

THAT GREEN JACKET

The Masters is one of the four major championships in men's professional golf. It is played every April in Augusta, Georgia, USA. The 2019 tournament will be the 83rd time The Masters is played.

Defending champion: **Patrick Reed**

For 2019 the Masters Tournament will begin on Thursday 11th April through Sunday 14th April. Watch them on TV if you can, competing for the Green Jacket!

Augusta National Golf Club, located in Georgia, USA, is one of the most famous golf clubs in the world. Founded by Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts on the site of the former Fruitlands Nursery, the course was designed by Bobby Jones and Alister MacKenzie and opened for play in January 1933.

Since 1934, Augusta has played host to the annual Masters Tournament, one of the four major championships in professional golf, and the only major played each year at the same course. The first **Green Jacket** was awarded to Sam Snead when he won the tournament for the first time in 1949.

Augusta's first club professional was Ed Dudley, who served in the role until 1957. Dudley was one of the top tournament professionals of his era, with 15 wins to his name on the PGA Tour.

It was the top-ranked course in Golf Digest's 2009 list of America's 100 greatest courses and was the number ten-ranked course based on course architecture on Golfweek Magazine's 2011 list of best classic courses in the United States.

The club has drawn criticism for its exclusionary membership policies: Augusta National barred African Americans until 1990 and women until 2012.

The club, which long required all caddies to be black, barred black golfers from the Masters Tournament for 40 years until Lee Elder participated in the 1975 Tournament.

Tiger Woods would become the first person of colour to win the tournament in 1997. He and Vijay Singh are the only people of colour to win the tournament. In 2019, the course will begin co-hosting the Augusta National Women's Amateur.

PRO SHOP NEWS

Lessons - During April we will be running a promotion on lessons for the new season where members can book 6 lessons for the price of 5 - Cost £125.00 . A saving of £25.00!

Equipment News – Titleist Golf Balls:



The Spring Open - We have rearranged the Spring Open for Sunday 5th of May. This will run in conjunction with the Men's Invitation. Bookings are now open so please contact the Pro-shop for any details.

Junior Coaching Update – Get Your Child Into Golf

→ Please contact the Pro-shop for details: pro@kingtongolf.co.uk

☎ 01544 230340 (Ext 1)

Bugle Contributions:
Please pass all your suggestions and comments to: dudley08@gmail.com

BRADNOR BUGLE – APRIL 2019



WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOOK BUGLE !

This is the first stage in a 'refresh' of our Newsletter format. We hope you like it! Among the changes we have in mind are a slightly bigger font size to make it easier to read; more pictures and more colour. There is more to come! Please do give us your feedback as we want to ensure we get this change right for you, our readers.

THE SOLAR PANELS ARE UP AND WORKING!

You have probably noticed that the Solar Panel installation team has been busy working on the Clubhouse roof.

You may be aware that we now have an 8.54 KW solar panel system with all the panels installed on the clubhouse roof. Unfortunately this was a heavily reduced KW system due to the capacity constraints within the grid on the Hill, something that was outside our control. In the February newsletter we referred to the panels being fitted to both the Pro Shop & Clubhouse but the revised plan was to fit these on the South facing roof of the Clubhouse only.

It is envisaged the system will pay for itself in 7 - 8 years. Over a 20 year period we should recoup over £45,000 in energy saving and feed-in Tariff.

It is also hoped we will have some spare energy to heat the water which will save us some oil costs.

We look forward to a hot Summer!

BRADNOR BUGLE – the monthly Newsletter of Kington Golf Club

LAST SUNDAY ROLL UP?

The last Sunday roll up before competitions start proved to be one of the busiest ever!

38 players took part playing a pairs better ball format in glorious conditions.

Some excellent scores were posted with many pairs scoring over 40 points.

The winning pair of Robin Price and Nico Girolami amassed 51 points, so congratulations to them!

Martin Blackaller (organiser!)

OFF THE WALL ...

You may have noticed that we have had a slight accident with a wall knocked down.

This was an accident and will soon be repaired. Don't worry, nobody was hurt!



REMEMBER:

THERE IS A ROLL UP ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNINGS WHEN THERE IS NO OFFICIAL COMP.

BE AT THE CLUBHOUSE BEFORE 8.30 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW

LADIES RESULTS

18 hole Stableford (played in the early March gales!) 5/3/19

- 1st Barbie Radbourne 29pts
2nd Carolyn Jones 28pts
3rd Iris Corfield 28pts

A 12 hole competition was also run for the less foolhardy!

- 1st Gerry Bunce 20pts
2nd Anne Hitchcox 17pts
3rd Betty Ashworth 17pts

12 hole Stableford 'Surprise' 19/3/19

Division 1

- 1st Wendy Douglas 26pts
2nd Iris Corfield 23pts
3rd Barbie Radbourne 23pts

Division 2

- 1st Jane Cowles 21pts
2nd Hermione Evans 21pts
3rd Pauline Betteridge 20pts

The surprise (Prosecco) was won by Jane Cowles, with the best aggregate score of 8pts on holes 1, 15 and 16.

Opening Competition (Sunday 24/3/19)

In beautiful sunshine (and a cool wind), the first 'summer' competition got off to a flying start. We were delighted to welcome *Angie Wilkes* back after a long lay-off due to a major operation. She will certainly remember her day, scoring a hole in one on the 9th, well done Angie!

The 18 hole Stableford gave Gerry Bunce her first win since rejoining the club, with a score of 37, which also reduced her handicap, Rita Didcock had 34 points and Debbie Jones 32 points.

A 9 hole competition was won by Audrey Philpott 16pts, Anne Hitchcox 14pts and Barbara Passey 13pts.

The competition was followed by a most enjoyable tea, courtesy of the Lady Captain, and prizes for everyone!

Texas Scramble 26/3/19

We had beautiful sunny weather for our 3 ball Texas Scramble

1st Toinette Davies / Gerry Bunce / Debbie Jones 34.6

2nd Audrey Philpott / Betty Ashworth / Barbara Passey 35.0

3rd Liz Lockwood / Priscilla Scott / Anne Hitchcox 35.0

2

SENIORS

Kington Blue Ballers finished the season on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March at Aberdovey Golf Club

Fifteen stayed over night and played both rounds with a further three travelling to play on Thursday only and one on the Friday. The course was severely burnt in the summer heat wave leaving the fairways a little bare but we were very lucky with the weather on both days. It was also good to see some new blue ballers and we hope they will support next year's programme especially as they cleaned up on the prizes!!

Thursday's Results

Team of three - all scores count

1st Nigel Venables; Keith Lister and Dave Bradley – 102 pts

2nd Mike Richards; Jim Kelly and Richard Elmes – 96 pts

3rd Sam Hinton; Tom Ammonds and Jon Watkins – 92 pts

Individual

1st Dave Bradley – 37 pts

2nd Jon Watkins – 35 pts

3rd Richard Elmes – 35 pts

Friday's Results

Team of four all scores to count

1st Phil Jones; Terry Weight; Jon Watkins and Tom Ammonds 124 pts

2nd Ted Davies; Kevin Barnes; Wyndam Evans and Paul Finch 109 pts

Individual

1st Jon Watkins 36 pts

2nd Tom Ammonds 35 pts

3rd Nigel Venables

Winner of the Blue Ball Trophy:

Jon Watkins 35 + 36 = 71 pts

Congratulations and thanks to all who have supported the Blue Ball events this season

- Ted

NEW TEAM SHIRTS

Look out for the new Team Shirts – they are due any day now.



Divot Repairing

Seniors are organising a late afternoon divot repairing stroll. Sandwich and chip rewards. Keep your eyes open for a sign-up sheet soon.

Seniors Comps

Entry sheets are now up on the Seniors Noticeboard for the Senior section knock-outs.

Only in This Stupid World ...

... do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

BRAD, THE HELI-BEAR

Brad, our Heli-Bear, had an amazing time in Japan. On the way he was invited into the cockpit and sat in the Captain's chair before being spoilt by the stewardess, who kept feeding him honey! In Japan he enjoyed the local food, visited the Imperial Gardens and a Geisha House, travelled on a ferry to Miyajima Island, met a snow monkey and even went to the Sumo wrestling!

This month he has also visited Llangollen, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Chester Zoo. Next stop – Australia!



Letters to the Editor ...?

"Sir, my Seniors' playing partner (coincidentally on 1 April) was Bradnor Bugle Editor, Barry. To distract from our very average golf we discussed content for his next publication. We explored the idea of having a "Letters to the Editor" section and Barry invited me to provide the first. Could this new item, provided by ordinary members, amuse and inform others to the benefit of our Club? – Richard Hill" (please send in your thoughts)

3

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dear Member

During March you should have received your membership subscription Invoice for the coming year.

My thanks to the many of you who have already paid or set up regular payments. For those of you yet to make payment please make arrangements now, remember if payment is not received by 14th April your membership is suspended and you will not be able to enter any competitions.

If you wish to stage your payments your invoice gives a range of payment options. For those of you choosing to pay by bank transfer please let me know as it greatly eases my record keeping.

Either by email:
membership@kingtongolf.co.uk
or by phone: 01544 230448

My thanks to you all, and I wish you an enjoyable year of golfing.

Paul Finch
Membership Secretary

DELAYED FIDDLE MEAL

On this date:

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Additional Fiddle competition, Meal, and competition prizes

Mike Stanley - 07773 086024

CLUBHOUSE KITCHEN AND BAR

Note new opening hours for APRIL 2019:

Monday - Saturday: 10:00 - 18:00

Sunday: 08:00 - 16:00

Note also that these are the CLOSING times of the Clubhouse, so members going out late MUST take note before leaving clothes in the changing rooms, unless arranged before hand with Abbi. If any groups require extended opening hours please contact me, always happy to help if I can.
Abbi

Did you ever wonder...

... Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?