



Rossendale Golf Club

Newsletter December 2019



Happy New Year – 2020 begins a new era

Professional accepts Golf Manager role

The season is set to start well. Stephen Nicholls, the Professional, has accepted a voluntary role of Golf Manager and will sit on the Golf Committee. His role on the committee will be to bring continuity to the group to ensure consistency throughout the years as well as provide expertise on all things golf. This can only be good for Rossendale.

Martin will be leaving us in 2020

Yes! After 11+ years of working hard to deliver an excellent bar service and managing many differing private and members' functions, Martin has decided to call it a day and has taken the decision to retire in early 2020. Directors of the Club wish him well in his next venture. He will be a big loss to the club and difficult shoes to fill.

Role of Golf Operational Group

This is one of 3 operational groups. Operational Groups do the work to deliver against the strategic plan. The Golf committee membership will be led by the Director of Golf Business and its purpose will be to:

- 1) Make Rossendale Golf Club the number one choice for all
- 2) To deliver on the strategic plan and to create the platform upon which Rossendale keeps its welcoming ethos through playability and good golf deliverance
- 3) To increase and retain membership and to increase visitor footfall to the club



The Director of Golf Business will ensure the objectives are met and will oversee the business element of all golf operations and report to the Executive Board on progress made towards the strategic and business plan. With Stephen's help keeping the day to day operational aspect of the game going and contributing to the formulation of increasing playability and visitor retention, the Director of Golf will be able to focus on the business generation that the game can bring to the club.

The advert for this role will be distributed to members on **Friday 10th January**. Please apply, the club can only survive with the assistance of enthusiastic volunteers. The role is not arduous or difficult, it will largely be overseeing activities and issues that are part of the strategic plan.

Role of House Operational Group

There are decisions to be made about how to replace the role that Martin leaves vacant. However, the Directors have agreed that a voluntary role of Director of House will be the immediate route to take to ensure continuity and deliverability of the strategic plan. The House committee membership will be led by the Director of House Business and its purpose will be to:

- 1) Make Rossendale Golf Club the number one choice for all
- 2) To oversee the fabric of the clubhouse and that it is fit for purpose
- 3) To deliver against the strategic plan and increase revenue to the club

The Director of House will ensure the objectives are met and will oversee the business element of the clubhouse operations and to report to the Executive Board on progress made towards the strategic and business plan.



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2020 is on its way



Boxing Day ticks all the Boxes

Paul Sanderson is on a roll. Not only does he pull off a different social event for New Year's Eve he persuaded 70 members and the bar staff to come into the club on Boxing Day and play golf. Now that is volunteering de la crème! This isn't just a golf club, this is Rossendale Golf Club

2019 New Year's Eve party a hit

A couple of years ago Paul Sanderson suggested a family New Year's Eve and this year he, Andy Burke and Christy O'Connor were instrumental in making it happen.

For a simple tenner families enjoyed good food, easy bar a DJ and fun. Add to that the families were together and the report is that the young attendees were happy to share the evening with their parents. A fantastic event.



The year is packed with events

Do your part to make Rossendale Golf Club the choice of golf club.

The diary is ready and can be collected from the office, lounge and locker rooms

Notable events are:

Men's Opening Day 21st March

Ladies' Opening Day 24th March

Seniors' Opening Day 27th March

Juniors Opening Day 22nd March

Winter Mixed Final – 14th March

AGM – March 12th 7.45pm – formal notice to be sent in due course. This meeting will vote on the strategic plan and endorse Captains, Vice-Captains and Presidents.

Ladies' Annual Meeting February 25th 7.45pm
And the big fund-raising event Summer Event – June 27th

It can only get better for the Juniors

What a fantastic year 2010 was for the Juniors. 2 international players, and several County players, a county championship winner and the youngest player ever to win the /adult county championships.

The junior Section will focus on getting girls into golf this year and will be applying to Englandgolf to be selected for the Girls Golf Rocks programme.

The club narrowly missed out in 2019 but are optimistic that a section may be possible for 2020. The section even has 2 volunteer girls to help with any new girls joining the programme. More young girls and more Juniors will be a even greater accolade for Rossendale going into the future

Social Events

Ladies' Charity Lunch January 21st

Tickets were available from the Ladies Section and Margaret Ormerod. However, at the time of writing this Newsletter there were already 70 Ladies signed up for this annual charity event. Another successful event – this is what being a member is about – socialising as well as playing.

We do this really well at Rossendale.

We must do, as 75% of our members stated that they would describe our club as welcoming.

Come on – join in the fun



Ladies' Dinner

It's Miss Sugar

Friday 13th March – this event sells out quickly so look out for the notice to go up in the lounge. Friends of lady members may also attend – but it is Ladies only.

We're on a roll for 2020, this is going to be the best year for you!