

## **CLUB info October 2018**

October is now with us & wasn't the September weather great. Loads of sunshine, above average temperatures, no significant winds & little rain.

The two recent major competitions both featured full fields. Seniors Open. Congratulations to the Credit Suisse Team winners Alex Cleal, Jamie Loveridge, Chris Le Page & Will Le Maitre with 88 pts and American Golf Seniors Open Champion Mark Bayes with 40 pts off 13 handicap.



Thank you for your tolerance over the past few weeks, as we've been completing a range of important maintenance tasks, including over-seeding all the greens, dredging streams, removing tree stumps and pruning trees, along with ongoing works to the new irrigation system. All this is necessary to ensure our course continues to improve & provides the members with the best playing conditions through the winter & into next season.

### **John Dent**

Allez Les Blues - Europe win the Ryder Cup! What a weekend of golf we witnessed. The brilliance of individual players, Molinari scoring 5 points from 5 & Sergio becoming the highest scoring European of all time. As we all know the Ryder Cup is a team event & not an individual event. This is very similar to being a member of a golf club. We must grow the club by recruiting new members, which will enable us to put more money back into our great little course.

Coaching has been a very productive this year with many students reducing their handicaps, with this I am running a couple of teaching groups to the Gloria Golf Resort. The first will be in January 2019 please see attached the price list & don't be shy to email me for more info.

### **Rick Hamilton**

We have granular fed & fertilised the greens to promote recovery in the bare areas from the summer drought. The mowing height has been increased from 3.2 mm to 3.7 mm to assist in this.

The new irrigation automated controller has been installed & 90% of the communication cabling has been repaired to date. The remaining works will be completed within the next two weeks.

As part of our winter preparation the fairways will be aerated using the "Earthquake Tremor" to relieve the soil compaction built up over the dry hot summer months. We will have to pick the right timing (not too wet or too dry) but speed of work means that we can decompact a lot of ground in a very short time, leaving minimal disruption to the playing surface.

Progress on the new 7th tee is slower than we originally anticipated, however when all the materials have arrived onsite we will move quickly to complete the project.

As part of our staff development programme greenkeepers Winnie Savident & Adam Gontier have started Level 3 Work-based Diploma in a Sportsturf Greenkeeper course with Myerscough College.

## **Pitchmarks & Divots**

Our greens & fairways are in great condition – let's keep them like that! There's no excuse for not repairing these, whether you created them or not.

## **Bunkers**

The bunkers have been re-shaped & filled with the correct sand. The Greenkeeping team are tending to them by hand on a regular basis but it is up to the members to ensure they are raked when they've played out of them. Nobody aims to go into a bunker but it's even worse when you end up in a footprint

## **The New Rules of Golf 2019**

The height of your drop - from knee height, a significant change from the current shoulder level.

There's also no longer a penalty for a double hit - it will now just count the hit as one stroke.

No more penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the green.

You can putt with the flagstick in.

You can repair all the spike marks your heart desires.

## **Tennerfest**

The October Tennerfest is back & has passed through the 20 year barrier. The Restaurant, Brasserie & The Club are offering a comprehensive, great value three course menu choice at £15 for Lunch or Dinner, 7 days a week – why cook at home??? To book call 256576



## **American Golf**

WOW, what a month September was!! We had an unbelievable Ryder Cup with the boys in blue smashing the Yanks! We also had our fantastic fitting event, with over 50 members taking part!! Many of them decided to purchase and will be improving their game! Thank you to everyone who supported the event, it would be great to listen to your thoughts on how it went.

Throughout October our late summer sale continues, we have some unbelievable bargains in store like UA tops from £12.50, Palm Grove tops from £8.33 and Wilson gloves for just £5!

Hope to see you all soon!!

## **Events in October**

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	American Golf Seniors Open
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies Gryphon Trophy
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> October	C.I. Past and Present Lady Captain's Stableford
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> October	GGU Vazon Greensomes
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Lady, Gent, Junior
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> October	GGU Team Event
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Men's October Medal and Cat 4 Stableford
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Junior October Stableford
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> October	New Phase Construction Midweek Competition
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Cumberland Salver

## **And Lastly ...**

The game is compelling, frustrating, aggravating, tantalising and maddening \_ almost all at the same time! J P RESNICK