- Barry -7^{th} perfect for his natural fade
- Jane -15^{th} really pretty hole surrounded by trees
- Mark -12^{th} good birdie opportunity as he can reach in two
- Rob -18^{th} 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 assignations.
		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
9	One for the Road	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.
10	Tresm stare	OOB right beyond the white posts and long.
		On weekdays follow 2,4 ball timings, filtered start with groups coming
		off the 10 th .
		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
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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	Spike bar and terrace.	

New Members Briefing



New Members Meeting

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