



John O'Gaunt Golf Club

Magazine - Autumn 2018



Time to glow this Autumn

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Juniors & More...



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Greensomes win for Captain and Vice!

WELCOME to the Autumn 2018 edition of the John O'Gaunt Magazine.

As I write, the weather seems to have gone back to hot days and no rain, but I am sure the weather will soon turn to more autumnal conditions

August started warm, but we had some welcome rain in the early part of the month, rain which both courses needed.

With another full programme of golf, The Peerage Bowl was contested by a large field, and eventually Phillip Hoare and Richard Morris came out on top.

The Club held its Senior Men's Pairs Open, with the winning pair being Steve Nunn and Cliff Knowlden both from Bentley GC, Brentwood, Essex.

A large field had entered the John O'Gaunt Cup, which is a member and guest competition, and congratulations go to George Billings and his guest Jas Basra from Letchworth GC for their success.

On a warm Saturday, the August medal took place, with the eventual winner being Darren Redman. The Division 3 Stableford Trophy was held, again with a good-sized field of 46, as Mike Jones came out on top after shooting a score of 38 points.

Bank Holiday Monday saw The Captain's Shotgun Greensomes take place on another glorious day. There was some good golf played by a large field, the eventual winners were myself and vice-captain Phil, after some difficult moments on the course.

The finale for August was the Senior Section Captain's Day Stableford, which I was invited to play in by the Seniors Captain Jim Kerr. We had a good round of golf followed by a bite to eat. A very nice day and I thank Jim for his hospitality on the day. The winner was Brian Bullen with a score of 43 points.

A big thank you for all the entrants in various competitions and congratulations to all of the winners.

Stuart Gardner - Captain 2018



John O'Gaunt Golf Club

Annual Dinner

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

6.30pm – Bucks Fizz Reception

7.00pm – Dinner

Dress: Dinner Jackets

Tickets: £30.00 each

Guest Speaker is Steve Parrish
Former pro motorcycle and truck racer,
and motorsport TV commentator

Sunday, November 4th, 2018

“The Morning After Cup”

18 hole Medal Competition

(Only open to those attending the Dinner – Subject to handicap requirements)

Contact Administration Office for full menu options.

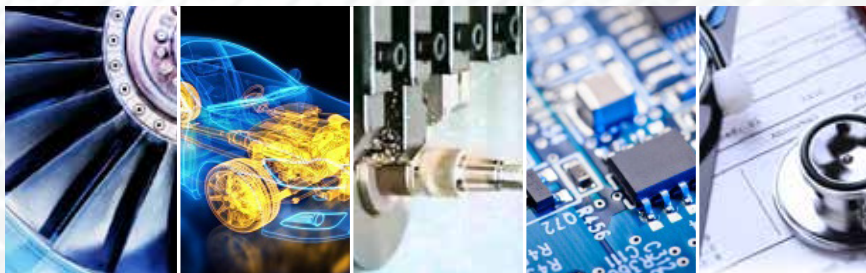
Numbers strictly limited. Applications for tickets should be made on the application form available from the Administration Office or the Bar and thereafter must be emailed to wendy@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk or handed to the Office with your Menu Choices.





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Tap-Ins

MEMBERS are welcome to attend the Open Budget Meeting which is to be held at 8pm on Thursday, October 11th in the Burgoyne Suite. Dress Code is Smart Casual.

LADIES trophies will be awarded and the accounts will be circulated when the ladies hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 7.30pm in the Burgoyne Suite.

THERE are a few lockers available for hire in the men's changing room. Please contact admin if interested. All items stored on the Club premises are left at the owner's risk.

TICKETS are still available for Annual Dinner/ Morning After Cup on Saturday, November 3rd on a first come, first served basis. The black-tie dinner includes four courses and coffee, with all attendees qualifying to enter the Morning After Cup.

THE Clubhouse catering and bar hours will change on Monday, October 29th and will follow winter hours until March 24th 2019 (except for bookings and functions). Full details are on the back page.

TO enter 2019 Club events, members need to have played in a minimum of three qualifying competitions this year, or hand in three cards in 2019 prior to the closing date of the event. This includes the KO's, with the Summer KO trophies open at the end of January 2019.

JUNIOR member Caitlin Thomas has been selected for the England East Region squad, where she will receive training over the winter.

FOLLOWING the success of the Catering Specials Evening after the Christmas Fayre Comp last year, we will be doing it again on Saturday, December 15th. Tables will be available from 4.30pm with last sittings at 8.30pm. Booking is essential - don't miss out!

BOOKINGS are also now open for our popular Christmas Carvery Lunches, which will be held on the first four Sundays in December.

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Green Team secure Charity Day plaudits

AN excellent score of 118 points earned first place in the Captain's Charity Day as the 'Green Team' of Kevin Armstrong, Richard Aubigne, Nigel Broadwith and Chris Collin (pictured below) led the way.

One point behind in the runners-up position were the 'Anglo-Dutch' line-up of Jim and Jean Peacock and Colin and Tineke Smith, while a further point adrift were the 'Bentley Boys + One'.

Club Captain Stuart Gardner said: "The morning of the Charity Day was a real scorcher, with the weather set fine. The teams arrived early in the morning, with tee times from 8am and carried on well after lunch.

"The day was supported by many generous people, from club members and outside organisations, which I would like to thank for all their help and support - it is really appreciated.

"My own team started late morning and with some good golf and not so good golf and a few incidents on the way, we finished with an average score, which did not trouble the leaderboard. But congratulations go to the 'Green Team' on their very good winning total.

"The tombola was running throughout the day with varied prizes, the auction was held in the evening, after a very nice dinner raising even more funds for my two charity's, Diabetes UK and Garden House Hospice, a big thank you must go to Martin Stackemann for conducting the auction.

"When all the proceedings were finished, nearly £5,000 was raised for my Captain's Charity on the day. I would like to thank all members and others for their generous support and help which made this a successful fundraising day."



Junior Captain's Day completes great year

JUNIOR Organiser Sue Lee said: "The junior calendar was busy during the school holidays but the main event was Junior Captain's Day on August 22nd.

"We had 16 juniors supporting Captain Daniel Haugh as they competed for the three main trophies in the morning, an 11-hole Texas Scramble in the afternoon and numerous nearest the pin prizes.

"All prizes were donated by members, parents and officials, past and present.

"We had two of our newer juniors taking part, Nathan Church and Lila-Belle Nacca, who will be great assets to the junior section.

"Lila-Belle won second prize in the net competition recording a net 68 on the John O'Gaunt Course, so six under her handicap of 30.

"The winner of the handicap competition and the Captain's Cup with an excellent round of net 66 was Ben Williams (pictured below).

"The gross competition was won by Lawrence Jefferys thanks to a score of 79, with Joe Clark in the runners-up position.

"The leading player in the nine-hole Captain's Jug was William Gilbert.



"Following the presentation of all the prizes, Daniel handed over to incoming Captain Joe Clark who thanked Daniel and presented him with a club flag (pictured below).



"Joe, Daniel, Paul Smith and Caitlin Thomas went along to the 'Party on Potton' on Bank Holiday Monday to help with the TriGolf.

"This event saw many local youngsters having a go at hitting plastic golf balls with plastic clubs, some with more success than others, but we hope it will generate some new members to the junior ranks.

"We have had some individual successes with Caitlin Thomas winning the Junior Girls Championship, Silver Goblet and 36-hole net prize in the Ladies Championships.

"Caitlin was one of several John O'Gaunt ladies that represented Bedfordshire's second team in becoming East Region champions, and she also successfully attended the East of England squad trials.

"On the boys side, our Captain's Day champion Lawrence Jefferys has had an amazing year playing in many Opens, Schools Championships and County Competitions recording some very impressive scores which has seen his handicap drop from 10 to four this year."

Scratch Team are edged into second spot

JOHN O'Gaunt's Scratch 'A' Team had to settle for second place in the Bedfordshire County Men's Summer League as they were pipped by a single point by Millbrook 'A' Team.

After winning the 2017-18 Beds County Winter Scratch Foursomes League for the second year in a row, the side recorded three wins, one draw and one defeat in pursuit of a fourth successive Summer crown.

The 'B' Team, who were also competing against the best golfers in the county in the top division, battled hard but eventually managed only a single win from their five matches.

Scratch Team Captain Richard Bushell said: "For the first time, both The Millbrook and John O'Gaunt had two teams each competing in the highest division.

"It was always going to be a struggle this year as the draw was not kind with three away matches, two being against the Millbrook teams, whilst a fine Millbrook 'A' side only had one away match.

"The players just got on with it and were only beaten into second after a draw in the last match at an excellent Millbrook 'B' Team that finished just behind us in third position in the League.

"The Summer 'A' Team was represented by Graham Anderson, Scott Armitage, Morgan Darnell, Kevin Diss, Rob Dobson, James Edwards, Craig Hawkins, Greg Osborn, Luke Pilkington, Darren Redman and Paul Wharton.

"My thanks go to all the players in both the Summer and Winter Teams, you are a credit to John O'Gaunt, both on and off the course.

"Also big thanks to Paul Brooker and Graham Anderson, for organising the Scratch 'B' and Intercounty Intermediate Scratch Team, respectively.

"It is a big loss to lose Paul Wharton, who has moved to Lincolnshire, from our Team. He is our current Club and Seniors Champion, and a past Junior Club Champion and has been an important part of the Scratch Team over many years. We will miss you Paul."

The 'A' Team results were:

The Millbrook 'A' 3 John O'Gaunt 2.

Dunstable Downs 2 John O'Gaunt 3.

John O'Gaunt 4 Stockwood Park 1.

John O'Gaunt 4 John O'Gaunt 'B' 1.

The Millbrook 'B' 2½ John O'Gaunt 2½.



So many special days to end the summer

LADIES Captain Sue Colledge said: "Where has the summer gone? August was the busiest month of the golfing year with so many special days.

"In Shield matches, we halved with Millbrook, beat Bedfordshire 6-1 but lost to South Beds. The Scratch team defeated Beds & County and Aspley Guise.

"The August Medal went to Val Cooper, while the nine-hole stableford was won by Pat Lloyd.

"There were stableford wins for Jan Olson-Williams, Elaine Olson-Williams, Sue Lee, Jessica Sporle and Caitlin Thomas with handicap reductions for all. Penny Staveley-Smith won the Golf Foundation Brooch.

"On Ladies Championship Day, the Champions Cup went to Laura Collin with two amazing rounds, a gross score of 145, one over par for the day, 10 shots clear of her nearest competitor and a handicap reduction to scratch. A true champion!!

"In the Junior Girls Champion Cup, another Champion that I am sure is destined to rival Laura, is Caitlin Thomas (pictured right). She had an outstanding day with three wins - Junior Girls Championship, Handicap Trophy and Silver Goblet, as well as another handicap cut.

"Caitlin's achievements this year have been covered in other report. Every time I look her handicap is down - having gone from 54 in 2014 down to six.

"She's a star, the pride of our junior and ladies sections, and a credit to John O'Gaunt.

"The Davis Trophy was claimed by Adrienne Massey, while Dawn French won the final of the Senior 2000 County Competition.

"A collective congratulations for all the great results and handicap reductions this month.

"The Tharby Trophy, our Ladies and Juniors annual event was won by Chris Billington and Joe Clark with an outstanding 44 points, beating Charmaine Gillett and Owen Bradley with 43.

"I had pleasure in attending our Junior Captain's Day, brilliantly organised by Sue Lee to support our juniors and Captain Daniel Haugh.

"For Invitation Day 2, my thanks to Chris Billington and Anita Isaacson for a beautifully run day. Marie Bayes and her guests just beat the Captain and Cathy Morris's team by one point - GGRRRR!! A well supported fun day with 19 clubs represented.



"Our Ladies Open was organised by Barbara Haughey, with 12 volunteers, and assisted by Michael Grace, who ran a great show. Its the most popular open in the County and always a sell out; 104 ladies from 34 clubs entered. Our catering department excelled, with a wonderful buffet meal to end the day.

"Many visiting ladies stayed late to enjoy the comfort and hospitality of our club and I received many compliments and thanks. Well done everyone.

"I was delighted to be asked to provide teams of ladies to help manage registration, provide starters and oversee putting competitions for Jim's Senior Section Member and Guest Competition, and Seniors Captain's Day.

"Several gentlemen have been very supportive of me and our ladies events this year, so I am pleased to have been able to develop this spirit of cooperation and friendship between our sections.

"Sadly we said farewell to Eleanor from the catering department as she starts a new career. Hopefully, not goodbye as she carries on playing her golf with us.

"We also bid farewell to Amy our sous chef. She'll be sadly missed and we wish her the very best of luck with her entry exams and training, for her life and career on the ocean waves. Good luck Amy.

"As we enter Autumn and our last competitions of the golfing year, I look forward to the last weeks of my tenure as Captain of the Ladies section."

John O'Gaunt Golf Club - 2018 Treasurer's Report

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTION Income is projected to be slightly below original Budget.

Whilst recruitment in 2018 has been in line with our original target there were more Youth Members than anticipated thus reducing the Financial Result.

However, we are currently recruiting in second Half of the Year and the trend remains positive with all new entrants helping to reduce the gap.

Green Fee Income will come in on Budget but with the mix better supported by Societies.

The early course closures, weather related, impacted our Casual Income in quarter one and we have struggled to peg back the lack of course availability.

Bar and Catering projection has been revised to take into account the conditions in quarter one and whilst the revenue numbers will be reduced the contribution to income should remain as Budget.

EXPENDITURE

OVERALL Expenditure has been in line with our previous expectations and Departments that are projected to exceed Budget will endeavour to improve their second half performance to mitigate the increases.

Some of the identified overspends are well identified and some are as a result of decisions taken after Budgets were set.

Course will have an have overspend on Irrigation due to the installation of the Aerators in the lake on the fourth hole on the John O'Gaunt Course.

In addition our continued Course development programmes have caused an imbalance on the Percentage of reclaimable VAT.

The upside in Income from Green Fees, due to the Tribunal Judgement, has been made more than offset by the changes to what may be claimed against Course Expenditure.

If we can continue to have favourable conditions for the remainder of 2018 then we fully expect to be at break even or slightly positive on a cash basis by the year end.

In addition Entrance Fee Income in 2018 should yield an additional £40,000 towards the Clubs Development Fund.

2019 BUDGET

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTION Income has been held in line, with a proposed 3% increase year on year.

With the removal of the Transfer Fee from 2019 Income there is an even more robust challenge in meeting what is an aggressive target and very dependent on our performance on recruitment and retention.

Green Fee Income has been held in line with the 2018 projected result.

We will continue to Increase our Society Income by a continued programme of price increase. Any improved performance on Casual Fees will be an upside.

Bar and Catering has been held in line with inflationary price increases in both areas. The challenge in Catering is recruitment to replace staff in the second half of 2018. Labour market for staff is extremely tight at present.

EXPENDITURE

WE have increased Budget for Course to reflect the ongoing need for continuous maintenance programme this includes Machinery which is included in Capital Spend where we have committed to a £60,000 plus investment on additional or replacement items in 2019.

House Expenditure has been reduced marginally due to the sharing of some labour charges with Course with the potential for some additional savings as the programme develops.

Administration and Establishment costs do not vary from 2018 projection. There are potentially some additional IT costs as we need to replace our Server which is nearing end of life but we will endeavour to hold within existing Budgets.

Have previously touched on Capital Spend where we show an increase to £75,000.

We anticipate some further spend to be required in Kitchen equipment.

In Summary, with continued success in recruiting new Members, focusing on our ongoing expenditure and increasing where possible other Revenue streams, our 2019 projection should again be neutral or slightly positive.

Brendan Roulston, Treasurer

Management Report

THE BUDGET	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
<u>INCOME</u>				
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,160.0	1,150.0	1,180.0	1,205.0
TRANSFER FEES	12.0	10.0		
	<u>1,172.0</u>	<u>1,160.0</u>	<u>1,180.0</u>	<u>1,205.0</u>
GREEN FEES:				
Visitors and Guests	75.0	72.0	75.0	75.0
Societies etc	75.0	78.0	78.0	78.0
	<u>150.0</u>	<u>150.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>
Less: Direct Costs	10.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	<u>140.0</u>	<u>142.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>
BAR				
Sales	245.0	230.0	240.0	250.0
Purchases	100.0	90.0	95.0	103.0
Direct Costs	10.0	8.0	10.0	10.0
Labour	82.0	82.0	85.0	88.0
	<u>53.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>49.0</u>
CATERING				
Sales	285.0	275.0	285.0	295.0
Purchases	90.0	95.0	100.0	105.0
Direct Costs	32.0	30.0	30.0	32.0
Labour	198.0	192.0	198.0	200.0
	<u>(35.0)</u>	<u>(42.0)</u>	<u>(43.0)</u>	<u>(42.0)</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
	<u>1,345.0</u>	<u>1,325</u>	<u>1,347</u>	<u>1,372</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
1 Course	545.0	552.0	573.0	585.0
2 House	244.0	226.0	223.0	226.0
3 Administration	239.0	239.0	243.0	247.0
4 Establishment & General Expenses	220.0	237.0	236.0	237.0
	<u>1,248.0</u>	<u>1,254.0</u>	<u>1,275.0</u>	<u>1,295.0</u>
<u>AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF:</u>				
Depreciation	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
	<u>110.0</u>	<u>110.0</u>	<u>110.0</u>	<u>110.0</u>
<u>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(39.0)</u>	<u>(38.0)</u>	<u>(33.0)</u>
Add Depreciation	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Less Capital Spend	65.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
<u>EXCESS EXP OVER INC CASH BASIS EXCL EXT'N</u>	<u>32.0</u>	<u>(4.0)</u>	<u>(3.0)</u>	<u>2.0</u>

Management Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
1 Course Expenditure				
Labour	381.0	383.0	390.0	398.0
Seeds, Fertilisers & Turf	54.0	54.0	60.0	60.0
Water Rates	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fuel	19.0	19.0	21.0	22.0
Machinery Maintenance	30.0	30.0	30.0	33.0
Pump House Repairs	-	-	-	-
Machinery Hire	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Irrigation Work and Sprinklers Replacement	15.0	20.0	15.0	15.0
Trees	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Vehicle Insurance	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital/Winter Projects	10.0	10.0	20.0	20.0
Miscellaneous Items	24.0	24.0	25.0	25.0
	<u>545.0</u>	<u>552.0</u>	<u>573.0</u>	<u>585.0</u>
2 House Expenditure				
Labour	43.0	40.0	35.0	36.0
Heating and Lighting	38.0	38.0	40.0	42.0
Laundry and Cleaning	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Repairs and Maintenance	45.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Clubhouse Refurbishment	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
	<u>244.0</u>	<u>226.0</u>	<u>223.0</u>	<u>226.0</u>
3 Administration Expenditure				
Labour	166.0	166.0	172.0	176.0
Golf Professional's Retainer	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0
Telephone & Postage	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Stationery/Printing	10.0	10.0	8.0	8.0
John O'Gaunt News	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Computer and ITC equip.	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	<u>239.0</u>	<u>239.0</u>	<u>243.0</u>	<u>247.0</u>
4 Establishment and General Expenditure				
Rates	96.0	96.0	100.0	100.0
Insurances	25.0	22.0	22.0	23.0
Professional Fees	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Marketing	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Allowances and Expenses	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Catering and Functions	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Bank Charges and Interest	8.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Training	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
VAT - Non Reclaimable Input Tax	58.0	76.0	70.0	70.0
	<u>220.0</u>	<u>237.0</u>	<u>236.0</u>	<u>237.0</u>



Proposed Subscriptions 2019

7 Day	£ 1,220
5 Day	£ 1,020
*Youth 3 (25-26 yrs)	£ 930
*Youth 2 (23-24 yrs)	£ 610
*Youth 1 (18-22 yrs)	£ 310
*Juniors (10-17 yrs)	£ 160
Country	£ 610
Associate	£ 330
Social:	
Single (including VAT)	£ 66
Joint (including VAT)	£ 102
Non Playing Partner (including VAT)	£ 8.40
*Age as at January 1st.	

For info on the Summer (April to Sept) Pee Wee Club for 6-12 year olds, please contact the office.

Club confirm promotion for Michael Grace

Dear All,

As you know, Michael Grace transferred from the Pro Shop and took up the position of Golf Administrator in 2016. During that time, Michael has been heavily involved and instrumental in promoting competitions, society business and working alongside all key members of staff, a role Michael has undertaken with enthusiasm and always in a professional manner.

It has been the intention within committee and management of the Club for some time to further develop, and train all keys members of staff to their full potential.

Following Michael's recent annual review we are pleased to announce a re-structuring of the administration team, with Michael being promoted to an Assistant Manager's role.

Michael will continue doing the job he does, albeit with some new targets and goals, in addition to extra responsibility with key members of staff.

In addition, to assist Michael in his new role further training will be undertaken with a three-year management degree programme delivered by the Golf Club Manager's Association (GCMA).

This degree course will give Michael a thorough grounding in all aspects of Golf Club management.

I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating Michael on his promotion, and wish him the very best in his career going forward.

Simon Davis
General Manager
John O'Gaunt Golf Club

New John O'Gaunt members

LUKE Harris and Nick Church (pictured below left and right) are the latest members to join John O'Gaunt Golf Club.

If you see them around the Club please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Membership is available in all categories so if you know of friends or colleagues looking to join the best Club in Bedfordshire then get them to contact the Club General Manager Simon Davis by email simon@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk or telephone on 01767 260360 option 8.

Simon will be happy to show them around the facilities, and discuss membership options.



Course work for late 2018 to early 2019

COURSE WORK:

AFTER one of the driest summers on record, it is obvious what action we need to take.

To start with, we will be scarifying, overseeding and fertilising the fairways on the Carthage Course - work will commence on Monday, September 10th and weather permitting will be completed within the week.

The same programme of work will take place on the John O'Gaunt Course at the end of September.

We have been implementing this annual maintenance programme for six years and by overseeding with grass species that are able to withstand and recover from drought conditions more quickly.

The greens will be micro cored to a depth of 50mm, scarified to 15mm, overseeded with a Bent Fescue mix, about one tonne of top dressing will be applied per green and fertilised to help the recovery of the sward after what is quite an aggressive maintenance programme.

Tees, approaches, green surrounds and worn area around the bunkers will be hollow tinned, scarified and overseeded, fertiliser will also be applied to these areas.

This work is going to cause some disruption, without doubt, to the playing surfaces.

The Greens Team will carry out this work as quickly and as efficiently as possible to avoid any disruption of play.

However I would like to point out that this maintenance work is essential, and the co-operation of all members would be appreciated.

WINTER PROGRAMME:

IT is proposed to reconstruct the 13th tee on the Carthage Course and the 15th tee on the John O'Gaunt Course.

This will involve reshaping, making larger to increase the playing surface, especially the 13th tee on Carthage, installing new irrigation and re-turfing.

This work may not be started until January 2019 but will be in play for the start of competitions in early March 2019.

Quotations for improving the pathways on both courses to a rubber crumb material will be received by the end of 2018 and then we can plan the work into course improvement plan.

In the meantime, the paths will be kept as tidy as possible. All rough areas will be cut and collected. Trees and scrub areas will be pruned and improved, replanting will take place where needed.

BUNKERS:

SOME bunkers on the John O'Gaunt Course are in need of renovation work.

This will involve stripping the turf, some subtle reshaping and, in some cases, lowering the front edge of the bunker to allow easier access for golfers and improve maintenance.

Course Manager
Nigel Broadwith.

Icing on the cake for a flying Scotsman!

SENIORS Captain Jim Kerr said: "This has been a hectic month with matches, family visits to Scotland and my Captain's Day.

"I played in two of the four matches and left my Vice Captain to bring up the golfing standards in the other two matches.

"Our first match was against our near neighbours Letchworth.

"This was a great day for Brian Bullen and myself, as the Letchworth Captain John Bullock is in my pub golfing society and is also a friend of Brian's.

"So the match had a little bit of an edge to it with plenty of banter and I am glad to say Brian and I won our game and John O'Gaunt won the match.

"The big event of the month was my Seniors Captain's Day.

"I was not sure how the weather was going to be as I had returned from Scotland on the Saturday having endured 14 days of rain.

"I think Scotland is trying to tell me something as this is the fifth year in a row that we have had rain. Stay in England, Jim - this is the message!

"I would like to thank David Gauge for organising the day with the help of Neil Pinnington for producing the programme - sterling job, as usual. A big thank you to the Ladies Captain Sue and her band of helpers for taking over the starters role, giving out the cards, taking in the raffle money and making the draw and supervising the putting competition.

"Glad to say it was a fine day with plenty of opportunities to play good golf, which I turned down. My playing partners on the day were Bill Burrows and Club Captain Stuart and I'm glad to say we had a very pleasant round.

"Brian Bullen won with 43 points, Graham Berry secured second on countback from Graham Lewis with 40. The skill prizes went to nearest the pin Pat Gilgallon, John Sandford and Jim McIlwaine, while Alan Fowler took the prize for the putting with 19.

"The big surprise for me was the cake the Ladies Captain had waiting for me (pictured above). Excuse the pun but that was the 'icing on the cake'. Thank You Sue and the ladies.

"Sue gave me a lovely card with an old steam train, a Spitfire and Hurricane fighter, an old Foden tractor and an M.G. sports car.

"On the card it had from 'One great Scotsman to another'. Sue kept saying 'do you see the significance of the card, look what do you see?'. I said 'a train, a Spitfire and Hurricane, a tractor and an M.G.'

"Sue replied; 'No, no, look at the card'. After a few attempts, she gave up, saying 'you are hopeless, it's the Flying Scotsman!'. So I apologise for being a thick Jock, Ladies!

"The other big result for the Seniors and the Club is the three lads who entered the Dunstable Downs Senior Men's Inter Club Trophy and won with 117 points, beating our neighbours Letchworth (114) into second. So well done Brian Bullen, Peter Jarman and Nick Seeley.

"Well, I think that is enough of my gibberish, so I will finish off with a KEEP SWINGING message."





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Results

Junior Russell Hayes Cup - JOG (Sept 22nd):

1 Jess Sporle (net 70), 2 Joe Clark (73), 3 Rachel George (74).

Ladies Norman Trophy - JOG (Sept 16th):

1 Jenny Edwards (27 points), 2 Karen Beagent (27), 3 Sara Fowler (25).

Ladies Medal Final - JOG (Sept 16th):

1 Tracie Allan (net 75), 2 Penny Fletcher-Gregory (76), 3 Helen McDonald (76).

Bogey Trophy - CAR (Sept 16th):

1 Andy Florence (+6), 2 Simon Hutchins (+6), 3 Des Forde (+4).

Club v Juniors v Scratch Team - JOG (Sept 15th):

1 Ethan Akpan (38 points), 2 Sandra Gardner (38), 3 Dave Wilsher (34).

Gwen Brookbanks Trophy - CAR (Sept 13th):

1 Mary Warmoth (net 71), 2 Anita Isaacson (72), 3 Marion Cooper (75).

September Midweek Medal - CAR (Sept 11th):

1 Paul Jeeves (net 69), 2 Gary Earl (71), 3 Clive Wilson (71).

September Medal - CAR (Sept 9th):

Division 1: 1 Neil Oram (net 65), 2 Will Hunter (66), 3 Martin Foster (66). Division 2: 1 James Hall (64), 2 Giles Carter (67), 3 Gary Earl (69). Division 3: 1 Martin Brittany (68), 2 Dave Gabbitas (68), 3 Anders Lindqvist (72).

Autumn Mid-handicap Medal - JOG (Sept 8th):

1 Martin Foster (net 67), 2 Ken Wareham (68), 3 Roy Anderson (69).

Ladies Autumn Closed - JOG (Sept 6th):

Stableford winners: Division 1: Tracie Allan (40 points). Division 2: Pauline Aubigne (36). Division 3: Tineke Smith (37). Foursomes winner: Sandra Gardner & Hilary Pearmain (38 points).

September Midweek Stableford - CAR (Sept 5th):

1 Stephen Cherry (45 points), 2 Ash Latter (42), 3 Clive Wilson (40).

Division 1 Handicap Trophy - JOG (Sept 2nd):

1 Clive Morley (net 67), 2 Keith Carne (68), 3 Christopher Small (69).

Ladies September Medal/Eclectic - CAR (Sept 1st):

Division 1: 1 Tracie Allan (net 72), 2 Sue Bassindale (74). Division 2: 1 Rose Wrench (67), 2 Hazel House (74).

Ladies August Stableford - JOG (Aug 30th):

Division 1: 1 Sue Lee (38 points), 2 Jess Sporle (36). Division 2: 1 Tina Page (32), 2 Hazel House (31).

Ladies August Nine-hole Stableford - JOG (Aug 30th):
Winner: Patricia Lloyd (14 points).

Junior Scots Cup - CAR (Aug 29th):

1 Ben Williams (42 points), 2 Owen Williams (41), 3 Ed Dobson (39).

August Midweek Medal - CAR (Aug 29th):

1 Kai Griffiths-Shilton (net 64), 2 Peter Purdie (65), 3 Andy Shilton (66).

Senior Captain's Stableford - JOG (Aug 28th):

1 Brian Bullen (43 points), 2 Graham Berry (40), 3 Graham Lewis (40).

Captain's Shotgun Greensomes - CAR (Aug 27th):

1 Stuart Gardner & Phil Haddow (net 63.6), 2 Lee Pearson & Ken Wildman (64.6), 3 Simon Albone & Steven Jacobs (64.8).

Division 3 Stableford Trophy - CAR (Aug 25th):

1 Mike Jones (38 points), 2 Richard Brown (37), 3 Robert Barrett (36).

August Midweek Stableford - JOG (Aug 24th):

1 Christine Billington (36 points), 2 Carl Scholfield (34), 3 Carmine Di Salvo (34).

Junior Captain's Cup - JOG (Aug 22nd):

1 Ben Williams (net 66), 2 Lila-Belle Nacca (68), 3 James Stocks (69).

August Medal - JOG (Aug 18th):

Division 1: 1 Darren Redman (net 68), 2 Lawrence Jefferys (69), 3 Will Worboys (72). Division 2: 1 Paul Presland (71), 2 Roy Anderson (71), 3 Peter Roberts (71). Division 3: 1 Martin Brittany (71), 2 John Barber (72), 3 Owen Williams (76).

Ladies Golf Foundation Brooch - JOG (Aug 16th):

Division 1: 1 Pen Staveley-Smith (36 points), 2 Caroline Lewis (29). Division 2: 1 Wilma Elam (27), 2 Pauline Wade (25).

August Midweek Stableford - CAR (Aug 15th):

1 Giles Carter (41 points), 2 Alex Zavodov (39), 3 Richard Barnes (39).

Ladies Championships - CAR (Aug 12th):

Gross: 1 Laura Ann Collin (72 + 73 = 145), 2 Sophie Hillier (76 + 79 = 155), 3 Caitlin Thomas (75 + 81 = 156). Net: Winner: Thomas (140).

JOG Cup Member & Guest - JOG (Aug 11th):

Winners: George Billings & Jas Basra (41 points).
August Midweek Medal - JOG (Aug 10th):
1 Dan Pallett (net 73), 2 Chris Jennings (73), 3 Simon Luxton (73).

Ladies Team Stableford - CAR (Aug 9th):

1 Catherine Cowcill, Pat Court & Wilma Elam (81 points), 2 Barbara Haugey, Heather Anthony & Rosalyn Kensall (80).

August Ladies Medal/Eclectic - CAR (Aug 9th):

Division 1: 1 Jan Murphy (net 72), 2 Anne Marie Evelyn (73). Division 2: 1 Val Cooper (68), 2 Adrienne Massey (76).

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Bat's a great start to another lively month

STEVE Thompson, who is 2018 Conservation Greenkeeper of the Year, said: "It was still warm in August providing plenty of insects and food for the bats we have here.

"There were two Bat Walks in August which were both well attended, and I would like to thank everyone that came along.

"The evenings started with a short talk by the local bat expert that came along about bats in general across the world and the UK, followed by a walk round Carthage on August 7th and John O'Gaunt on August 21st. With the aid of bat detectors, we identified five species.

"On the 21st, I started the evening by saying I wanted to see lots of Daubenton's Bats flying over the new pond. At 9pm when we got to the pond we had exactly what I hoped for, as at least five Daubenton's were seen flying over the pond catching insects. This is a bat I hadn't recorded for a few years at the club and had only ever seen one on its own flying along the brook.

"The new pond really has been fantastic for wildlife this year. Other bats recorded on the two courses were Noctule, Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Serotine and a possible Natterers.



"The Badger watches started in August with the first on August 15th through to September 26th.

"All the watches were fully booked and were very popular with several children coming along too.

"At the time of writing, the maximum we had seen was six. I would like to say a thank you to everyone that came along. It puts a smile on my face to see people enjoying the wildlife and many people had never seen a live Badger before.

"The first two weeks of September the weather was still quite warm and saw a mini influx of Common Darter Dragonflies on the John O'Gaunt course.

"Several butterflies have been seen recently too, lots of small whites behind the 13th green on John O'Gaunt and the purple Loostrife, Peacock, Red Admiral and a late Holly Blue was seen on August 30th in the new wetland area on the right of the 14th on John O'Gaunt. 2018 has definitely been the year of the insect at John O'Gaunt.

"Some of our summer migrants have still been around during August and early September.

"Swallows over the ninth fairway on August 7th, House Martins over the ninth on John O'Gaunt on August 20th, September 4th and 10th and a Willow Warbler was singing near the 15th fairway on John O'Gaunt on August 31st.

"In case anyone has been wondering what the high-pitched noise was in the 12th green area on John O'Gaunt recently, it was a young Buzzard.

"I am not certain that they nested on the course but probably nested not too far away.

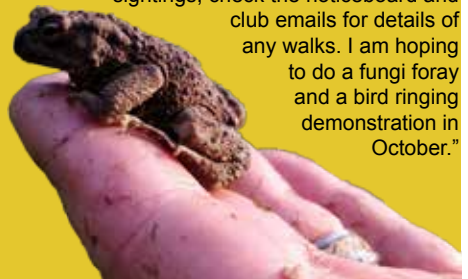
"Other birds seen recently: Green Woodpecker, Kingfisher, young Moorhens in the brook, Mistle Thrushes and a Tawny Owl was caught on one of my trail cameras in September.

"Also, there have been several reports from members of Stoats on Carthage in recent months.

"What to look for: If the weather stays warm then some of our summer migrants might stay a bit longer, so keep a look out for late staying Swallows and House Martins but also keep an eye out for some of our first returning winter migrants such as Redwing and Fieldfare.

"Please can I ask people to email me if they have seen any Swifts over either course during the summer as I haven't seen any on the courses.

"Keep reporting wildlife and sending in your sightings, check the noticeboard and club emails for details of any walks. I am hoping to do a fungi foray and a bird ringing demonstration in October."



Fixtures

Oct 2018	Event (Course)
Mon 1st	Ladies v Gog Magog (JOG)
Tue 2nd	Seniors Gordon Percival Trophy (CAR)
Wed 3rd	Midweek Medal (CAR)
Thu 4th	Ladies Medal/Eclectic (JOG)
Fri 5th	Senior Ladies v Beds & County (JOG)
Sat 6th	October Medal (JOG)
Sun 7th	Ladies Stableford & Pee Wee Comp (CAR)
Mon 8th	Senior Ladies v Beds & County (CAR)
Tue 9th	Seniors Autumn Stableford (JOG)
Wed 10th	Midweek Medal (JOG)
Thu 11th	Ladies Stableford (CAR)
Fri 12th	Club v Staff (CAR)
Sat 13th	Ladies Captain's Finale (JOG & CAR)
Sun 14th	Summer Knockout Finals Day (JOG)
Mon 15th	Ladies v Letchworth (JOG)
Tue 16th	Seniors 2 Clubs & Putter (CAR)
Wed 17th	Midweek Stableford (CAR)
Thu 18th	Ladies Par Competition (JOG)
Sat 20th	Club v Mid Herts (CAR)
	Ladies Medal/Eclectic (JOG)
Sun 21st	Mixed v Aspley Guise (CAR)
Tue 23rd	TSB Trophy - Juniors v Seniors (JOG)
Wed 24th	Midweek Stableford (JOG)
Thu 25th	Ladies Past Captains v Ladies (CAR)
Fri 26th	Juniors Anniversary Cup
Sat 27th	Roy Davies Memorial Shield (JOG)
Sun 28th	Medals Finals (JOG)
Tue 30th	Seniors & Ladies Texas Scramble (CAR)
Nov 2018	
Thu 1st	Ladies Past Captains v Ladies Section (tbc)
Sun 4th	Morning After Cup (JOG)
Tue 13th	Seniors Arthur Lucas Bring & Win (CAR)
Sun 18th	Autumn Texas Scramble (CAR)
Sat 24th	Club v Leighton Buzzard (CAR)
Sun 25th	Juniors Champions of Champions (JOG)



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Friday	9:00am - 5:30pm
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