



Communications Group

(On behalf of the Management Committee and Club Members)

Captains' Charity Day
Saturday 30 July 2022
Please support your Captains.

Booking through the pro shop from
Saturday 2nd July

Book now; only a few slots left!

Team event

2 from 4 stableford, 85% course handicap
Gents yellow tees, Ladies Red

Entry fee:

£10 members, £20 visitors (must be paid
on entry)

Tee times 7:00 to 13:00

Presentation 7pm

Separate prizes for Gents, Ladies and
mixed teams

Halfway House will be open



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Newsletter June/July 2022

Dear Members

The Summer Solstice has just passed and our golf course is looking great. This Summer Newsletter looks at events both on and off the course, with some highlights to note in your diaries.

In the Clubhouse

To help the staff, can anyone playing late in the day report to the Bar beforehand to advise if they will need bar or food service after play? This will avoid staff waiting late to no purpose.

Golf Events and Results

Captain's Away trip to Greetham Valley on 15th and 16th May

An excellent trip, with benign weather, golf course and refreshments – thanks go to the Captain for generous stocks of beer and wine over the two days!

On the Sunday, the individual winner was Chris Scholey, with a superb 42.

On the Monday, the individual winner was Neil Martindale, who was also part of the winning four-ball, with Mark Cooper, David Hugill and David Jones.

The overall winner over two days was David Hugill and Steve Betts was second. A new award, of "Best On-Course Company", went to Steve Berry!

Many thanks to the organisers and all who attended.

N.B. Next year's Captain's Away trip is to Cave Castle, near Hull, on 11th and 12th June 2023. You can book now in the Pro's Shop to secure a slot.

Captain's Cup Day, 12th June

A good day, well attended, with the following results.

Overall winner – Charles Cooke, with a net 66 strokes (73 gross)

2nd – Gary Smart with 68,

3rd – John Archibald with 69.

Adam Atkinson returned the best gross score of 72.

Longest drive - Adam Scott; nearest pin – Adam Atkinson and Fraser Britton



Captain Mike Mahony presents Charles Cooke with the Winner's Cup

Ladies' Section Summer Am-Am - Wednesday 29 June 2022

The Lady Captain Mary Saddington acted as Starter as sixteen teams of 4 players set off from the first tee on such a beautiful sunny day. Our course was playing well yet providing the players with many 'clubbing' challenges in view of the dry weather!

There were many complimentary comments about the state of the course, the delicious treats served at the halfway house, the good service from the Professional's shop and the array of meals and snacks served by the Catering staff throughout the day. A very successful raffle was held with lots of useful prizes.

Many thanks to all those Club members and staff who were involved in this great day!

The winners were:

First – 84 Points
Sue Nickless Retford
Angie Dyer Retford
Liz Martin Southwell
Anne Watson Southwell

Second – 82 Points
Jane Evans Elsham
Emma Rooke Elsham
Cathy Wheatley Elsham
Dawn Simpson Elsham

Third – 81 Points
Liz Brown Thonock Park
Sue Brown Thonock Park
Carol Green Thonock Park
Suzanne Langmead Thonock Park

Fourth – 79 Points
Bernardette Barton The Nottinghamshire
Aileen Kynoch The Nottinghamshire
Abbie Chambers The Nottinghamshire
Pam Hayes The Nottinghamshire

Nearest The Pin Winners:

3rd Hole Suzanne Langmead Thonock Park
11th Hole Maureen Paulson Newark

Seniors' Am-Am 23rd June

A roaring success!

Many thanks to all those involved.

Ray Wood organised a brilliant event, with help on registration and raffle from Howard Cooper and Dave Moore; starters Allan Meacher, Dave Stirling, Allan Sullivan and Ted Eccleshall.

Halfway House refreshments by Sue Boyes, Marjorie Crookes, Pat Eccleshall and Karen Pollard, where £193.40 was raised for the Captains' Charities.

Thanks to Jess and her team for the catering, ably assisted by Diane and Nicky. Thanks too for all the admin, to Diane, Nicky and John Flavell.

An enormous thanks to Craig who stepped in to help with the bar and Man-The-Pumps, literally.

176 players entered, representing 32 different clubs from as far afield as Leicester and Derbyshire. Winners were from Chatsworth, runners-up from Tapton Park, 3rd place was Thorne, 4th place from Styrrup Hall, 5th place Rushcliffe.

Nearest the Pin was won by G. Thompson.

Nearest the White Line (18th Fairway) J. Cawthorn

Results are posted on the Club website

A big thank you to our President Stuart Moore for his support and assistance.

Universally there was praise for the course, the friendly welcome from our club, and the organisation.

Ladies' Away/Exchange Day, Tuesday 26th July

This is to Newark Golf Club, and over 40 Retford ladies have signed up. They will play an Individual Stableford Competition, and there will also be prizes for the two nearest the pin drives and best front nine and best back nine holes.

Hopefully good weather will be their companion.

Pro-Am event on Saturday 6th August, 2.00-4.00pm

The format is one golfer, with one non-golfer who will do the putting.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer, on the Social Notice board.

James Freeman PGA

James is having a great season in his playing career, making him a great ambassador for the Club. Details can be found on the PGA website at

<https://pgagbi.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/pgagbi22/profile/jfreeman107/tresults.htm>.

9 top ten finishes in 11 events is a considerable achievement.

On 28 June he competed in the Final Qualifying round for the Open Championship, this year being held at St Andrews, with just 4 spaces available. At Hollingwell over 36 holes he finished well in a tie for 7th place just 2 strokes away from a qualifying position.

A steady start left him on level par after 15 holes and well placed in the first round until dropped shots at 16, 17 and 18 spoilt the card. However a fight back in the second round, in which he had the best score of 2 under par, included birdies at the last three holes, where his shots had been dropped in round 1.

Well played James. Retford is proud of you.

Results of Matches

13/06/2022	Ladies Bronze League	Retford	6	v	1	Wollaton
26/05/2022	Ladies Friendly	Retford		tied		Serlby
16/05/2022	Ladies Inter Club	Retford	5up	v		Mapperley
23/05/2022	Ladies Silver League	Norwood	3	v	4	Retford
24/06/2022	Ladies Silver League	Stanton	6	v	1	Retford
18/05/2022	Mens : Friendly	Worksop	3.5	v	1.5	Retford
06/06/2022	Mens Foursomes	Retford		v	3up	Southwell
30/05/2022	Mixed Foursomes	Retford		v	9up	Serlby
29/05/2022	Mixed friendly	Sleaford	7.5	v	0.5	Retford
23/05/2022	Notts Scratch League	Retford	2	v	3	Stanton
13/06/2022	Notts Scratch League	Retford	3	v	2	Mapperley
20/06/2022	Notts Scratch League	Nottinghamshire	4.5	v	0.5	Retford
06/05/2022	Scratch Friendly	Worksop	6	v	3	Retford
23/05/2022	Senior Ladies	Retford	4	v	1	College Pines
09/05/2022	Seniors	Wath	7.5	v	0.5	Retford
16/05/2022	Seniors	Retford	1.5	v	6.5	Mapperley
25/05/2022	Seniors	Retford	5	v	3	Ramsdale
01/06/2022	Seniors	Town Moor	5	v	1	Retford
15/06/2022	Seniors	Retford	P	v	P	Doncaster
21/06/2022	Seniors	Styrrup	291	v	227	Retford

On the Course

Course Update

- You will have seen the value roping is doing to protect the key areas around the course so **please** remember that the ropes and white lines around key areas such as

the greens are to protect them from excessive wear and tear. **Please don't take buggies and trollies in those areas.**

- We still welcome volunteer help around the course, such as debris and litter collection, and de-stoning and raking bunkers. If you can help, please contact Steve Hyatt, Chair of the Greens Sub-Committee.
- Upcoming work
 1. Continue with fencing repairs.
 2. Micro tine all greens
 3. Spin dress Greens and approaches.
 4. Continue to clean out stones from bunkers
 5. Painting on some course equipment

Constitution

A review of our constitution has led to a need to consider amendments. Retford GC Ltd is registered as a Limited Company at Companies House and its constitution, in the form of Articles of Association, can be viewed on their website, together with details of the 3 named Directors who bear responsibility for the running of the Company.

However, it is suggested that the other Members of the Management Committee, despite not being named as Directors, might carry the same level of responsibility as the Directors, under the current Articles. For volunteers giving their time freely to support the club, this is unreasonable and unduly onerous.

A new draft set of Articles has therefore been prepared and approved for adoption by the Committee. The draft seeks to

- Limit the responsibility of Directors to those named as Directors
- Simplify the Articles by removing things not relevant to the Companies act. These will be covered in new Bye-Laws.
- Make the Company suited for registration as a Community Amateur Sports Club if this becomes appropriate in the future.

A General Meeting of members will need to be held for formal adoption of the new Articles, details of which will be issued shortly. Meanwhile a copy of the draft will be available on application to the Communications Group via retfordgolfcomms@gmail.com and another placed on the notice board in the lobby. Any comments or queries should also be addressed to this email or by text or voicemail to 07969 875464.

NB there will be a copy of the new Bye-Laws with the minutes of the Management Committee, in the Clubhouse bar area (under the tv).

Let Us Know

Just to reiterate from the last Newsletter, we have improved the ways members can communicate with the Committee about what's happening in the Club.

- A **Suggestions Box** is now in place in the bar area, where members can put any ideas or suggestions to the Management Committee.
- There is also a printed leaflet available in the foyer and bar area of the Clubhouse, giving details and photos of the Management Committee members.
- If Club members want to raise any points/issues/queries for the Committees, please contact the chair of the appropriate sub-committee, via the e-mail address retfordgolfcomms@gmail.com, or through the Suggestions Box in the Bar area, or to **mobile 07969 875464**.
- If members have any golf related news items please let Mary Saddington know, via retfordgolfcomms@gmail.com
- The next full Management meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th July, 2022, at 7.00pm.** * **If members have any points they would like to raise for future meetings, please write to the Chairman, via the Office.**

Best wishes, from

Andy Massey, Mary Saddington, Dean Atherton, Charles Cooke

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