



Rossendale Golf Club

Newsletter October 2018



200 Club Winner
Jim Boag
Is this month's
winner!!!

Is it time for change?

The bore hole continued.....

What are we waiting for?.....

Members of Council and Jason visited Clitheroe to take the measure of a borehole. Clitheroe Greens' staff couldn't believe we didn't have one. Council has got 3 quotes and the members' survey has gone out. Anecdotally, the survey returns suggest an overwhelming support for the borehole.



All that remains is for those of you who support the borehole and have not donated to do so - **£25 PLEASE!** If Council can raise enough money for filtration to run the water into the club house it could save in excess of £300 a month on the water bill.

"Too much time wasted"

How many times have you heard "I won't sit on Council". "I used to be on Council but it's a waste of time". "I come here to play golf, not to sit on a committee!" All valid statements. We are fast running short of volunteers for this fairly thankless role.



Council does spend some time being reactive to various issues, that with the constant changing of officers means there is little strategic or business planning. Is it time for change?

New recruitment drive

The latest recruitment drive is to attract new members to our club. We are in a highly competitive market, competing with introductory offers from some clubs which are as little as £50. Our current offer to attract members is to pay now and then nothing more until 2020. After all, the offer to give members £50 for introducing new members hasn't worked and the club needs new members.



Management Rumours

On this year and previous years' surveys, members have referred to a need for change - for less "knee jerk reaction" or "more professional management". Chatting with various members, it would seem that rumours are already flying around.



Well, there is a proposal to change the structure which Council would like to share with members and to hear their views.

The proposed structure would see the separation between the business management of the club (Rossendale Golf Club Ltd) and the game of golf, which is why members come to the course. It would mean less time needed by volunteers and, hopefully, improved communication with members.

Simply, the business requirements would be managed by an **Executive Committee** who would formulate and measure a strategic plan, a business plan, manage the staff and all things HR, all the legal stuff, pay the bills etc.

The **golf part** would have **3 committees** – **Golf, Greens and House.**

The proposed committees would work to the strategic and business plan; they would have responsibility for ensuring that all members get full benefit of the course, the competitions, handicaps and so forth. **House** would also ensure the water is running, the windows don't leak etc. and that food, beverages and events are within budget and taste!

Forums will be arranged during November; a power point will be displayed on the TV in the lounge and an edited version of that PowerPoint sent to all members to canvas views on the structure and to welcome any new and good ideas to improve on the proposed structure.

Note from the Editor



This newsletter and the survey are designed by Debbie Nash and both take some time to compile and check. Yes, they are checked! They are written for simplicity and ease of reading and not as a version of The Times newspaper. She views comments such as "sloppy" and "appalling" as spiteful. No one is perfect!

Now! The good news: fantastic players at Rossendale

European PGA ref shows us the way!

Simon Edwards entertained his audience with first class examples of the current rules and the changes ahead. It was truly an inspirational and authoritative lecture on the rules



After a fascinating 2 hours, those present gained a real insight into professional play, the use of the rules and the how TV kids us into believing professionals only play superb golf – they too make mistakes, viewers just never see them. The players' new rules books are in the office, written in easy language and with simple graphics, they too make an interesting read. For further understanding of the rules, Simon recommended the USGA website and the video clips on that website.

Ladies' Presentation Evening

Great playing year for the ladies, but Jean Ashcroft wiped the floor as player of the year! The ladies' team won the prestigious BDGA Rotary Rose Bowl. The league teams did better than ever before and individuals have won various open competitions. What fantastic year for the ladies. Lovely evening it was too!



Men's Presentation Evening

What a refreshing and happy evening it was! Several individual and team successes dominate the field this year. All the winners are pictured below along with the successful BDGA League team. Well done guys, with you and the ladies winning the Rotary Rose Bowl it looks like Rossendale is truly a club to be reckoned with. Let's wipe the board next year with all the competitions!!!



Club winners above and BDGA team members below



Juniors got through to the National Final!

The Junior Team, qualified for the **TELEVISED England Home Nations inter-club national final** that was held at Cumberwell Golf Club (Bath) on Sunday 28th October. They defeated 4 other clubs by six shots to get through.

Unfortunately, they didn't get through the finals even though they played out of their skin. But, once again Rossendale Junior Team put Rossendale Golf Club on the national golfing map. **Brilliant play by the term.**

Mixed Winter League in full swing

The October competition was won by Andy McCourty and Sandra McGauley with 42 points. Next competition is November 25th. Why not sign up? The notice is on the board in the corridor.