



February 2010



Wrekin News

Welcome from your captains **Joy Riley and Peter Buchanan.**

This regular newsletter is intended to keep members up to date with happenings at Wrekin Golf Club.

Diary dates – **Junior Captain's day** Sat. 26th, **Captain's day** Sun 27th, **Lady Captain's day** Tue. 29th June

Drive in

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our 'drive in' to office.



Photograph courtesy of the Shropshire Star

The most accurate estimates of where we would drive were:

Captain – Simon Balderstone
Ladies Captain – Peter Riley

Well done, we hope you enjoy the whisky and gin.

Thanks to Ros Curel and Carolyn Tyers for selling the marker pegs. We raised nearly £200 for the Captains charity.

Thanks also to Gareth Hope, Ben Wooton (**Junior Captain and Vice**) and Jennifer, Catherine and Emily Childs for helping on the 1st tee.

Please support our joint charity for the year, the Severn Hospice Telford.



Wrekin Golf Club has a long association with the hospice which does a lot of good work in the area and has helped many ex-members.

Competitions

The winners of **Turkey Trot competitions** were,

- Saturday: Paul Evans, Ken Goodall and A Smith
- Sunday: John (JPR) Williams, Paul Doodson and Ian Downes

The winners of the **Christmas Shotgun** were: Rod Lake, Kevin Green, Dick King and Bob Goldsmith

Our next competitions are:

- **Winter Texas Scramble** on the Sunday 21st February
- **Credit Crunch Shotgun** on Sunday 28th February
- **Ireland and friends v Rest of the world match** on Sat 13th March (ladies teams are welcome to compete– see Joy for details)

Let's hope the weather improves, we don't want any more snow and ice (or floods).

New members

Without new members we will either have to reduce services or increase membership fees. So please claim **£50** on your card by **introducing a new member.**

We have had 13 new members since the start of the year, as the warmer weather approaches **let's try and attract some more.**

Communications

Please send us your email address to wrekingolfclub@btconnect.com. We can then send future copies of this news letter and other news.

We'll also be looking at whether members can use an email directory e.g. to arrange matches.

There is an electronic calendar on the fixtures page of our web site www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk.

General Committee

Welcome to :

Paul Doodson
Richard Gallier
Roger Hogben
Paul Rhodes
Andy Stephenson

Also welcome **Des Evans** as President and **Dave Bell** as Vice Captain.

Key areas on the General Committee will be led by :

Marc Tyers - Finance
Nick Childs - Greens
Paul Rhodes - Comps
Richard Gallier - Social
Mitch Smith - Marketing
Pat McIntyre - Property
Paul Doodson - Juniors
Roger Hogben – Friendly matches
Andy Stephenson - Matches
Andy Patterson - Seniors rep.

We'll be having a **members open forum** on Friday the 26th February, please come along and let's talk through your, and our, ideas to improve your club.

Captains Charity for 2009

Well done – with your support Andy and Jane's Captain's charity for 2009 raised over **£6,500** for the **Lingen Davies Cancer Relief Fund.**

Social diary

The **Captains Drive-in dinner** was a great Wrekin night out. Members were still enjoying themselves as midnight approached.

It's great to see so many members enjoying talking to each other.

We plan to have a mix of events this year from simple to gourmet meals with a variety of entertainments. We hope you enjoy the parties.

Social diary – planned events

The **Valentines Night Party** on Saturday 13th February is already sold out.

We have a **Big band social** on Sat 27th February costing £11.50. Please see the notice board for details. As a special treat Rod Lake's daughter, Aimee, will be singing a short selection of big band songs. NB Aimee is auditioning for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Dorothy.

Irish Night, an old favourite, is on Saturday 13th March, with the same live band and fiddler as last year.

The next **quiz nights** will be on Friday 19th February and Friday 19th March. It's best to get your team booked in early as there were seventy people competing in December.

Professional

Please support your pro, Owen, he's convenient and good value.



If you want to reduce your handicap in 2010 why not try some lessons?

Course

Please let Owen (our professional) know if you have suggestions about the course. He meets regularly with Richard (our course manager) and together they are committed to continuously improving the course. Over the winter the Course manager and his team are expecting to level part of the 2nd tee. They also plan to widen the ditch on the 8th.

Please remember that any member of staff working on the course has priority over players.

News about Seniors & Juniors @ Wrekin in the next newsletter.

Open / taster day

There will be an opportunity for **potential new members** to come up and see what we have available on the afternoon of Sunday 25th April.

Please tell anyone who might be **interested in golf at Wrekin** that they'll be made most welcome.

There will be opportunities to play the course, have some introductory sessions with the professional and also try our food and drink.

Members news

You may remember that **Ron Ward**, retired Headmaster of Old Hall school, became ill last August while on holiday at his house in France. This was later diagnosed to as a stroke. He was taken to Bordeaux Hospital, where he was put into an induced coma for eight weeks.

Having made a remarkable recovery he was back at his house in France for Christmas and New Year. He does however have a long way to go before being the Ron Ward of old. He will be back in the UK on February 22nd. He intends to come to Shropshire two weeks later all being well. He sends his best wishes to all at the Golf Club.

County update

Andy Stephenson has been appointed **Vice Captain for the county 1st team** – a great honour for Andy and the club.

Andy, Jamie Brittan and Andy Johnson won the **Midlands team championship** in 2009. With Jamie coming first and Andy coming second in the singles.

Wrekin also won the **county handicap league** for 2009 with a team captained by Mitch Smith. Mike Curel will be leading the team in 2010.

Wrekin are doing well in the **Hargrove plate** competition with Mike Curel captaining the A& B teams now and for winter 2010.

Ladies corner or Joy's Jottings

I would like to congratulate Ros Curel on becoming Vice Captain and Dill Buchanan on becoming Ladies President.

I am delighted that Muriel Hayward and Mo Brown have agreed to help with competitions, Rosemary Stubbs is organising house and Elaine Adams is Press co-ordinator. Barbara Goode is Competitions secretary, Julie Dixon Handicaps Secretary, the rest of the committee stay the same.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support me on Tuesday 26th January and for the lovely cards and gifts. I hope you liked the Mulled wine and thanks to Mr. Captain Peter and Madam President Dill for distributing it. Thank goodness the weather was kind.

Well done to Mary Owens, Sue Butler and Julie Taylor who won the fun competition, let's hope the weather improves and you don't need the hot water bottles too many times! Thanks to Muriel for doing a grand job of organising it.

Some dates - **Ladies Open at Royal Birkdale** on Thurs 29th July (please contact Sue Pidgeon who has kindly agreed to organise the trip).

Trip to the seaside. Come away with me to Aberdovey from Thu. 15th to Sat 17th July. More details to follow.

County Junior Girls

A Coffee Morning will be at Henlle Park Golf Club 10.00-12.00 on Wednesday 17th February.

The money raised will be distributed amongst the clubs in the County to be spent on the junior girls so please buy a ticket and support Junior golf. Jean Barrowclough has tickets.

Ladies county events

The handicap allowance has changed to 36 and **County Meetings** are now open, please try and enter.

See the County notice board for dates.