



# Rossendale Golf Club

## Newsletter January 2019



### Happy New Year - The reality of 2019

#### Forum brings great results

Over a hundred members attended 4 forums, each one manageable and easy going. People were able to speak and be heard in a pleasant environment and amongst like-minded people.

Members clearly like the idea of being kept informed, "kept in the loop" and able to express their views or an opinion.

There is clear passion about the club and its business, and an obvious concern that any change is managed safely. There was an expressed view that other than HR or Criminal Investigation issues, nothing else should be confidential from members.

Communication between Council and members could be improved – said forum attendees and survey responders – email, the newsletter and possibly forums seem to be the favoured methods to do this.



Forums will remain an on-going feature of the current Council.

#### 2 EGMs on the cards for 2019

In the true vein of transparency, members will be given the details of the club's financial position and asked to vote on a subscription fee increase. As expressed in a previous newsletter, the club costs more to run than the funds it raises. The club has ended the 2018 year making a financial loss.

A business cannot fund itself by continually selling off its assets. At some time, revenue streams have to be improved to support its structure and systems. Current revenue streams are:

Membership Subscriptions

Competition fees

Green/Society Fees

The Bar/Lounge events s- public and members

Land rental – mast

Fund raising events – such as those organised by the Ladies' Section and the Summer Event for example.

This year the Members' Social Events have made a profit – not massive but at least a profit.

Attendance at events does support the club to keep the greens green and the fairways flowing!

Advertising on the PSI Screen has been a slow business to start and the coffee machine is not used enough to bring in a profit and currently runs at a small loss. Please recommend businesses to advertise with us and encourage yourselves to use the coffee machine in the lounge!

It's a dilemma isn't it? This makes it all the more important the need to have a change in structure that works to a visible and well devised strategic plan and business plan.

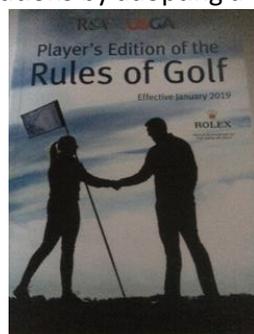
An email will be sent to members giving more details.

The EGM to make changes to the Articles of Association and Council will be held sometime in May. There will be more detailed information about the proposed model and the policies behind it during the coming months.

#### New rules Rule!!!!

Just to remind all players that the new rules took effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>. Committees are busy clarifying the local rules such as drop zones and out of bounds. Competitions' Secretaries do not want to jeopardise handicaps or competitions by adopting a rule that could affect either.

An email and/or a notice confirming local rules will be circulated before the new season begins. Copies of the new rules are available in the office



We are good at what we do. Be proud to be a member

## Bore Hole



A contractor has been approached to do the work should the funding be fully achieved. This being the case the work to drill could begin later in the month or early February.

The benefits it will bring to the course should be realised in better grass growth, less risk of scorching or dried greens and a reduction in United Utilities water bills if the club gets enough funding to run the water into the clubhouse.

When the work starts there may be some disruption to the upper car park – the bore hole will be located close to the Greens' huts.

## Other Greens' News

The practice putting green is very wet and the closure of it is to protect, treat and improve its condition. The Greens' team have vertidraind it and in a couple of weeks it will be hollowtined. Hopefully, this will be back in use before the season begins.

The rest of the course continues to be managed to ensure we have great fairways for 2019.

A tractor was stolen from the site during December; fortunately our insurance cover provides new for old so, hopefully, it will be replaced with a new one. The club is also leasing a new Greens' Mower, the older machines will be used on other parts of the course.

## Social Events

Look out for the 2019 events - your club needs you! AND..... you will be surprised at how much enjoyment you will get from going to a function.

Ladies' Lunch 22<sup>nd</sup> January 12.00 for 12.30

**Members' wives, daughters, girlfriends or friends – why not let them know what the golf club is like; the Ladies' are welcoming to all visitors, so they won't feel alone.**

You may just have time to squeeze your name on the list.

**£21** for a 2-course meal and an entertaining speaker – Betsy the Scullery Maid – who comes highly recommended.

Also coming soon!!!!

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Opening Day Social**

**15<sup>th</sup> March Miss Sugar is on her way** – this event is always a hot seller, so look out for further information!

## Mixed League – change of date

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The winter Mixed league has been blessed with better weather than previous years and is a thriving hub of joy! (and no, not tears!)

**The date for the next competition is Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** it is both a social and competitive event. Great fun and strategically challenging. Why not give it a try? If you haven't got a partner let us know and will find you one.



## Children' Christmas Party – another success!

Santa and his helpers provided another brilliant party time for the children last year It was a massive sell out!!! One of the organisers said:

“42 children were on the list, the most we've had for quite some time. Thanks are due To Santa & the Elf, those who brought and wrapped all the presents. Susan Bann & Agnes King who organised the games along with others. Big thanks to Michael Bann who decorated the buggy and rigged up the outside lighting to ensure Santa's safe arrival. The raffle made £170, thanks to kind donation of prizes. The food was plentiful and everyone seemed to have a good time”

Let's make 2019 the Year we enjoy being part of something great!