



Club News

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Another playing season is almost with us and hopefully we can look forward to some fine Summer weather to accompany our golf. Our Captains Les, Pat, Dave and Andy are bracing themselves for a busy year of competitions and matches and I know we all wish them a successful and enjoyable year. Similarly we extend our good wishes to the newly elected Presidents George and June and thank the outgoing ones Colin and Jean, for their sterling contributions to the Club during their time in office.....



Les Headley
Club Captain



Pat Lupton
Lady Captain



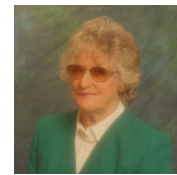
Dave Ridler
Senior Captain



Andy Hare
Junior Captain



George Herbert
Club President



June Shepherd
Lady President

We have just been through a lengthy period of torrid time and I would like to thank all of you for your support. The situation this time last year was not at all good with our greens showing little sign of recovery, the weather constantly affecting playing conditions and talk of our course being required to reduce to nine holes. Well the greens have recovered and many members are now commenting how good they are. Our new operating licence is signed for a ten year period which is the same as the other 18 hole forest course at Bramshaw and

**"OPERATING
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there is no mention of a course size reduction. The Forestry Commission continue to explore possibilities for extending the licences of 18 hole golf courses to 25 years and we, through John




Ledger, continue in their support; a key factor for us of course is that we continue to operate without adverse criticism being received. This will mean among other things, on occasions we have to tolerate dog walkers crossing in front of us when we want to play golf!


Although we have experienced difficult times we have continued to forge ahead and in particular have had our patio re-laid, a new shelter constructed and thanks to the Men's Section their changing rooms have been refurbished. A number of members have helped with time and donations and we are all most grateful for this.



On the Subject of Help we do try to run the club as economically as we can and we do need to rely on the help we get from members; if you can help in any way please do let it be known – we are always looking for volunteers! The Council has decided after sounding out the views of members, that the next project  to embark on is the installation of a **gas fired central heating system** in the clubhouse. We have therefore, started a '**Heating Fund**' to which Bonus Ball and Hundred Club money currently on hand to the extent of **£1,000** will be allocated. Hopefully we can add to the fund as we arrange events through the season.

The situation we have been through has affected **cash flow** and now we have a course to sell we need to **..... "PUSH AHEAD"** push ahead and increase membership **"WE NEED MEMBERS IN ALL SECTIONS"** and green fee payers. The Marketing & Sales team of Ivor, Kevin and Godfrey have come up with a number of schemes and ideas and we all need to give our full support to these. **We need members in all sections!**

Over the **next few weeks** we will work more on the greens and as growth starts hopefully eradicate some of the scabby  areas that remain after re-seeding.

Longer term we will have a  ground plan agreed which is contained in the recommendations of an **ecology report** that is being prepared; this needs the formal agreement of all interested parties which will inevitably take some time! Pending this agreement

we will continue with normal maintenance type work. **In the Office.....** Jan is moving on and we all thank her for her time with us and wish her and Ian well with their new venture in Scotland. **Derek Hurlstone** and **Graham Lloyd** are taking over the duties of Secretary / Manager on a joint basis. **John Ledger** has been appointed as a Director (the others are myself, George Herbert and Peter Washbourn) and will continue to oversee club operations, in particular retain links with Forestry Commission and other parties we negotiated with to obtain our licence renewal.



On behalf of us all we need to say a big '**THANKS**' to **Ivor and Lesley Griffiths** for their efforts with our truly magnificent website. It was most heartening

Please carry on giving your **feedback** to **Dave Lawrence, your Members' Rep.**, or any of the Club Officials; only with **your feedback** can we continue to improve our great club.



that Brian Prudden, a past Club Captain (1974), currently living in Australia, contacted me to say our website is the

This year we are again holding a Pro Am Tournament and with a full programme of Competitions, Matches and Social Events, look forward to a **fantastic time** in the Forest.

best he's seen!!! Rumour has it that a trip is being planned by Ivor and Lesley down under to say 'thanks' to Brian.

Thank you all and Best Wishes Paul Hanvey, Chairman