



August 2010

Wrekin News



Open Day

The last Open Day triggered a surge in new members and we plan to have another on Sunday 26th Sept. Please persuade friends who might be attracted to play at Wrekin to come – more members keep our fees down.

Winter golf

Following the experiment on the 9th and 16th greens we do not plan to use temporary greens when there is frost. We will prepare temporary greens but only use them when conditions are such that the normal greens are unusable (a rare occurrence).

We plan to keep use grass tees for as long as possible this year, and move over to mats tee by tee when we believe damage will be caused. We will also come off the mats tee by tee as early as we can. Work is also planned to improve the condition of the fibre mats.

Competitions

Please do not enter anyone else for a competition without checking in advance that they are available to play. When people scratch at the last minute it prevents others playing. If it becomes necessary to scratch from a competition always notify your playing partners. It is very frustrating to turn up to play and find you haven't anyone to play with.

When you've played in a competition on another courses please let the competitions team (via the secretary) know the date, venue, score (even if NR) and competition SSS.

Finals day

To be held on Sunday 19th Sept.. Please come and support the players and have an enjoyable day.

Shropshire Bowl – 16th October

Please advertise this competition to all good players – it's a great trophy with generous prizes (£200 (best net with a maximum 10 handicap allowance) for the winner, £150 best gross and £150 for anyone who breaks the course record).

Charity Day

Bank Holiday Monday (30th August) was a gloriously sunny day and all 19 teams had a wonderful time.

We started by playing one ball round the course with a wager on the time it took. The winning time was 26 minutes: 37 seconds and the winner was Harry Riley.

The winners of the AMAM Stableford competition were Caroline Tudor, Paul Rhodes, Kevin Ball, and Albert Dakin with 85 points closely followed by Dave Bell, Will & Neill Enefer and Andy Hall with 84 points and in third place Debs Austin, Rosemary & Tim Stubbs and Rod Lake with 83 points. Kevin Ball won 'closest to the pin' with a hole in one on the 7th – well done Kevin.



Following the competition and meal there was an auction which raised £90 which contributed to the amount raised on the day of £941 for



Thank you for all your support.

Club diary

We are planning to have a high quality sponsored diary for 2010 / 2011. If you would like to advertise in it please contact Mitch Smith via the Secretary.

100 years at Wrekin competition

To celebrate the opening of Wrekin Golf Club on the Wrekin site in autumn 1910 we are holding a special commemorative competition on Saturday 4th September 2010.

The competition will be a Texas Scramble with a shotgun start at 12:00. Each team will be drawn from men, ladies, juniors and seniors.

100 Years at Wrekin dinner

After the golf competition we will have a dinner celebrating our 100 year anniversary of playing at Wrekin. Chris Goode will be launching a short history of the early years at Wrekin we also have a speaker from the R&A (Stuart Lloyd) who will talk (amusingly) about the rules.

Social calendar

We've had a very successful social year and in addition to Charity Day and the 100 year celebrations there's plenty to come:

- 100 years at Wrekin dinner on Saturday 4th September
- Live music night on Saturday 16th October
- 6th November – Social Evening (format to be decided)

The 'All things summer' Quiz on Friday 20th August was great fun, thanks to Richard Gallier for devising and running it.

Rules clinic

Stuart Lloyd (who is also speaking at the 100 years at Wrekin dinner) will be holding a rules clinic near to the 18th green at approx 5 pm on Saturday 4th September. Stuart is a rules official from the R & A and his practical clinic should help us all understand the rules of golf.

Sky TV

We plan to cancel our contract with Sky TV for Sky sports after the Ryder Cup. It costs us approx. £4,000 a year and not many people are coming in to watch the football or other sports. If you have concerns please talk to the Captain or members of Committee.

Cognac Trophy

On Saturday 21st August 29 teams representing Shropshire & Herefordshire clubs played an Am-Am for the Cognac Trophy. The Wrekin team of the Captain, Past Captain Andy Patterson, Junior Captain Ben Wooton and Junior Vice Captain Niall Rose came 2nd with 83 points. Niall play particularly well coming on the card 17 times.

Friendly matches

We won the mixed match with Shifnal on the 8th August.

Wrekin were Joint last with Shifnal in the men's tri match, Lilleshall Hall (the home team) won handsomely. Next men's match is a home match against Shifnal on Saturday the 18th September. The last mixed match is at home against Stone on the 25th September. Then on the 9th October we have a men's away match against Lilleshall Hall.

2010 - 100 years at Wrekin Calendar

Jack Tomkins will be publishing a calendar of classic black and white / sepia pictures celebrating the early years of Wrekin Golf Club. A notice with more details will be posted in October, all proceeds will be going to the Captains Charity.

Juniors

We had a match between some of our senior players and the County under 14 juniors on Friday 13th. Despite the match being interrupted by a heavy storm it was a good game and one that we expect to repeat in the future. The result was an honourable draw.

The juniors committee has had its first meeting. A letter will shortly be sent to all juniors to remind them of what is available and to encourage their involvement. If anyone would like to get involved please contact the Vice Captain, Dave Bell.

The Tony Morris bench

Kathleen Morris has dedicated a new bench on the 14th tee (where, at 82, Tony had a hole in 1) to his memory.



Pat McIntyre has done a great job organising everything with Ian Bullock, including the dedication lunch. Thanks also to Richard for fitting it in place.

Storage for single seat buggies

Thanks to Dicky Oliver and Pat McIntyre for the work they have done. This was a tough job and they have done a good job without wasting money. The job is almost complete and a decision on who will be using the spaces will be made shortly.

The half way hut on the 12th

Since the last article a number of members have advised that it is uneconomic to repair. Last week some of the windows were broken by vandals. The hut has been tidied up and we need to consider what is done although there is no urgency.

Joy's jottings

Lucy won the County Girls Championship at Arscott Golf Club and went on to win the EWGA Midlands North Girls Challenge. She is having a fantastic year.

Congratulations: Sue P who won the over 65's competition at the Midland Seniors Open and Jean Barrowclough who won at the Shropshire Ladies' Captains Society meeting.

Gill Teece and Sue Butler had a lovely day out representing Wrekin at the Coronation Foursomes, although they did not make it to the final at ST. Andrews later this year.

Sue P organised yet another successful event with her trip to The Ladies' Open at Birkdale. It was inspiring golf being played.

Thank you Kate for running the annual trip to the Ludlow festival to see Othello. Shame I spent the whole evening getting it confused with the Merchant of Venice!

Handicap league won at home against Bridgnorth 4 ½ to 1 ½. Jo, Julie D. Sue G, Lucy, Jackie and Julie T played. We lost away to Market Drayton. The next match is at home v Market Drayton on 3rd September.

Friendly match was won against Shifnal 5½ to 2½. Thanks to everyone who took part

Congratulations to Ros who had hole in one on the 2nd in the Easley bowl comp on 10th August.

Two weddings Claire Woodhouse married Tom Senior on 6th August and Ros Curel married Andrew Duddell on the 28th August. On behalf of the Ladies I would like to send our best wishes.