

# NEWSLETTER 2004

## **Subscriptions**

Despite having remained unchanged last season annual subscriptions are to increase by just £15 this season. There will again be no Joining Fee for new members. We are extending last year's popular scheme whereby any existing member who introduces a new member to the Club during the month of April will receive a £50 voucher to offset against their own subscription. To qualify for this concession the new member's application must be accompanied by a letter of introduction. Please note that only one member may introduce each new applicant and Junior members are not eligible for this offer. If you do not intend to renew your membership of the Club we do require written confirmation of this so that your details can be deleted from our database.

## **Payment by Direct Debit**

The Fees Company have again agreed to continue to offer their attractive direct debit scheme whereby members may pay their subscriptions in 4 equal instalments with the first payment becoming due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004. **Please would all members who are currently using this scheme return to us the enclosed direct debit form from the Fees Company no later than Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is to allow sufficient time to ensure that only those members who wish to continue with the scheme remain on the system.** Any new members to the scheme should complete and return the enclosed application form and return it to us **before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Security**

In order to further enhance security at the Club an electronic barrier is to be installed at the entrance to the car-park,. Entry to the car-park will be unrestricted but in order to make your exit a member will require a swipecard and a visitor a token which will be provided upon payment of a green fee.

## **Driving Range**

The new driving range provides a dry pleasant place from which to practice and also provides an excellent teaching area for Phil Bradley. We do hope that you will take him up on his offer of a free lesson.

## **Added Value Membership**

An additional benefit of being a member of the Forest of Galtres Golf Club is that you will be entitled to concessions at both Living Well, gymnasium and fitness centre and at the Grange Hotel, Clifton.

## **Living Well**

Members please contact Living Well and their representative will be happy to arrange a date for your visit. Preferential rates of membership are also available should you wish to join. Please take the enclosed letter with you as proof of your membership of the golf club.

## **Grange Hotel, Clifton**

Members will also be entitled to preferential rates at the Grange Hotel in Clifton. The enclosed postcard entitles members to 3 courses for the price of 2 in the Brasserie until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004. Once you have renewed your membership of the Club you will be entitled to 10% off the cost of food in any of the Grange's restaurants with the exception of Friday and Saturday Dinner and Sunday Lunch in the Ivy Restaurant. This offer starts on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004 and you will be required to produce your golf club membership card in order to qualify for the discount.

### **The Course**

Over the summer months a considerable amount of work has been carried out on the course to further improve the drainage and to construct new tees at Holes 5,9 and 14. A further new tee at Hole 2 will be constructed and a bridge will be positioned across the ditch at Hole 5 to give access to the new competition tee on this hole. The increased yardage gained by the lengthening of Holes 2,5,9, and 14 has given us sufficient extra course length to achieve a SSS 71. Work will take place during the summer months to extend some of the green side bunkers and to construct some new fairway bunkers.

### **Standard Scratch Score**

The new tees should be ready for play at the end of this season. In the meantime the course will be re-measured, the Stroke Index reassessed and new scorecards printed. The earliest date at which the SSS 71 will come into competitive play will be with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

### **The Clubhouse**

We are all delighted with the way that Ian has managed the Clubhouse. His lively outgoing personality is a great asset to the Club, and he has made the Clubhouse a welcoming place to go after a round of golf. May we remind you that at weekends the Clubhouse is open from 9am - ideal for those members requiring tea, coffee, or bacon baps before teeing off. On Monday to Friday the Clubhouse opens at 11am unless by prior arrangement. **Please note that the Clubhouse remains open even when the course is closed, so do please come down for a meal, a drink or even a game of cards or dominoes!** We have even been known to hold an indoor putting competition! Sunday lunches are available from 12 noon until 4pm. To assist Ian with his catering please book for Sunday lunch before 1pm on Saturday. Telephone 750287 or 07778 412054 or inform the bar staff.

### **New Members' Night**

This will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and is open to any member who has joined the Club during the past year. It is an opportunity to meet the two Captains and their respective committees. There will also be an informal discussion on the rules of the game and how to gain a Handicap. It will provide new members with the opportunity to meet with others who have recently joined the Club. Most importantly your first drink will be courtesy of the Proprietors!

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank both Bob Bailey and Anne Quarmby for their unstinting efforts as Captain and Lady Captain. Bob has done a wonderful job after having agreed to take on the role of Captain at short notice and without having had a year as Vice Captain. Thanks also to Anne who has managed to make the Ladies Section a formidable and active section within the Club with a membership now just short of 50. Thanks go to their Committees for all their efforts in helping to ensure the smooth running of all the competitions and the handicapping system. Finally we wish our new Captains Eric Palmer and Christine Stephenson all the very best for the new season, and trust that you will give them your full support in what will be the Club's 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Happy Golfing!