



THE LONG ASHTON

GOLF CLUB

LATEST NEWS - AUGUST 2010

Special Offer
Long Ashton Golf Club Kitchen
FOR ONE WEEK ONLY
6th to 12th September
2 take-away curries for £5.00 (no other discount)
Including rice and poppadums
Orders can be placed either at the club
or phone 01275 392229

Golf course architects make me sick. They can't play themselves, so they rig the courses so nobody else can play either. - Sam Snead

WE'RE ALMOST THERE...

This is a special abbreviated newsletter to bring members up-to-date with CDR progress ahead of the AGM on the 2nd September 2010, a new league for autumnal evenings and to include an item on the Ladies' section which was due to be in the last edition but got lost in cyberspace.

REPORT FROM THE LADIES' SECTION 6 AUGUST 2010

Extra to AGM information newsletter

The Ladies' teams have been busy again during July but success has been more elusive than in previous months. In the **Bristol & District Alliance** Jan Pitcher and Penny Crymble were beaten in the semi finals of the Nett Foursomes by Mendip Spring at Weston Super Mare. The intrepid Mail on Sunday team valiantly led, as always, by Carole Stratford, travelled to the south coast for the 7th round where they were narrowly beaten by Bournemouth at Knighton Heath. All those involved in both these knockout competitions were excellent ambassadors for Long Ashton and must be commended for their time and effort. Well done to everyone for getting so far in these competitions and good luck next year!

Jan Ellis and Gwen Spear beat Broadway (away) in the **Watson Williams** (County) scratch knock out and we wish them good luck in the 3rd round to be played at home.

Following her success in winning the Harper Salver in June, Bethan Popel won the Gloucester Girls' Championship with a 73 gross, setting a new ladies' course record at Thornbury on Sunday 4th July. This was followed by coming 5th in the EWGA South West Girls' Championship at The Royal North Devon GC on 11 July. Bethan has unfortunately not made the cut in the last couple of EWGA competitions proving it gets tougher at the top but I am sure she will have more success before the summer is out and she continues to play for the Gloucestershire ladies 1st and 2nd teams.

At home, Jan Ellis won the 36 hole **Gross Championship** Trophy for the 3rd successive year and Chris Kakar won the John Cox Nett Championship Shield.



On 15 July the dining room was filled with ladies anticipating the arrival of **Peggy Box** to give her a surprise 90th Birthday party. Bubbly and cake were the order of the afternoon. In the autumn Peggy will be donning her wellies to help plant some trees on the course given by the Ladies to commemorate this special birthday. Knowing Peggy she will probably play the top 8 beforehand!

We have had two enjoyable **Mixed Friendly Matches** v Shirehampton (home) and Saltford (away). The next match is a new fixture against Filton at home on Sunday 5 September. The list is also up for our last Bank Holiday competition, the **My Fair Lady**, on Monday 30 August. The lists for these competitions are on the board in the entrance hall. Please put your names down if you would like to play; if you don't have a golfing partner just let us know and we will arrange someone for you to join up with.

The Golf Rules OK! evening in aid of my charity, Cots for Tots, was attended by about 20 people. As the torrential rain arrived we moved, rather hastily, from the practice field into the practice room where Bob Brooke enlightened us on what we could or couldn't do around the green. The majority of us stayed on and enjoyed a very sociable meal afterwards. Thanks to Bob for his time on this and to everyone who attended and generously contributed to my charity.

Ladies' Invitation Day on 5 August was another successful day organised and run by Carole Brooke with the invaluable help of Bob, who was starter, ran refreshments and sorted the cards – we really couldn't have managed without him! Over 50 ladies played and then enjoyed a sociable lunch and afternoon. Once again, thank you for everyone who participated.

I would like to just add a very big thank you to Glen and Hazel and Brian and Ann and their teams. We could not have such happy times at Long Ashton without them.

Chris Rose



Chris Sutton and her winning Wrong Trousers

CONGATULATIONS ALSO GO TO...



Jeff Hurley on his 80th birthday, Nicky Wright for his hole in one and the Rays on their 50th wedding anniversary

COVERED DRIVING RANGE UPDATE

The recent excellent progress on the construction of the covered driving range has meant that we are hopeful of opening the range by the middle of September and the actual date will be confirmed as soon as the completion date is known.

**There is an opening offer for every member
and a very special offer for members who
practice regularly**

The operation of the range:

It is the belief of both the construction and operational groups that this facility will provide the best members' practice facility in our region.

The steel building allows for the roof being cantilevered ensuring that there are no stanchions forward of the walkway allowing free swinging of all clubs, and the unique 'berm' floodlighting system should provide superb lighting of the field.

There are 8 bays, one of which is designated as a teaching bay and is bigger than the others; of course when not being used for teaching, this bay can be used for regular practice. The mats are "handed" with a special strip on the hitting side. There will be two "double-handed" mats. Please recognise that left-handers can only use those two bays.

Opening Hours

Mid September – 30th September 2010

Monday	9am – Dusk
Tuesday	Dawn – 8pm
Wednesday	Dawn – Dusk
Thursday	9am – 8pm
Friday	Dawn – Dusk
Sat/Sun	Dawn – Dusk

Winter Opening - 1st October – 31st March 2011

Monday	Dawn - 6pm
Tuesday	Dawn – 8pm
Wed	10am – 6pm
Thursday	Dawn – 8pm
Fri	Dawn – 6pm
Sat/Sun	Dawn - Dusk

The later opening times are to enable the practice field to be cut and unseasonal weather may result in some change to this.

Floodlit practice nights will initially be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings but number of days will be monitored and increased if demand is sufficient.

The clubhouse and changing rooms will be open until 9pm on these nights.

Pricing

Members:	£1.25 for 25 balls
Visitors:	£2.00 for 25 balls
Junior members	£0.50 for 25 balls



Tickets for balls can be purchased only from the Pro Shop and balls obtained from the dispenser in the range building.

There are a number of methods to buy balls.

1. For irregular use a one use only ticket can be purchased.
2. Your bar swipe card can be loaded with a fixed sum (e.g. £25) which would allow you to use when you wish. (Please note that when the Pro Shop is closed, credits or tickets cannot be purchased). This use of the bar swipe card will be entirely separate from your bar account.
3. An 'unlimited balls' season ticket – more details below

'Unlimited balls' season ticket

A season ticket covering the winter period (1st October – 31st March 2011)

Can be purchased for an all inclusive price of £125 providing excellent value for game improvers and members wanting the convenience of a single payment for the 6 month period. Balls obtained on this season ticket may only be used by the purchaser.

A special offer to 'season ticket' members

If you pre-register your interest for this season ticket by 4th September to Mike Hart and pay before the range is open, you will receive **free** balls from the date of opening until 30th September.

Range opening offer to all members

To celebrate the opening of the driving range all members will receive a free bucket of 25 balls. This offer will only be valid for the first 4 weeks after opening and the balls must be used by the member. Your special ticket can be obtained from the Pro Shop after range opening day.

Dress code and etiquette

The usual club dress code is applicable to the driving range.

If members are waiting, please don't monopolise a bay even if you are a season ticket holder.

For safety reasons, there should never be more than one person in a bay (except where professional tuition is being given).

TARGET GOLF LEAGUE

The opening of the driving range will provide the opportunity for members to practice in the evenings using the floodlit facilities.

The floodlights will also give us the chance to introduce a target golf competition which really can improve your short game and you will have a lot of fun doing it!

Target golf features a target at a set distance from the range building and using balls of a different colour to normal, the closer to the target your ball finishes, the more points you score. The target will be set at a different distance from the range every week.

Played in teams of 4, each player has a set number of balls to attempt to achieve the highest score for their team. When all teams have played, the scores are finalised and the league adjusted. There is a prize for the winning team each week with end of season prizes for the teams in the top 3 final positions.

If you fancy working at your short game and enjoying doing it with a group of friends or colleagues, why not register now to receive more details about entering a team for an 8 week season that will start in October, probably on Wednesdays between 6 and 7pm.

Just email Ken Trowbridge on kentrowbridge@msn.com to receive full details about the league and how it works.

It is a law of nature that everybody plays a hole badly when playing through. - Bernard Darwin

Our managing secretary has forwarded the following:

Dave and Ray were playing on the ninth green when Ray collapsed from a heart attack.

"I need help," he said. Then Dave ran off saying "I'll go get someone."

A little while later he returned, picked up his club and began to line up his shot on the green.

Ray, on the ground, raised up his head and said, "I may be dying, and you're putting?"

"Don't worry, I found a doctor on the second hole. He said he will come and help you."

"The second hole! When in the world is he going to get here?"

"I told you not to worry," says Dave, practising his putt "Everyone's already agreed to let him play through."

Similar contributions, including funny ones, are welcomed by the Newsletter Editor

Happy Golfing

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