**July 2024** 



Huge congratulations to Oli, the beverage & catering manager, and all members of his team following an impromptu inspection by the Shropshire Council Environmental Health officer. The resulting report gave the club a 5-star rating (very Good) which demonstrates the staff effectiveness in all areas of the Kitchen, the Bar and the cellar, which are all included in the inspection. Oli is now targeting greater heights by engaging all his staff on Allergen training.

Members, friends and casual visitors are all welcome to come and use the clubhouse for Sunday lunch, celebrations, private hire or casual drinks & meals during the week. For details Contact Oli on 01952 604776 ext. 6 or visit the web site at Fairways Restaurant -

## Golf

#### **British Mixed Golf championships**

For the second year running the club has entered a team in the British Mixed Golf championships and so far, the team has enjoyed considerable success, winning their first 3 rounds and are now through to the Area semi-final to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Lilleshall against Portal Golf Club from Cheshire. Andy and Bernadette Micklewright (not in the image) are also key members of the team. We wish them the best of luck for the next round.





#### Race to Woodhall Spa.

Jo Cole qualified as the club lady's representative to play in the "Race to Woodhall Spa" competition. She played in the area final at Broadway and came second with a score of 38 points, a significant achievement. Jo now goes forward to the national final at Woodhall Spa in the middle of August and we all wish her the very best of luck.

### Club Major competitions to date.

The full results of each competition can be viewed by clicking relevant the link below.

Pelham Cup winner is Alan Rowley with a score of 69 Net. Pelham Cup (intelligentgolf.co.uk)

Hamer Cup winner is Martin Dunn with a score of 67 Net, Hamer Cup (intelligentgolf.co.uk)

Williams cup winner is Matt Ross with a score of 68 Net. Williams Cup (intelligentgolf.co.uk)

The Millennium Salver winner is Melvyn Cartwright with a score of 68Net. Williams Cup (intelligentgolf.co.uk)

The Trevour Abbot trophy winner is Elsa Thomas with a score of 73 Net. Trevor Abbott Trophy

Captains medal winner Brian Ferriday with a score of 66 Net. <u>Captain's Medal (intelligentgolf.co.uk)</u>

The Club Champion 2024 is Paul Shirt with rounds of 79 + 73 = 152. <u>Club Championship/Blackburn Cup</u>

The Blackburn Cup winner is John Sisson with rounds of NET 63 + 68 = 131. <u>Club Championship/B Cup</u>

The Seniors vase winner is Terry Beech with rounds of 81+84 = 165. <u>Club Championship/Senior's vase</u>

The AGB Cup was won by Andrew Power with 43 points. A G B Smith Cup (intelligentgolf.co.uk)

## Captains weekend

Now that the dust is settled, I have had the opportunity to reflect upon the privilege it was to participate in and host this year's Captain's Weekend at the Golf Club. I'm very fortunate to experience this honour and was delighted with how the whole event came together. The weather was kind throughout the weekend but the most important aspect to me was to meet and greet our wonderful members and to share their enthusiasm for the game of golf and our magnificent golf course.

Yes, it is a long weekend for all involved, commencing on Friday evening with the ritual of setting the pin positions, knowing that there will be some inevitable criticism and banter about my choices. It is then a great experience to welcome players on the first tee with the offer of a tot of whisky or port, as they set off enthusiastic for the competition, but it was lovely to meet and greet players in all the various competitions throughout the weekend and to serve drinks and cakes in the halfway house supported by my lovely wife and willing volunteers.

I enjoyed the drama of the playoffs. I was grateful to Nick ('Snax') Collins for stepping up as M.C., even though he had qualified to play himself and had to combine this with his announcing duties. To those who qualified on the Sunday and the winners of all the various competitions, congratulations once again. In the playoffs, it's all about keeping your nerve under scrutiny and trying to play your best golf, whatever your handicap, but I am sure the 12 players never forget this special experience.

The presentations and subsequent celebration meal in the clubhouse on Sunday evening were made doubly memorable by England's dramatic victory in the Euros, even with the slight delay this caused. As the weekend drew to a close, I was overwhelmed and delighted with how well everything had gone. I hope that we managed to provide a good blend of following tradition alongside including as many members as possible in the celebrations. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Vicecaptain, Dean Pratley and Lady Captain, Mary Harper and all those volunteers and employees of the Golf Club who contributed.

There is an underlying serious purpose to our fund raising for Severn Hospice, our chosen joint charity, and we used the theme of sunflowers throughout the weekend to show solidarity with the Hospice movement and to encourage donations. I do not underestimate your generosity and support and thank you all for providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Finally, don't forget that the Golden Ticket Raffle to win a week at an apartment in Spain is still running until July 28th. Tickets are available on the bar, and it will be drawn at the President's Putter event....it could be you!

#### **Results below**



Erica Tozer & Garth Tozer were the winners of the mixed greensomes with 63 points.

Jack Jones & Jonathan Sisson were the winners of the Men's foursomes with 65 points.

**Stephen Caplan** is the winner of the Captains Men's medal with 63 Net.

Rob Hall is the winner of the Captains Seniors medal (Green tee) with 68 Net

**Daniel Cadman** is the winner of the Captains Junior medal with 76 Net.

All the presentation images can be viewed by scrolling the LHGC Facebook page. Facebook

#### **Hole in One**

Congratulations to Carole Keane who achieved a hole in one on the 16<sup>th</sup> at LHGC on7th July 2024.

#### **Newport Show**



Following discussions about increasing membership, encouraging more use of the bar & restaurant by members and visitors, including private hire for celebrations and funerals etc. Lady Captain Mary suggested that we take a Stand at the Newport show for the first time. Mary took the lead on the project and, with the help of her husband John, formed a small group of volunteers to finalise the arrangements. It became an opportunity to promote all aspects of the club for both members and visitors. The stand was set up on Friday evening in an ideal spot opposite the main arena with a good flow through of footfall on the day. Mary and John manned the stand all day from 7am and spoke to many people, some who were either already

members at Lilleshall, Shifnal or Market Drayton. They handed out lots of leaflets and talked about Lilleshall as a place for Sunday lunch, breakfast meetings, lunch etc. Mary collected the details of 13 genuinely interested people with a promise they would be contacted to arrange a visit to the club to suit their availability. Many thanks to Mary and John and all those who helped make this a successful and worthwhile venture.

## **Junior Vice Captain**



Josh Fenner, our junior Vice Captain has been away helping the Lionesses to qualify for next year's Euros. England secured UEFA Women's EURO 2025 qualification with a battling point following a goalless draw against Sweden in Gothenburg. The very tall Josh is easy to pick out on the right.

# Family fun at your golf club - Sunday 18th August all welcome Golfer, None-Golfer competition, sign in on IG NOW. £5 per Golfer only







The golfer tees off

Plays onto the green The None-golfer putts out

4pm Shotgun start on the front 9 holes

specials board available in the clubhouse afterwards

## **Members Digital handbook**

The club rules have been added to the members digital handbook which can be viewed vis this link. <u>Digital handbook LHGC master v2 (2).docx (live.com)</u>



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