



Rossendale Golf Club Newsletter May 2019



Water, Water everywhere and not a drop to spare!

Bore Hole latest development

As reported last month, Council has written to the contractor requesting a refund of the monies paid to him. The contractor did not reply to the letter. Council have sent the letter again but with stronger terms of reference.

The contractor was a company put forward to Council by Marshalls for whom he had drilled holes deep enough for them to place pumps, some at 200 feet. It was the cheapest option and he offered the same delivery as other contractors in that he would drill until he found water. At the time it appeared to be the best option.

It soon became apparent that the contractor could not drill deep enough and had not done the geological survey necessary to determine where the water would be found. He did not line the hole as he drilled and when questioned about this said he didn't need line it. The contractor then suggested there was no water to be found at that site and suggested another site by the barn. The same performance was repeated and as members now know, water was not found there either.

The weather is unpredictable and the course has experienced another dry spell which means the ponds will be used to water the greens.



New wild life on the 17th pond

This poses several issues i) is that standing water is not good for the greens ii) we have an environmental responsibility for the large amount of wild life that habitat on the course and iii) it's not a pleasant task for Pat and his crew. Thankful as we are to Pat, that approach is not sustainable.

An alternative water source – a reservoir

It's clear that the club need a source of cheap natural water to keep the course maintained. Many members may smile at history nearly repeating itself. Council have received advice that suggests the use of the natural water that flows on the course

Yes, it's the 13th/14thhole. The proposal is to create a reservoir of water in the gully below the 13th green using the bridge as the dam, ensuring the water remained lower than the land on the other side of the bridge and creating a constant flow of water through the existing pipework which would ensure the water did not become stagnant.



A storage tank will be used to save the water as it overflows.



An email has been sent to those members who donated towards the cost of the borehole.

The Club has a licence to extract water from the spring and Health & Safety will also be applied – signs will be placed near pathways to instruct walkers to remain on the paths and another advising of deep water.

Club News - Rossendale produces some great golfers

Four Ball offer to members



Council is offering members **a free**, yes FREE, 4 Ball voucher which will entitle a member and 3 guests to play the course.

To receive a voucher, pop into the office and collect it.

There is only 1 voucher per member per year – but this maybe reviewed.

Governance Update – EGM 13TH JUNE

At the EGM Members will have the opportunity to vote for or against the change to the structure of Council.

The proposal is to replace Council with a smaller Executive Board supported by 3 'mini' Councils – Operational Committees - to manage the course, competitions etc and house & social events and issues.

This is the chance to modernise the structure to take RGC into the 21st Century, please make every effort to attend.



Juniors are rocking it!!!

Two fabulous achievements!

Harry Lord (17) and Thomas Davies (14) have produced some of the finest golf the club has seen in some while.

Harry has been selected for the England Boys' Team to play in the Irish Boys' Open taking place at the New Forest Golf Club in Ireland from 25th to 28th June. Harry has recently got his handicap down to plus 1 due to a magnificent 7th place finish in the 2019 Scottish Boys' Championships and top 20 finishes in both the McEvoy and Fairhaven Trophies. No wonder he's won a scholarship at The University of Louisiana in Monroe

Thomas, playing for the first time in Rossendale Golf Club men's championships not only qualified for the finals (only 8 qualify) but also in the second round (36 hole qualifier) **had a hole in one** at the 202 yard par 3 fifth hole. A fantastic achievement for one so young who is playing off a handicap of 7! Well done to the boys and to the Junior Section.

This Month

June 21st Ladies' Ascot Day is now full. This is a wow event and the ladies will have a fantastic event.

June 29th Summer Event – is a must for all members. A fun filled day with big prizes and amazing smiles. Yes, it's a fund raiser but one in which all the funds go to the club. A flier will wing its way to members shortly.

Advance Notice

Captain's Company Day July 19th – better get in their quick, men, the day is filling up.

Meanwhile – team news, the adults aren't doing too badly either

The men's team are competing for the league again and registered an impressive 7-1 win at home to Walmersley and should be near the top of their league.

The Ladies' sections are also doing well with the Handicap Team also near the top of the league and through to the next round of the Bell Cup.

The mixed team beat Darwen in a tight round the of the Archie Preston – it literally went down to the last putt of the match which was brilliantly putted by Lindsay Smithies. The next round will be against High Legh. This is a first time for many years that Rossendale has got beyond the first round of Bell cup and the Archie Preston.

Players are reminded
not to practice on the
course and to repair
divot and pitch marks

