

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

Last week we had Winter Rules because we were participating in the Centurion Open and they elected to have Winter Rules. It is likely that we will be playing Winter Rules ("pick-and-place) for the next 5 months, but check the sheet over the next 2/3 weeks to see if we have Winter Rules yet or not. Remember the rule is lift and place within 6 inches no nearer the hole, BUT ONLY IF your ball is on closely mown grass.

2. CHANGES TO BOOKING TIMES

The onset of winter means shorter daylight hours and hence the need to make sure everything runs smoothly and we do not have any slow play – otherwise the later starters will just not complete their rounds. Notice that the ladies games now start at game 5. Please also ensure that you are in the Portacabin 30 minutes before the start time of your game to make life easy for the starters. If you have not put your name down to play – or if you have and cannot play – email Paul Grand ASAP to let him know (or call him on 0208 876 4945).

3. 2008 COMMITTEE

Nominations for the committee. We are fast approaching the year end and the AGM will be held on the 30th January 2008. At this time we will be electing the new committee. There will be a form on the notice board asking for nominations. If you fancy helping out on the committee – or want to nominate someone else, please put the name on the form now. (Interested, but not sure, please speak to a current committee member).

4. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS & DINNER DANCE

We are also coming up to the time for the Annual Awards Dinner and Dance. Details will be posted on the board soon, but this is the one big social event of the year and a great time is had by all. It is a chance to pick up your cup(s), talk to other members and have a nice meal and a bit of a bop! Guests are very welcome (and always enjoy the event), and tickets will be going on sale soon.

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- Club team matches are over for the year. The men lost the return leg to Rickmansworth away – so Tricky Ricky has control of the trophy until Richard Owen's team win it back for us next year.
- The ladies had an inaugural friendly match with Amida GC at the Park and won it convincingly, the event being somewhat spoiled when Jayne Maxwell put her foot down a hidden rabbit hole on the 18th and broke her leg. Probably the first time Jane has been off the fairway this year, so doubly unlucky. She is probably not looking forward to the return leg at Amida in the Spring.....!!

- At the end of September the Autumn Ladies Weekend Away was held at Ufford Park in Suffolk. As always this was a splendid occasion, the weather being mostly very kind, the course challenging and the company enjoyable. The event was marked by being the first competition for the Gill Hibbs Memorial Trophy, donated by Maureen Slade and Sonia Innis. Gill was a keen supporter of the weekends away and has been much missed this year. The magnificent crystal trophy seemed just right for such a bright and bubbly character and the worthy winner of the trophy this year was Anne Koychev.
- A new membership banner is now attached to the portacabin, thanks to Gurpal, and we hope this will encourage a few more new members. If you have any friends who are interested in playing with us, bring them down! We will always expect to lose a member or two over the year and need to replace them with new members – and welcome to all the new members we have gained this summer. They have already become integrated with the club and we need more like them.
- Much else has happened over the year, but the results for all the other competitions are on the notice board and the website. One noticeable thing to mention about this year is that the Knock Out competitions continue to be difficult to finish before the end of the Summer. For 2008 I would ask everyone to try to complete all matches on time or be prepared to be ‘walked over’ – delays early in the competition mean problems for other players later on, and it is not fair to expect the finalists to play off Winter mats and on temporary greens.

UP-COMING FIXTURES AND EVENTS

Fixtures for the winter have now been finalised, so look at the boards to plan your winter golf. We have tried to have more ‘free for all’ games in the Winter, where we can mix up men and ladies in the same games and give us all a greater chance to meet other members. (This is aided by pretty much sharing the same tee off mats in the Winter).

- November 4th is a monthly medal for the men, and Ladies November Team Event.
- November 11th round one of the men’s Winter Competition and the Ladies Eclectic on Dukes course.
- November 18th round 2 of the men’s Winter Comp and round 1 of the Ladies Eclectic on Princes course.
- Sunday 25th of November sees the first use of the C word – the Christmas Chase competition, which will be a ‘free-for-all event’.
- 2nd December Men’s Monthly Medal and Ladies December Team Event.
- December 9th the Christmas Hamper, a ‘free-for-all event’.
- December 16th Men’s Winter Comp Round 3 and Ladies Eclectic Round 2 on Princes
- December 23rd an American Greensomes pairs event where partners can be mixed if so wished.

Other key dates for your diary are:-

- January 30th (Wednesday), Annual General Meeting, All Saints Church Hall, East Sheen.
- February 2nd (Saturday), Annual Dinner & Dance and Trophy Awards, Winning Post, Twickenham