

# Richmond Park Golf Club

## NEWS FROM THE PARK



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This newsletter seeks to keep members informed of club news and up-coming events. Any items for inclusion in future issues, please advise Jon Cooper or Richard Owen.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Winter rules finish as from now – so no ‘pick and place’ on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> onwards until further notice. Who will be the first person this year to forget and get penalty shots??
2. The onset of good weather sees more members turning up to play and this puts pressure on us to accommodate all the players. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU BOOK YOUR GAMES ON THE SHEETS IN ADVANCE.** If you wish to bring a guest you **MUST** pre-book and you will have to play at the back with the guest. If a member turns up ‘on spec’ for a game we will try to get you out, but you will be put at the back and we cannot guarantee you will get a game. It will also help if you let us know if you have put your name down but now cannot play. Please ring Paul Grand ASAP if this is the case.

### NEWS

- Subscriptions are coming in quickly, but if you haven’t paid yours yet please contact Dave Williams who will be pleased to accept cash, cheques and Oyster Cards.... If you haven’t paid your subs, you are not eligible to enter club competitions.
- Our first team event of the year has come and gone, the Hawtree team having lost 3 matches to 2 to Batchwood Hall. Thank you to everyone who turned out and I think we have a lot of promising talent for the future.
- The Glendale Bar continues to disappoint. We are writing to the management to point out the shortcomings and recommend some basic items we would like to see stocked. In the meantime we will not be selling drinks but totally understand members needs to bring their own refreshments until the management provides suitable alternatives.
- The committee is reviewing this years Dinner and Dance and preparing to plan for 2008. To assist in this we attach a brief questionnaire and would really like your input to help in our deliberations. Please complete the form and give it to Jon Cooper at the club or email it to him to the address provided on the form. Anyone who wishes to help in the planning for next year’s social events should make themselves known to the committee.
- There will be three starters working each Sunday from now on – one committee member from the start to game 7, a lady starter, and another male committee member for the games after the ladies. Please be as helpful as possible to them as they try to get you all out on time.
- **NEW MEMBERS.** We will always lose a few members each year from natural wastage and we like to find a few new ones to keep the numbers constant. I would ask all members to think about their friends and see if there is anyone who would enjoy playing with us at the club. Leaflets are available in the clubhouse or in the dispenser just outside the door. Don’t put this off – think now and do

something about it! The best source of Club info for prospective members is the question and answer piece found in the 'join up' section of the club's website.

- A reminder – order your club clothing now for those coming friendly team matches etc. Brochure and forms in the cabin. It's worth 2 shots a round – honest!
- As many of you know, from Peter Harrington's email, Adrian Wilder died recently after a long period of illness. Adrian was an excellent ambassador for the Club and someone who was an instant friend of everyone. Jon Cooper attended the funeral on behalf of the Club. There were many friends and colleagues from his work, sporting activities (football and golf) and charitable associations, as well as his family. It was Adrian's wish that his ashes should be spread at Richmond Park.

### **UP-COMING FIXTURES AND EVENTS**

- The course looks in good condition (but not easy with the growing, lush rough I am told by those who have been in it...). We have the first round of the mixed knock outs out of the way, and the men's KO qualifier has also taken place. Please arrange your matches as early as possible as the ladies have added a pairs KO this year and we always find we have some games running late and holding things up.
- 21st April; Saturday is the Spring Mixed Foursomes. If your name is down make sure you turn up and do not let your partner down. Tee off is at 11.05 so be there before that. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.
- 22nd April: Sunday sees the first NAPGC qualifier in the Coronation Cup, also an event that counts towards the Top Dog Trophy.
- 29th April: Sunday sees the Platinum Jubilee on the Dukes Course. This is the first of four events for the Anniversary Trophy.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Wednesday) is the **Away Day** at Dummer golf course, near Basingstoke (see flier at end of Newsletter). If you haven't booked but would like to play, ring Dave Williams **NOW** – he might be able to squeeze you in 020 8873 6263 or 07775 863793. It promises to be a great day out.
- 6th May: The Clapham Common match against Wexham Park for the men's team and the Ruskie Hall Open for those men not in the team and for all the ladies.
- 13th: Sunday Monthly Medal (Grand Medal round 3)
- 20th May: Sunday Shaw Cup and the second NAPGC Qualifier.
- 26th May: Saturday Ladies Invitation. **LADIES, INVITE YOUR PREFERRED GOLFING PARTNER NOW - WHILE STOCKS LAST!** Tee off time to be advised.
- 27th May: Sunday Diamond Jubilee Cup. This is the second of the four events for the Anniversary Trophy.

# Dinner Dance Questionnaire

We have a dinner-dance and prize-giving evening because there is no clubhouse at the Park, we do not have our own facilities, and it is the only opportunity that we presently have to give due *regard* to the presentation of the trophies and awards to the Club's event winners. The dinner-dance is traditionally held at the end of January. The reasons for this are (i) that the presentation of the prizes cannot occur until the end of the main playing season at end October and (ii) the administration of the trophies makes it awkward to hold a dinner-dance prior to December and many years ago the Club moved the dinner-dance to January in order not to clash with Christmas festivities.

We have been doing pretty much the same things for a while now and wish to ensure that what we organise is what the members want. To help us, please complete this questionnaire. If you are totally happy with the event, just say so and do not go any further. If you haven't been yet, tell us what you would like. We do not promise to keep everyone happy, but we need to know what the majority of you are looking for.

1. Did you go to this year's RPGC Dinner and Dance? Yes / No  
If not tell us why not.
  
2. Do you intend to go to the 2008 Dinner-dance which has been booked for Saturday 2nd February 2008?  
  
Yes / No If not, what will make you change your mind?
  
3. How would you rate this years Dinner dance on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being awful, 10 being fantastic).
  
4. What 2 things do you like best about the event? Why?
  
5. What 2 things do you like least about the event? Why?
  
6. What do you think of the current venue on a scale of 1 to 10?
7. What do you think about the catering on a scale of 1 to 10?
8. At £30 a ticket, how would you rate the evening as value for money on a scale of 1 to 10?
9. Please write any suggestions you have to improve the event, or thoughts on what we could do to ensure you wanted to come next year.

10. At the moment all the cups & trophies we play for are presented at the Dinner Dance. Do you think we should continue to present them at one annual event? Yes / No  
If no, at what sort of events / how would you like to see these presented?

Name (please print or type!!) \_\_\_\_\_

Give this form to Jon Cooper at the park or email it to:- [joncoops51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joncoops51@yahoo.co.uk)

**R. P. G. C. AWAYDAY AT DUMMER G.C.**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2007**

**(Dummer is near Basingstoke Jtn. 7 M3)**



Coffee & Bacon Roll (07.45)

9 Holes Stableford (08.30)

Sandwich Platter & Chips

18 Holes Stableford (12.00)

2 Course Dinner & Prize Giving

**ALL FOR ONLY £48.00**  
**(Incl. Sweep)**

**Numbers restricted to 40 so get your name down NOW**

**Dummer G.C. require full payment 14 days in advance**

**So cheques(RPGC) or/Cash to Dave Williams by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**020 8873 6263 or 07775 863793**