



Rossendale Golf Club

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The new structure begins

Let Garry lead the way

Garry Buckley, pictured below, could be the very first Chair of Rossendale Golf club Ltd.



Garry has been a member of the club for many years and was Captain in 2015. He has the club at the heart of his very being; why there's even a bridge named after him on the 13th.

With his substantial background in managing companies and a thriving business Garry is an ideal candidate to take the club forward. Throughout his years at RGC Garry has proven to be hard working, loyal and confident; his professional experience along with his skills and beliefs will enable him to take the club forward.



Members' Forum 8th August

Garry will be available on Thursday 8th August at 7.00 to meet members and give his vision going forward. This will be an interesting evening during which Garry will give a brief presentation offering his vision for the business. Following his presentation, members may then ask questions and seek clarification of any points Garry makes.

We're looking good

There is no doubt about it, the Clubhouse, the course and the halfway house are a great improvement for the Club. First impressions count and in the case of RGC these first impressions are working. The greens have recovered fully and whilst the pin position may sometimes be a challenge, they are in excellent condition. The fairways are neatly groomed – the rough has been cut down – and a joy to play. The halfway house has been landscaped and is now picturesque, there are now discussions to make better use of it during competitions and events. Finally, the lounge looks amazing with a fresh coat of paint and new blinds. Visitor feedback endorses that our course is gaining a reputation as the course to play. This year has seen a rise in visitor and society green fees, and an increase in event bookings for the lounge. The new governance structure will begin with a good start.

Lots of comments on how fresh and modern the lounge looks. The club is the place to be or to have a party, the evidence is there.

Going forward the club still grows

3D Flyover coming this way soon

Council have entered into a partnership with an organisation - WholeinOne - to assist with marketing on social media.

Over the coming months an App of the course will be designed; it will be interactive to the level that players can input which club was used at a specific point on the fairway for reference next time the ball lands on that spot. It will even show changes in pin position

A 3D flyover will be added to the website which also connects to the App.

The partnership includes wider electronic advertising of the club and its activities.

The club will benefit from a wider geographical and demographic spread for marketing all the services provided at Rossendale.

This is clearly a modern move for the club to take on board and one that should encourage younger members to play here or join the club.

Governance Update Head of Golf

Following the election of The Chair, the next role to fill is the Head of Golf. This role is rather like the Head of Greens.

Initially it was to be a paid post, but clearly that is currently beyond the finances of the club.

Head of Golf is another exciting post to take the game of golf forward at the club.

Essentially, this post will establish the committees to sit under the Operational Golf Committee and oversee the delivery of competitions, handicaps and local rules. It will work closely with the Head of Greens and Head of House to coordinate events and maximise membership and visitors to the course.

Details will be sent to members following the election of the Chair.

Ladies go to Media City



Another example of the innovative thinking from the Ladies' Committee was their trip to Media City. They were shown various parts of the studio including the BBC Breakfast lounge, which had some surprises for them. But you'll have to ask to find out. A great day was had by all, but none were signed up to be the latest News Reader.

President's Evening – packed to the brim!

A balmy sunny evening helped make an entertaining evening. President, Mr Brian Pickering enjoyed a party fit for a President. The food and entertainment added to make a perfect evening.

This social event was fully booked and had a waiting list.

