



The Vale

Newsletter of Aylesbury Vale Golf Club
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Comment

Sadly, it's now a matter of 'no golf' rather than 'carry only (if you can)', but at least our Club members have *The Vale* to read to give a break from gardening, vacuuming and undertaking all those jobs to be done 'when I have spare time'.

Although the Senior's Section Captain and Committee hand over to the incoming one on 1 April, this is not the case with the Men's and Ladies' Captains and Committees, who will not be changing until 1 July. Nonetheless, shewn in the relevant sections are details of all the Committees elected/appointed for the coming season at the recent AGMs.

Russell Phillips has given us some helpful tips and photographs in this issue to improve our golf, in readiness for playing again.

News and Updates from the Club Management

Life seems to be altering at breakneck speed, from closure of the Clubhouse to cancellation of all competitions, to closure of course and driving range. We have sent out two previous emails to members and Jason followed this with Facebook information. The BRS email system became our vehicle for communicating with members following GDPR regulations as an 'opt in' was required to use your email address. However, a few members said they could not read the attachment, which could be down to software compatibility, hence, this issue of *The Vale* gives a summary of the current situation. Each month you can download *The Vale* from the website or have a copy emailed to you by the Editor. So, if you have a friend as a member who has mentioned that they have not managed to receive any emails, please encourage them to download this month's Vale. I guess that may not work too, so try to tell them about it!

The Club had to close on the evening of 23 March due to the government's 'Stay at Home' directive and the subsequent guidance by the EGU. This covers everything: course, driving range, Clubhouse and golf lessons. The next review date is 14 April, when we will send another email, but being realistic this date will probably be too early for any change for obvious health reasons.

Regarding memberships, any member that pays annually will have the full length of time of the course closure added to their renewal date. Those members who pay by direct debit will have no fees taken from their accounts for the number of months that the course is closed. In order to process direct debits every month we need to complete a banking template of direct debits and submit them to the banks two weeks before the direct debits pay. This template was submitted in the normal way before we knew we would have to close, hence we could not amend the 1 April template - please see the first email sent to members on 24 March. However, we can from 1 May and onwards.

So, to take an example, if the course ends up being closed from 24 March 20 until 24 June 20, (three months), we will reduce your direct debit to £0 for 1 May 20, 1 June 20 and 1 July 20.

We went on to say that the EGU confirmed that green keepers are classed as key workers. Without them we would be unable to re-open as the grass could be two feet high everywhere! We can now confirm that the full team have been offered their right to self-isolate at home but we are proud to say that all have elected to continue at work. They are entitled to change their minds but at present they are hard at work.

The government has stated that loans will be available to businesses but we are still lacking any detail, further communication or timings. Hence, in the last email we input that if any members would voluntarily allow us to take half of your direct debit fee for the duration of closure, (for example 1 May 20, 1 June 20 and 1 July 20) then we would reduce your fee again by half in a year's time (1 May 21, 1 June 21 and 1 July 21). This would eventually give everyone the same level of discount but would assist us in the here and now to keep all the green keepers employed. You have to send an opt in email to info@avgc.co.uk to allow us to take half a fee, titling the email 'Direct Debit Opt In'. Without the opt in email be assured your direct debit will be reduced to £0 on 1 May 20 without any action required by yourself.

A few days have passed since the last email to members on 24 March and we have been somewhat taken aback by the number of members opting in or sending their own individual messages of support. Garry is busy replying to them but on behalf of all the staff here I would like to convey a huge thank you to you all.

So what are the green keepers up to? The course is now dry so they are busy cutting everything. In addition they are raking, scarifying and over seeding any damaged areas from winter. The course is looking good (but I don't know if you really want to know that)! They are also starting the vertical-drain, double scarify, dressing and fertilising of the greens. This is a couple of weeks early but the weather conditions are right so they have dived in. There are advantages to working on an empty course. (every green keepers dream)! Think of the tees, for example, - no waiting to get on, no tee blocks to remove, no stopping half way through, drive straight to the next tee the shortest way etc. This saves time so the tees have now been vertical drained/slit/divoted as well. This Coronavirus may still hold twists and turns for us in the future, but so far so good in striving to create something positive for everyone to look forward to.

Food Packs. Prior to complete lockdown in the Clubhouse we were planning on creating food packs for members who did not want to shop at supermarkets. Alas, this is no longer possible, but we have been in contact with our wholesale supplier. They have now opened up to the public and they have a similar initiative which they are happy to open up to our members and they have a home delivery service. Their website is www.waterdenefoodservice.co.uk where you can see details of this online facility. Their Facebook page includes a picture of the pack content so do contact them if this would be a useful service.

When might we reopen? This will be determined by government. They have said previously that the fresh air and gentle exercise is positive physically and mentally. The very safest way to re-introduce golf would be single players, or two balls from the same household, arriving in their own car, playing, then going straight home. There would be no form of competition or handicapping, just straight exercise whilst swinging a club. This would be very spaced out over our 130 acre course with the golfer roaming freely. Golfers would take their exercise on the courses and hence those same people would no longer be adding to the congestion on high street pavements, or on paths around lakes or parks where people are funnelling together. Overall there is logic that risks of spreading the virus would be lowered. We can but hope that golf is selected as one of the first activities to make a return.

I would just like to thank the initiatives and flexibility of the Club Captains and Committees at this time. They have completed their year and are now helping out for another couple of months.

Many thanks also to the Men's Section for the irrigation grant. The irrigation is being installed. To all other staff who are now following guidelines and staying at home, we look forward to getting you all back to work as soon as possible.

Finally, probably the most important message for all is to keep yourself as safe as you possibly can.

Very best wishes.

Chris Wright

Rules of Golf



Relief from Sprinkler Heads. A player is only entitled to relief from an obstruction such as a sprinkler head if there is physical interference to stance or area of intended swing or the ball touches, or is in or on, the obstruction. There would therefore be no relief in this scenario. The fact that the sprinkler head is a distraction does not entitle the player to free relief. *Daniel Sommerville, R&A Rules Manager.*

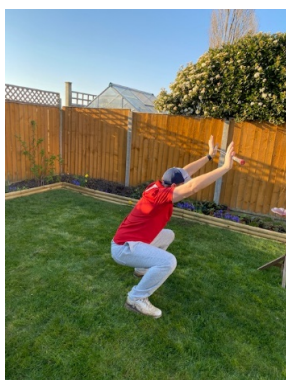
Tip of the Month by your Head PGA Professional, Russell Phillips

It was a real shame to see that the golf course had to close under government and EGU guidelines and it really shows testing times ahead. One of the biggest challenges about being more isolated is staying active and mentally positive. It has been great to see some photos that some of you have sent in creating you own hitting nets - from old garden mesh to pond liners, please keep them coming! Let's bring the golf course home!

With that in mind my Tip of the Month is to keep golfing at home and here are a few easy ideas you could do...

Stay fit exercises for golf

Four basic exercises that can keep your golf muscles fit (do them in comfy trousers...):



1. Squat with a club above your head.

Stand up straight with a club above your head, hands and feet shoulder width apart.

Squat down keeping your knees out as low as you can keeping your heels on the ground and arms straight and back. Then push back up. Repeat 12-15 times.



2. Shoulder rotation with club behind your head.

Place the club behind your neck trying not to press the club into your neck (try to keep the arms back). Now rotate the body to the left and then the right. Repeat 20 times.





3. Knees up.

Place a club out in front of you, at hip height. At walking pace raise your left knee to hit the club, lower the leg and do the same for the right knee. Continue to do this for 30 seconds. (Challenge yourself and see if you can do it at a running pace!)



4. Fast swing!

Hold the club upside down and make 6-10 fast swings. With each swing try to get a little faster.

Start off slowly until you are able to do these with ease.



Short game around the house

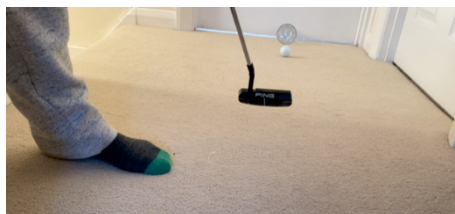


1. Chipping into an umbrella.

Place an umbrella upside down in the garden and practice chipping the ball into it. Have a match with your household partners or see how many you can get in succession.

2. Putting into a glass.

Place a glass on a carpet and try to putt the ball into it. Have a match with your household partners or see how many you can get in succession.



These are just some ideas to keep your game going. Please email or text me if you have any questions or want more ideas... r.phillips@avgc.co.uk or 07843 692948. Everyone stay safe.

Daily Golf Challenge by Russell Phillips

From 1 April I will be doing daily golf challenges that you can do around the home, with equipment lying around the house and your golf clubs. To get involved follow me on:

Instagram : [rpgolfacademy](https://www.instagram.com/rpgolfacademy)
Facebook : [rpga](https://www.facebook.com/rpga)

Please submit results in the comments each day. Have fun and keep golfing!

Russell

A message for you all from the Hospice at Home Volunteers

Hospice at Home Volunteers would like to thank Steve Chandler and every single one of you for supporting us in the last year. I hear it's been a record year and we are extremely grateful.

I would like to update you on what we have been doing during this last year. From March 2019 to March 2020 we have supported 35 clients and their families. Our volunteers have spent a total of 1867.5 hours visiting their clients and supporting them and their families. We have had 23 new referrals during the year, but sadly we have also had 12 of our clients passing away.

We have trained three new volunteers and have another three waiting to be trained, which will take our total number of volunteers up to 27.

We have expanded into the Wing area, which also brings us into the catchment area of The Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury. With the support of AVGC we have been able to produce more leaflets and banners and publicize our charity through local support groups, events and magazines. As a result of this wider coverage, we have found that we are now getting referrals from husbands, wives and partners, as well as our usual medical professionals.

We recently received the amazing news that this year's Men's Captain, Keith, would like to continue to support Hospice at Home Volunteers. Obviously, with the current situation, 2020 will be a very different year, and the main priority is that we all remain healthy. Hopefully, later in the year we can get together with you all to thank you for your support in person. Until then... Stay Safe.

Jaquie Dixon
Volunteers Co-ordinator



From 'Play It As It Lies' by Thelwell ©



The Vale

This newsletter is produced monthly for all Club members. If you would like to receive a personal copy each month by email, just ask the Editor to add you to his list, that already numbers some 120.

To help add interest to *The Vale*, why not send the Editor something golf-related that he can include in an issue – perhaps a review of a course that you've visited and really recommend (or definitely don't).

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Men

A Word from the Men's Captain...

Under normal circumstances, this would be my last post as outgoing Captain, thanking you all for your support and wishing the incoming Captain well in the forthcoming year. These are not, however, normal circumstances!

Due to the knock-on effect this dreadful virus has had on everyday life, our golfing experience has been unavoidably curtailed.

When we eventually return to playing golf the Men's Section will have seen the loss of all competitive and non-competitive Club matches. In addition, just before the closure, the Men's Section suspended all internal competitions in line with the EGU recommendations. These competitions will not recommence until these recommendations are changed. Large social events, such as Captain's Day, will clearly not be acceptable in the current climate, should we get back to playing golf anytime soon.

With this in mind, it leaves the incoming Captain, Keith McGoverne, with very little of the normal Captaincy year intact and we wish him to have the same great experience that myself, John, Andy and all that have gone before us have had. In order to give Keith a summer with all that being Captain brings, we are going to operate as a Section as set out below:

- I will continue as Captain until the end of June 2020;
- Keith will become Captain in July 2020 and will be Captain until the end of October 2021;
- Neil Meldrum will become Captain in November 2021.

There were a few bright spots as the month of March progressed, with the shotgun Medal always being an enjoyable event. The last weekend of golf before our enforced hiatus saw the Zodiac Texas Scramble played along with the Michael Videtta Memorial.

The latter of these two events saw a great number of members turn out in bright clothing (admittedly some of it hidden under cold weather gear!) in order to celebrate Michael's colourful golfing garb! Thanks to all who played and particular thanks to Dwayne, Tony, Dean R and Dean P for their great idea to honour their friend in this way. They raised £300 for the Heart Foundation, well done guys!

Look forward to some positive news over the next month, hope everybody stays safe and finds an outlet for their golfing frustrations.

Gimmie' some toilet roll! (or hand sanitiser).

Steve Chandler

The March monthly Medal attracted 66 players and, in Division 1 it was the in-form Nathan Chandler who led the way with a fine nett 68. Will Bond finished second a shot further back with Martin Higgins (nett71) third. In Division 2 Kyle Wilks recorded the best score of the day with a nett 66, five shots clear of second placed Andre Lotter. Dave Welling, in his first Medal, came third. Dwayne Cowans also finished five shots clear of the field in Division 3 with a nett 69 and Adrian Matthews and Tom Read filling the minor places.

The March Midweek Medal saw a small turnout, but it was won by Pete Smees (nett 73) with Fran Austin three shots back in second.

Despite the sudden closure of the Clubhouse due to the coronavirus, the Zodiac Texas Scramble still went ahead with 14 teams taking part. The winning team with a nett 59.2 were Shane Lea, Micky Parslow, Dave Welling and James Kelly.

Our final event in March was the Michael Videtta Memorial Day when our members turned out in force and raised £300 for the Heart Foundation.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE COURSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THE MEANTIME...TAKE CARE.

The Future Committee

The Committee that will on 1 July be taking over the Men's Section reins for the coming season is:

Captain: Keith McGoverne
Vice-Captain: Neil Meldrum
Treasurer: Keith Loxton
Golf Secretary: Dave Lea
Fixtures Secretary: Andrew Ashcroft
Handicap Secretary: Adrian Fallon
Admin Secretary: Roger White
5-Day Representative: Peter Codrai
Members: Mark Mansfield, Brian Smith

Competition and Match Results (Men)

Medal 7 March	Div 1 1 st : Nathan Chandler nett 68 2 nd : Will Bond nett 69 3 rd : Martin Higgins nett 71	Div 2 1 st : Kyle Wilks nett 66 2 nd : Andre Lotter nett 71 3 rd : Dave Welling nett 72	Div 3 1 st : Dwayne Cowans nett 69 2 nd : Adrian Matthews nett 74 3 rd : Tom Read nett 76
Midweek Medal	1 st : Peter Smees nett 73 2 nd : Francis Austin nett 76 3 rd : Kim Wiggins nett 76		
Texas Scramble 21 March	1 st : Micky Parslow, Shane Lea, Dave Welling, James Kelly 59.2	2 nd : Ralph Birch-White, Will Shackleton, Matt Taylor 62.2	3 rd : Keith McGoverne, Nathan Chandler, Graham Magill, Jamie Carlin 62.2
Michael Videtta Memorial 22 March	1 st : Gary Hinton, Mark Williams, Andy Dell & Kevin Dodds 87 Pts.	2 nd : Michael Pearce, Andrew Pearce, Abi Pearce and Brian Smith 86 Pts	

Seniors

A Word from the 2019 Seniors' Captain...

It has been a great honour and a pleasure to be the Captain of the Seniors' Section over the past year. I have been treated with kindness and understanding by all I have interacted with, for which I am very grateful.

We played a reduced fixture list of Friendly Matches from previous years and although we had a limited squad of players available to play, we always managed to field a full team. I am very grateful for the commitment shown by those players who made my job a lot easier. We played a last home game against Aylesbury Park and Wavendon closed suddenly. We received an invitation to play Whipsnade Park which, being a local Club, we were happy to accept. Although results are not particularly important, we won three matches, drew three and lost five. As tradition demands, the Ladies gave us a good beating and we lost to the Men as well, but by a much smaller margin than in the previous year.

A new event on the calendar was the Triangular match against Windmill Hill and Abbey Hill and Dave Lea led us to an inaugural victory. I am indebted to Peter Nightingale who manages the Winter League; sadly, the wet weather this year delayed the outcome and Coronavirus forced the last matches to be abandoned.

Dave Lea has been outstanding in his stewardship of competitions and the whole Section will wish to join me in thanking him for the effort he puts into this incredibly important facet of our golf. We have had excellent support for all our competitions and this is hugely encouraging for the Committee as it is evidence that we are on the right track. Some new competitions were introduced this year. The Triple Challenge dates on a Wednesday were well supported and will continue, but there was no call for the 9-hole element. A fun pairs competition – *It's golf Jim, but not as we know it* – where a different challenge on each hole was required, was well received even though it caused some confusion for all. A more serious pairs competition – the Seniors Pairs Championship – was introduced, modelled on the competition run in the Men's Section. This required playing three different formats over the 18 holes and will no doubt grow into one of our 'Majors'.

I was delighted with the response to my Captain's Day, given the calendar change to August. It proved more popular than planned and that enabled us to contribute all the profit to the Captains' Charity, although we had decided that charity would not be a focus for us this year.

Three very successful 'AwayDays' were held this year, the first of which was over-subscribed. My thanks go to Peter Codrai for ensuring their smooth running. Peter also receives thanks for ensuring the Seniors' Presentations went smoothly and this was well attended, even given the change of date to December.

Roll-ups have been hit this year as they are mainly an autumn/winter feature and the long regime of carry only during the wet conditions has kept many Seniors away.

Our finances are not only in good shape, but the manner of reporting has been successful to the extent that even I understand how much money we have. Keith Loxton takes all the credit for this and he hands over to our new Treasurer systems that are clear and relatively easy to maintain. We are grateful to Peter Lawson who examines the accounts on behalf of the Section.

Mike Pelizzoni had the unenviable job of taking over as Admin Secretary and although having his eyes sorted out over the summer, has taken well to his new job and I am very grateful for his enormous input, much of which is behind the scenes.

Dave Simons has proved an excellent Immediate Past Captain, offering advice where necessary which has been invaluable. I am also indebted to the other past Captains of the Section who have gone out of their way to be helpful and encouraging whenever I have sought their support or their wisdom of how things were done on previous occasions. I also believe we have not publicly recognised that Dave not only instigated the new Celebratory Cup, but also personally donated the cup for it; an omission I am happy to correct now.

Our two Member posts were also filled by new volunteers to the Committee. Chris Cox and Terry Neve have bought a breath of fresh air and have both assisted with much of the statistics behind the scenes on our competitions and I offer my sincere thanks to them both.

Seniors will be aware that for the third time in four years we started the year without a Vice-Captain. We therefore decided to alter the Constitution, which will give far greater flexibility in the event of this happening again although I am pleased to report we start with a full Committee for next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Section as a whole for the many hours of golf on the course and good discussion in the Clubhouse. For those of you who enjoy a good statistic, I have played 150 rounds of golf this year with over 120 different individuals. Sadly, I cannot say that all that golf helped me win any competitions this year but I managed to play with enough good players to help me through a few roll-ups!

Larry Goddard

...and A Word from the 2020 Seniors' Captain

It is unusual, but not unheard of, for the new Seniors' Captain to be the same person as the outgoing Captain and I find myself in that position. In normal times, I might have made remarks about the need

to ensure that this does not become a regular feature and encourage others to come forward to take on roles. However, we are not in normal times given Covid-19 and there are some advantages to a continuation so that a new Captain does not have his experience marred as Club life crumbles around him.

The Men and the Ladies have very sensibly delayed the start of their new Captains' years but the Seniors Committee, having closely looked at the somewhat different circumstances of our Section, will just allow the normal processes to continue and therefore the new Committee will take office on 1 April. I welcome Keith Loxton as Vice-Captain and Mike Boden as Honorary Treasurer, the rest of the Committee being unchanged.

We were approached by Chiltern Forest Golf Club to play a summer friendly both home and away and, as a local Club we were happy to give this a trial for a year to ensure we were a good fit for each other's styles. All other matches were scheduled as played last year, but I moved some dates around to improve the balance across the summer. Summer matches are in a precarious position. They are enjoyed by a small number of enthusiastic players and although we were able to get teams out last year there was little or no slack in the system. This is not sustainable and if we wish to see summer matches survive, there will need to be an increase in interest from a larger squad of players so that we do not need to press gang at the last moment. The changes in relaxed and rolling dining have been very successful and have been enjoyed by most as we reduce the time commitment to more sensible levels.

Nearly all competitions which were run last year will be repeated this year, with a couple of minor changes. The Rabbits vs The Rest, not played last year, has been retired and a new competition - Captain vs Vice Captain vs Immediate Past Captain - will replace it. The Wednesday Triple Challenge Stablefords will continue, but the 9-hole option has been removed through lack of interest. A new competition for Vintage (aged over 75) players, honouring past Captain Bernie Gogan, will be played for on Captain's Days. The rules for the Winter 8 series of Stablefords have been amended from the best three scores to count to a sliding scale of counting scores dependent on how many Winter 8s are actually played; if they are all played then the best five will count, reducing down to three if six or less rounds are played.

We had a good year financially as the Treasurer has reported and the Prize Table for all competitions has been reviewed and amended to return a greater percentage to participants. In addition to AwayDay subsidies and as a one-off to repay some of last year's surplus, Senior Captain's Day will have a free entry to all competitors.

As last year, we will not be making charity-raising a driver to our activities, but will support the Captains' Charity (Hospice at Home Volunteers) by our active participation in events held for that purpose.

With the autumn and winter being as wet as they were and with enforced 'carry-only' days, attendance at roll-ups has been small. We have not sought to retain to funds any proportion of the income from these where numbers have been small. We will expect to retain around 50% to funds on fields in excess of 20 players and reduce this retention to zero with fields of less than 12. A less desirable consequence of reduced roll-up numbers is the desire of Management to reduce dedicated tee times to match actual demand. This is understandable, but I will make this comment to all Seniors – 'Use it or Lose it'.

The position is changing very rapidly as I write this note. Summer matches are already being cancelled and more will be cancelled in the coming days. AwayDays are at risk and we will give news when we have it. The Club is closed for at least three weeks and all competitions within that window have been cancelled – it is unlikely that they will be rescheduled but we will look to see what can be done when golf resumes.

I urge all Seniors to use our dedicated webpages – navigating either from the Club's website or by going directly to www.avgcseniors.co.uk. This will be my main vehicle for posting news and updates – often at very short notice.

This will be a very challenging year, but with support and understanding from all Members we will get through this and look forward to a resumption of normality hopefully later in the year.

Keep well!

Larry Goddard

Seniors' Committee 2020/21

The Seniors' Committee for 2020/21 is:

Captain: Larry Goddard
Vice-Captain: Keith Loxton
Treasurer: Mike Boden
Admin Secretary: Mike Pelizzoni
Competition Secretary: Dave Lea
Social Secretary: Peter Codrai
Members: Chris Cox, Terry Neve

Competition and Match Results (Seniors)

Winter Eight (8) 9 March	1 st : Mick Herdman 41 Pts 2 nd : Ken Slatter 38 Pts 3 rd : Dave Needs 36 Pts
Winter Eight Series: – Best 3 Scores Achieved	1 st : Simon Merritt 112 Pts 2 nd : Andrew Bond 111 Pts 3 rd : Dave Needs 109 Pts

Ladies

A Word from the Lady Captain...

No Lady Captain's Report was received.

Julie Lea

Ladies' Committee 2020/21

The Committee resulting from the recent AGM, which will be taking responsibility from 1 July, is:

Captain: Kath Scott
Vice-Captain: TBA
Treasurer: Charlotte Simpson
Admin Secretary: Lesley Wright
7-day Competition Secretary: Sheila Perkins
5-day Competition Secretary: Jackie Boden
Handicap Secretary: Jean Barnett

Competition and Match Results (Ladies)

Hellen Rowley Plate 14 March	1 st : Jane Codrai 31 Pts 2 nd : Jean Barnett 29 Pts 3 rd : Natalie Rendle 29 Pts
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Juniors

There is no Junior information this month.

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... please stay safe until the Club reopens and thereafter. It is possible that there will not be an issue of *The Vale* next month, as there may be nothing to report.

...and a touch of humour... humour?

Lance Redler

Editor

cc: Club Professionals, charities

What's on This Month and Next?

(All-Section and Club events are in **bold**)

Men:

Course closed until at least 14 April

Monday 13 to Friday 17 April – midweek Stableford

Tuesday 14 April – home match vs Aylesbury Nomads 0815-0900

Saturday 18 April – Committee Cup 0715-1030

Sunday 19 April – CBL home match vs Richings Park 1000-1100

Monday 20 April – HOLLOW CORING

Tuesday 21 April – HOLLOW CORING

Wednesday 22 April – HOLLOW CORING

Saturday 2 May – Medal 0645-1100

Monday 4 to Friday 8 May – midweek Medal

Monday 4 May – Medal (2) 0730-1000

Monday 11 to Friday 15 May – midweek Stableford

Saturday 16 May – CBL away match vs Richings Park

Sunday 17 May – Foursomes Medal 0715-1000

Saturday 23 May – CBL home match vs Princes Risborough 1000-1100

Monday 25 May – Derek Hall Memorial Trophy 0715-1100

Saturday 30 May – home match vs Magnolia Park 1000-1100

Seniors:

Course closed until at least 14 April

Monday 13 to Friday 17 April – midweek Stableford

Wednesday 15 April – Captain's competition 0815-1000

Monday 20 April – HOLLOW CORING

Monday 20 April – WL Awards Day, Chartridge Park

Tuesday 21 April – HOLLOW CORING

Wednesday 22 April – HOLLOW CORING

Monday 27 April – Summer Six (1) 0730-1000

Wednesday 29 April – Captain's competition 0815-1000

Monday 4 to Friday 8 May – midweek Medal

Tuesday 5 May – Away Day Bicester GC

Wednesday 6 May – Captain's competition 0815-1000

Monday 11 to Friday 15 May – midweek Stableford

Monday 11 May – Captain vs Vice-Captain vs Past Captains 0730-0930

Tuesday 12 May – away match vs Whipsnade Park

Wednesday 13 May – Triple Challenge (1) 0800-0930

Monday 18 May – Summer Six (2) 0730-1000

Wednesday 20 May – away match vs Chalgrave Manor

Wednesday 20 May – Captain's competition 0815-1000

Monday 25 May – Derek Hall Memorial Trophy 0715-1100

Wednesday 27 May – Captain's competition 0815-0900

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Competition Secretary: Dave Lea

Admin Secretary: Mike Pelizzoni

Social Secretary: Peter Codrai

Ladies

Captain: Julie Lea

Vice-Captain: Kath Scott

Treasurer: Charlotte Simpson

Admin Secretary: Lesley Wright

7-day Competition Secretary: Sheila Perkins

5-day Competition Secretary: Jackie Boden

Handicap Secretary: Jean Barnett

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Ladies:

Course closed until at least 14 April

Monday 13 to Friday 17 April – midweek Stableford

Wednesday 15 April – Stableford and 30+ handicap competition 1000-1100

Sunday 19 April – Mixed Invitation 0845-1000

Monday 20 April – HOLLOW CORING

Monday 20 April – HOLLOW CORING

Tuesday 21 April – HOLLOW CORING

Wednesday 22 April – HOLLOW CORING

Saturday 25 April – Medal 1000-1030

Monday 27 April – competition 1000-1100

Wednesday 29 April – Stableford 1000-1100

Sunday 3 May – Spring Stableford 1000-1030

Monday 4 May – competition 1000-1100

Wednesday 6 May – Medal and 30+ handicap competition 1000-1100

Monday 11 to Friday 15 May – midweek Stableford

Monday 11 May – competition 1000-1100

Wednesday 13 May – competition 1000-1100

Saturday 16 May – Medal 0845-0915

Sunday 17 May – Ping 4BBB Stableford 1000-1045

Monday 18 May – Ping 4BBB Stableford 1000-1100

Wednesday 20 May – ‘Fun Competition’ 1000-1100

Monday 25 May – Derek Hall Memorial Trophy 0715-1100

Wednesday 27 May – Stableford 1000-1100