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Easthampstead Golf Club News

September 2017

The Captain, Steve Cross



Welcome to the September newsletter and the conclusion of a busy few months as our major competitions reach their conclusions.

I must though start with congratulating Bobby David on winning a GOLD medal in his division at the 2017 Special Olympics GB National Games Golf tournament held at Sheffield. This was a 54 hole stroke play event held over 3 days. What a great achievement of which all of us at EGC are very proud of and warmly congratulate Bobby on his achievement.



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Congratulations to our 2017 Club Champion, Matt Storey who achieved a personal double having also won Downshire's club championship just beforehand. The Open was won by Mike Frawley, and Captains Day by Tom Evans, well done guys.

It's good to see Ian Nicholson back out on the course although he wants to know who suggested putting a tea bag in his get well card (tourists will understand the implication). I understand he is offering a substantial reward of 150,000VND, following a successful identification.

It was of course a pleasure to maintain the Captains winning run against the Vice Captains team (we won 9-5) ... next year it will be for Michael to defend this winning run.

As you read this we will probably be on our Golf tour to Estepona in southern Spain who have no idea that we are excellent tourists, golfers and guests. (*Ed – well 2 out of 3 ain't bad!*) The 2018 tour will be on the Board very soon.

Happy golfing everyone.

Steve

Captains Dinner & Dance, 11th November



Don't miss out on what is a great evening at the East Berkshire GC which includes a three course meal, live music, all for just £37.50 per person.

You can order your tickets from Steve Cross, Michael Hunt or **book them on-line** via the Calendar 'sign up' page.

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Captains Day

The sun shone and with a field of just under 80 we enjoyed an excellent day. It was a pleasure to welcome back some of our past Captains and learn a bit more about the Clubs history.

The day was won by Tom Evans with 41 points.

Seaford Head

Another excellent day which was once again organised by Ian Goodall with our thanks. Congratulations to Nick Murtagh who won the event with a very good score of 42 points.

The views are spectacular as we see Compo, Foggy and Cleggy (below) admiring the view at the 18th tee.



This annual event just gets better each year so if you missed out this year or intend to go next year make a note in your diary as next year it will be on 31st August, more pictures will be on the web.

AGM, 23rd November

Please keep this date free in your diary, the advance notice will be published this later month and can be found under 'F' in the calendar.

Prize Giving, 23rd November

The November prize giving will be starting at 8pm and a list of prize winners will be published in October. If you're on the list you can choose from shop, tour, away weekend, or 2018 subscription voucher.

EGC Open



An excellent net 64 – just holding off Jim Saunders by the one shot – saw Mike Frawley win the 2017 Open in a field of just over 100.

Well done also to our divisional winners, Michel Hunt, Jim Saunders and Blaise Murphy.

Junior Success

Congratulations to our Juniors who competed in the NAPGC National Finals held at Rose Hill GC in July and enjoyed great success.

In particular Struan Hancock who won the Championship sword for the best gross score.

Daniel Lampey who was 2nd (nett) in Div 1, Luke Hynes (Sporting Play) and Mia Hynes (best marked card).

The Easthampstead 'A' team (Struan Hancock, George Brash, and Oscar Fuentes) were runners up finishing just 3 points behind the winners.

Our congratulations to all who took part.

2017 Key Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on the Club Calendar which will have the latest information on competitions and social activities. Some to note now are:

KO Finals day, Sunday 15th October
Annual Dinner, Saturday 11th November
AGM & Prize giving, Thursday 23rd November
Turkey Trot, Sunday 17th December

Membership

Steve Eddy (Membership Secretary) is pleased to welcome Paul Raffaelli, David Williams-Jones, Peter Mukono, and Martin King.

Please welcome our New Members.

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Knock Out Finals 2017

As we approach the final stages of all our competitions a reminder that we expect to play all the finals on Sunday 15th October.

If you're still involved we wish you good luck.

If you want to compete in the 2018 KO's then you must have played in 6 qualifiers in the 12 month period ending mid-March.

Competition News

We have had some very good turn outs for our competitions and congratulations to all.

Winners since last newsletter:

EGC Open, Mike Frawley
July midweek medal, Iain Wilson
July medal, Ellis Styles
Snrs handicap Champion, BP
August midweek medal, Ben Lambourne
Captains Day, Tom Evans
August midweek Snrs, Tony Spiller
August medal, Richard Lake
Stevens Salver, Kirrill Bates
September midweek medal,
Yani Chocalingum
September medal, Mike Frawley
Club Champion, Matt Storey

Our congratulations to all.

Snippets from the Club House

There have been several examples of players failing to sign the card this year resulting in a DQ and loss of prize and now TE has repeated the mistake thereby losing his 2nd place.

We have also seen (and heard) of some spectacular shots, firstly LS 3 putting from less than 6 inches and ME thinking he could use his ball as if it was part of a tree surgeon's armoury!

There must be something about the number 8 as Brian Feedam eagled our 8th in the August mid

week seniors and George Friedman made an eagle on the 8th at Seaford Head.

nb If you weren't aware the currency 'VND' relates to a Vietnamese Dong (£1=30,000VND).

External Competitions - 2017

Malcolm Hayes organised our entries and teams for 2017 and whilst silverware just eluded us those who took part represented the Club very well and in the right spirit. If you wish to play next year please contact Malcolm.

NAPGC golf guard team series match play

Easthampstead A reached the area final and played Thorney Park A. In a close match, both teams won a game each but our final pair narrowly lost on the third playoff hole.

Bourne Vanneck Shield and Cup

Easthampstead A reached the National final at The Shropshire G.C. Whilst they weren't able to land any silverware they had a great weekend on a top golf course - apparently, the greens were something else!

Clapham Common

We played Hoebridge B in the 3rd round and lost a closely fought match.

Mitchell-Thompson Trophy

We played Southsea B and were unlucky to lose after a close game.

Hawtree Trophy

Easthampstead A reached the area final but lost to Richmond Park.

Siemans Bowl

We reached the area final but lost to Tilgate Forest.

Mens Championship of England

Riann Mattheysen, Michael Hunt, Roger Newport, James Gibbs and Malcolm Hayes qualified to

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reach the national final at Woodhall Spa. They all had a great weekend playing quality courses but sadly no silverwear!!



Turkey Trot, 17th December

Details being finalised but likely to include bacon/coffee on arrival, halfway house, and meal after. Each competitor will receive a Xmas gift.

For the younger set Father Xmas will be in attendance with a big bag of goodies to give away.

Seniors Season – 2017

We've played 3 games recently losing to Bird Hills (A) 3½ to 2½, and drawing against Huntswood (H) and White Lodge (A).

The story to date is P9, W3, D5, L1.

EGC Website

There have been a number of changes recently, mostly in the background to help to maintain the website more efficiently. For example we will soon be able to make visible the 2018 calendar in full rather than just the first couple of months as has been the case.

However, what you may have noticed is that the website is now mobile friendly and coming soon - once tested - you'll be able to download the calendar to most smart phones.

Our thanks to Chris Corbett who is making these improvements to the website.

News from the Complex

Paul Stanwick informs me that starting week commencing 18th September a number of tees will be levelled and re-turfed.

There is no further news on who or whether a new contractor will be taking over the complex although we do expect BCBF to have made a decision by November.

Club Clothing

Club clothing can now be ordered on line, check out what's on offer.

Supplementary Card Rules

If a player wishes to submit a supplementary card then he must record his intention prior to starting his round. There is now a book in the Pro shop for this purpose. If the card is subsequently not submitted then 0.1 will be added to his handicap.

There is also a useful quick guide for players well worth a read which you'll find at: (congu.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Players-quick-guide.pdf)

Mid-Week Competitions

Priority will be given to those who have signed up (on board or on-line); and to those who have contacted the Organiser after the tee times have been published. Just adding your name to the tee time list or turning up on spec, may result in you being turned away if insufficient tees are available.

Your Card

In competition you are expected to enter your own scorecard and leave it by the PC. If you're playing for handicap please leave your card in same place.

Please note that if your card is not there when the PC is closed and the cards collected it's a DQ.

Falling leaves



With Autumn now approaching falling leaves can be a real problem, particularly on the 4th fairway.

If you can please call up the group behind and act as spotters for those fine drives that bury themselves.

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