



# Rossendale Golf Club

## Newsletter April 2019

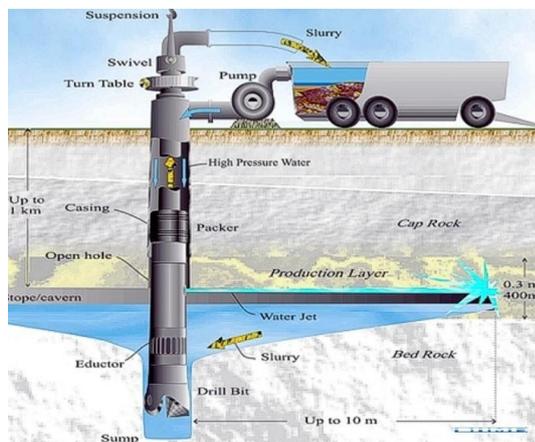


### The News

#### Bore Hole Saga

Council has written to the contractor requesting, at this stage, a refund of the monies paid to him to drill a borehole. Council is prepared to take more formal action should this initial request be ignored.

In the light of that and the current dry spell, Council has met with another borehole contractor to discuss options. Also, Golf Management Group has recommended a Consultant to look at the feasibility of finding water. The Geological Survey shows 11 boreholes in relative proximity to the clubhouse and we also have a fresh water stream on our land. Choices may present themselves.



An email will be winging its way to members soon; the new issue is bore hole versus reservoir using the stream at the 13<sup>th</sup>. Council will keep members informed.

#### Governance Update

Council have worked hard for 2 years on a proposed structure for taking the business and the game of golf forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Given all the recent rule changes and the next year's slope handicap model it is time for change. There will be an EGM called for June 13<sup>th</sup> and all papers will be sent with that notification.

#### Finance

Council is pleased to report that resignations from the club were far fewer than expected; 42 adults and 6 Juniors. Only 2 or 3 stated it was due to the increase in Subs. To date, 19 new members have joined the club which helped reduce the deficit in membership.

The budget prediction for this season is promising if all departments stay within budget.

Work is being done to reduce the utilities bills – currently £2000 per month for Electricity and £600 for Gas. A consultant from Golf Management Group (free consultant) is advising on energy suppliers, reduction of use and potential for swapping to LED lighting.

The kitchen needs to be updated, some of the equipment is over 20 years old and beyond its sell by date.

The lounge is tired and will have new blinds – funded by the Ladies' Section - and a lick of paint.

The putting green will be repaired and drainage put in shortly.

There is an urgency to replace the Greenkeepers' Facilities which is currently unfit under Employment Regulations and Health and Safety.

The finance for those expenses will be within current budget.

#### Complaint's Policy



Council have written a Complaints Policy for Members should they find themselves in disagreement with someone or something. It can be found on the website under Governance where Members will see other policies relating to membership and the club.

## More News

### Winter Mixed League Final

Due to great weather throughout the season, the winter mixed league was a huge success! Over 20 pairs played and the result was fairly close but won outright by David and Elaine Eaves, pictured below.



In men's second place was Andy McCourty in Ladies' second place was Sandra Dunsmuir and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Bryan Knowles, Ian Dunsmuir and Sandra McGauley. If you haven't tried Mixed Golf, then you miss out. It's a real and interesting challenge to your game.

There may still time for the Mixed Irwin – if you haven't got a partner you'll be found one!

### History repeats itself – believe in coincidence!

President's Competition 2018 was won by Anthony Wright, and when he checked the board he was astonished to find that to the very day in 1968, 50 years previous, his Grandfather Dougie. R. Bull had won the very same competition on the exact date. Coincidence or was it meant to be?

Pictured below is Anthony with his grandfather. A proud moment for both.



### Easter Spring Fayre a GREAT success £550 raised on the day!!

Well done to the Ladies' Committee, Sandra Dunsmuir and Mr Captain's wife, Melanie, for trying out a new idea and seeing it through to its amazing conclusion. The day raised £550 for the club. It is these events that bring funds to the Club so please support the socials and other events.



### Next event

### 11<sup>th</sup> May – Hypnotic Evening - £10

An evening of comedy and the unknown

If you missed the last hypnotist, don't miss this one; these hypnotists are very, very funny – and NO he doesn't make his victims give away state secrets. But they do think they are Father Christmas or in a strange situation.

At **only £10 including food**, it will be a fun and cheap night out! And remember the bar discount is now 20%. What is there to lose???