

NEWSLETTER 2005

Standard Scratch Score (SSS) and Stroke Index (SI)

We have been informed by the Yorkshire Union that, following the creation of the new tees on holes 2, 5, 9 and 14, the course has been re-assessed and awarded a new SSS of 71. The distance from the white tees will be 6534 yards and from the yellow tees 6117 yards. This will, of course, affect the Stroke Index which will mean the following changes:

Hole 2	From Stroke Index 9	to	Stroke Index 5
Hole 5	From Stroke Index 11	to	Stroke Index 7
Hole 6	From Stroke Index 5	to	Stroke Index 9
Hole 7	From Stroke Index 7	to	Stroke Index 11

In addition it is hoped to move the Ladies' 5th 9th and 15th tees back to provide further distance on these holes. We are awaiting approval for this and the Ladies' Stroke Index will of course be adjusted accordingly.

Subscriptions 2005/6

These are as follows:

7 day member	-	£525	7 day husband & wife	-	£1000
5 day member	-	£475	5 day husband & wife	-	£900
Country member	-	£265	Students (18 – 21)	-	£225

(Must live 50 miles from Club)

Juniors Under 15	-	£80	Juniors Under 18	-	£130
18 – 21	-	£265			

Junior membership is determined by the Juniors age on 1st April 2005.

We are again operating last years 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 application and only full 7 or 5 day members are 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 the 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 subscription in instalments with the first payment becoming due on 1st April 2005. **Please would all members who are currently using this scheme return to us the enclosed direct debit form no later than Monday 14th March.** If you do not wish to continue to pay by direct debit then it is important that you let us know so that your arrangements with the Fees Company may be cancelled.

New Members' Night

This will be held on Wednesday 13th 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!

Competitions

With a growing membership and the increasing popularity of competitions at the Club we have introduced certain measures to ensure that the course is used efficiently, delays are minimised and accessibility to competitions is increased for many of our members.

We appreciate that many members are not always able to play on Saturdays so Medal competitions will therefore take place alternately on both Saturdays and Sundays. Ladies' competitions will not take place on the same day as those of the Men.

On those days when a Men's Medal Competition is taking place, the first tee will be reserved from 8.00 am for as long as necessary up until a maximum of 1.00 pm. For the Ladies, the times will lie between 10.00 am and a maximum of 12.00 noon. Members will still be able to play in the Medal competition after that time but will not enjoy exclusive use of the course.

Additional Membership Benefits

On your behalf, we have negotiated significant discounts from certain providers of goods and services in the York area. Details are as set out below:

(a) Living Well Premier Health and Fitness Centre

Please return the enclosed form by 30th April 2005 if you wish to be entered in the draw for a free year's membership at Living Well. Preferential rates of membership during April and May will also be offered.

(b) The Grange Hotel, Clifton

Members will be entitled to 10% off food at The Grange Hotel in their award-winning Ivy Restaurant (AA 2 rosettes), Brasserie or Seafood Bar. Just show your membership card. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

Excludes Friday/Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

(c) McArthur Glen Designer Outlet

Simply produce your golf club membership card at Customer Services and you will be issued with a 10% off discount card which can be used at specified outlets within the designer outlet.

(d) Ray Chapman Motors

Members of the Club will be entitled to discounts of up to 11.5% plus free metallic paint on specified Volvo vehicles. For further details please see the enclosed brochure.

Finally, a big thank you to Eric Palmer and Christine Stephenson for their unstinting efforts as Captain and Lady Captain. Our thanks must also go to their Committees for all their efforts in helping to ensure the smooth running of competitions and the handicapping system. We should like to wish incoming Captains Richard Cronwright and Lorraine Ellis all the very best for the new season and trust that you will give them your full support.

Happy Golfing!