

## Social success

The Quiz Night held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November was a great success with 19 teams taking part. £100 was given out in prizes and the event raised £60 for the Captains' charities. The winning teams were as follows.

### 1st The Howard Webb Appreciation Society

Andy Hyde, Daniel Hyde, Dean Miller & Andy Ayres

### 2nd The Acme Medical Appliance Emporium

Mark Hubbard, Alan W Smith, Julie Smith & Dave Heath

### 3rd The Cann Do'ers

Jenny Cann, Helen Hampton, Marcus Easom & Dave Richardson



No doubt there will be more quiz nights to come so keep an eye on IG news, LHGC Facebook page and club emails.

## Upcoming events

Turkey Trot fun golf competition on 10<sup>th</sup> December, Breakfast with Santa on 17<sup>th</sup> December, Race Night on 10<sup>th</sup> February and the Spring Ball on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Details of all 2023 events can be found now at this link [Events - Lilleshall Hall Golf Club \(lhgc.co.uk\)](https://lhgc.co.uk/Events). Do please support our wonderful club, both at these events and generally, as we try to reinvigorate social camaraderie.

## Christmas Opening / Closing Arrangements – Course and Clubhouse

Clearly, we do want to provide 'member service' but we are also mindful of cost control, and indeed allowing staff themselves to also enjoy the festive season. The arrangements are as follows.

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| <b>Christmas Eve (Sun)</b>                           | Kitchen will be closed but we will provide pies, pasties, baps etc. Bar to close at 4pm.   |
| <b>Christmas Day (Mon)<br/>AND Boxing Day (Tues)</b> | Clubhouse and Changing Rooms closed. Subject to any weather-related restrictions, members wishing to play golf may do so <b>but note no toilet facilities will be available.</b> |
| <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> to Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>    | Normal winter opening hours; namely 10am to 6pm (catering until around 4pm).   |
| <b>New Years Eve (Sun)</b>                           | Kitchen will be closed but we will provide pies, pasties, baps etc. Bar to close at 4pm.   |
| <b>New Years Day (Mon)</b>                           | Kitchen closed but bar will open 11.30am to 3.30pm. <b>Changing Rooms open but only from 9am</b>   |
| <b>From 2<sup>nd</sup> January (Tues)</b>            | Normal winter opening hours; namely 10am to 6pm (catering until around 4pm).   |

Mark and Lisa have also given us their Pro-Shop opening hours as follows.

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| <b>Christmas Eve (Sun)</b>                          | 8am to 1pm        |
| <b>Christmas Day (Mon)</b>                          | Closed            |
| <b>Boxing Day (Tues)</b>                            | Closed            |
| <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>                          | Closed            |
| <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> to Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b> | Normal 8am to 3pm |
| <b>New Years Eve (Sun)</b>                          | 8am to 1pm        |
| <b>New Years Day (Mon)</b>                          | Closed            |
| <b>From 2<sup>nd</sup> January (Tues)</b>           | Normal 8am to 3pm |

As is customary to protect the private drive 'status' for both the Golf Club and the Sports Centre, the driveway entrance at our Sheriffhales end will be closed from 5pm on Christmas Eve and re-opened at 5pm on Christmas Day. The Sports Centre will then close the driveway at their Newport end at 5pm on Christmas Day and re-open it at 5pm on Boxing Day.

## Member emails

Whilst we are anxious to avoid unnecessary duplication by repeating the content of whole-membership emails, we do urge those who have not read them to now do so. We are all frustrated with the dreadful weather that has impacted on our ability to have the course fully open over the last few weeks, and Chris' helpful and interesting course update last week, by way of example, provided members with an update on our proposals to try and alleviate our drainage problems. In the meantime please carry if you can.

If you are not receiving membership emails, it may well be because you do not have your member contact preferences in IG set up correctly. Under GDPR we are not allowed to do this automatically but if you phone our Secretary, David, he can talk you through this to ensure you do receive announcements and updates.

## Lilleshall Hall Golf Club 'Open' Competitions for 2024

A reminder that these will be open for sign up much earlier this year, from 9pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Club Wi-Fi

The club PSI system for internet connectivity located near to the changing rooms has been fully operational since April 2023.

In addition, we now have 2 new Wi-Fi access points in and around the clubhouse which should enable more people to enter their scores via IG before putting them in the box. One covers the bar area and the other extends outside and covers the balcony, cabin area and car park.

To connect to the bar access point the Network Name is Lilleshall - Bar and Password is Peartree18. To connect to the outside access point the Network Name is Lilleshall - Outdoor and the Password is also Peartree18.

Unfortunately, mobile phones (unless you install a special app) are unable to detect the strongest Wi-Fi signal and switch accordingly unless the signal drops out completely. This means that if you connect to the outside network and then move into the bar area, there could still be a signal albeit much slower, and the same applies if you connect to the bar network and then move outside. The impact of this means that members need to connect to the relevant network to get the fastest signal. This is annoying but unavoidable.

## 2023 Golfing highlights

**Katelyn Wilkie**, one of our Juniors has enjoyed an exceptional year at both LHGC and in County events.

- Katelyn won the Shropshire Girls Championship Shield.
- She also won the County qualifier of the Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Championship and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the English Girls County Champion of Champions, Inter County competition held at Holme Hall GC, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire on 16th – 18th June.
- Katelyn broke the Red course record at LHGC whilst winning the Presidents Platter Junior Major on June 6<sup>th</sup> with a round Of 70 Gross, 66 Net.



Many congratulations to Katelyn who has played county matches for Shropshire Ladies throughout the year and currently plays off a WHS handicap of -1.4.

## LHGC Ladies Handicap Team

Congratulations go to the LHGC Bluebells team who won the County Handicap league beating Bridgnorth in the finals in early October.

This competition has been running since 1971 and this is only the second time Lilleshall Ladies have won it, what a great achievement. Team members were:

- Jo Cole, Bernadette Micklewright, Katelyn Wilkie, Chris Fletcher, Alice Drewnicki, Ronnie Simpson, June Symcox, Vicky Northern & Liz Johnson



## Competition results

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2023 club golf competitions. The results so far can be found via the following links: -

Men's competitions: - [Gents Results - Lilleshall Hall Golf Club \(lhgolfclub.co.uk\)](https://lhgolfclub.co.uk)

Ladies & Mixed competitions: - [Ladies Results - Lilleshall Hall Golf Club \(lhgolfclub.co.uk\)](https://lhgolfclub.co.uk)

Juniors' competitions: - [Juniors Results - Lilleshall Hall Golf Club \(lhgolfclub.co.uk\)](https://lhgolfclub.co.uk)

The prize giving will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the dining room. Details will follow via email.

## Ryder Cup

It was good to see the Ryder Cup competition back on the calendar in 2023 especially with such a good turn out despite the weather conditions on the Saturday. 2024 should see the 4 Nations Competition back on the calendar so keep a look out on the diary for this bi-annual event.

## 2023 Holes in one

- [Colin Parr](#) on the 16th Lilleshall Hall Golf Club on [27/05/23](#)
- [Jonathan Sisson](#) on the 16th Lilleshall Hall Golf Club on [20/05/23](#)

We wish everyone at the club much joy throughout the festive season with a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, full of golf & sunshine.