



NEWSLETTER

FELTWELL GOLF CLUB

“A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF”

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

2020 WILL SEE US CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of FELTWELL GOLF COURSE



In May 1970 the land that we now enjoy as Feltwell Golf Course began its journey to be converted from a Military Missile Site into a 9 Hole, Par 30 Golf Course.

During November that year the first ball was struck by Wing Commander RL Watson of RAF Marham, who then went on to play a round with John Alce and Rick Rycroft. Unfortunately the picture we have of that first strike is too poor quality to reproduce, however I have found this picture which shows the three on, I think, the third hole.

As the year goes on more items of the history of the club will be on show in the new display cupboard in the shop.

Events are being planned to celebrate this milestone and we hope some of these will inspire new golfers to come up to Feltwell to play.

Starting on **Monday 25th May with an Open Day**, we would like as many members as possible to join in, as volunteers, or just to come up on the day to support your club. There will be much to enjoy and take part in and the day will be centered on a theme of Community, Sport and Fitness. We will be inviting all our local sports, fitness clubs and organisations to join in by taking a stand of their own. There will also be an opportunity for visitors to play a round of golf for £5, take part in a Putting Competition (won last year by Denise Cooper) and/or in a family Texas Scramble (played on the same lines as the Junior Golf 6s format). Jo will, of course, be available to give tips and advice and visitors will be encouraged to practice on the Driving Range and the three short game holes, located beyond the 200yd marker on the practice area.

Robert will be laying on a BarBQue throughout the day and the bar will, of course, be open. All in all it looks like a day to remember, so please let Jo know if you are available to help, have any ideas and of course, pass on the information to friends, colleagues and family. Posters will be going up shortly in the villages and in the Club.

Raising Awareness and Money

It is our aim with the activities planned for the year to raise awareness not only for the game of golf but also for Feltwell Golf Club, increasing our numbers both in membership and Green Fees.

Speaking to many, new and old members over the last few weeks it is evident that one of the things we are missing as a Club is a Covered Driving Range. This would enhance FGC tremendously and be a valued source of revenue for the future. To have this facility will help us grow our Club, offering a full and complete golfing experience to everyone, from the raw beginner to the scratch player and will also enable us to drive the club forward with County coaching, highlighting the wealth of potential in our younger players. It is therefore our intention to use this special year to raise money to enable us to buy some Covered Bays for our Driving Range. Donation Boxes and various Advertising Opportunities will be available for members and visitors alike, more information on these will be available very soon.

Throughout the Year

We are inviting each section of the club to host an Invitation Day, starting with the Vets on Tuesday 2nd June. The Ladies will have their day on Sunday 14th June, the Mixed on Sunday 16th August, the date for the Juniors is still to be confirmed. We are also hoping to use Captain's Day to involve all members of the Club. For a very reasonable cost there will be a meal after the games and prizes for both our visitors and



members. More details to follow, so make sure you follow us on Twitter and FaceBook and look out for notices around the Clubhouse.

GREENKEEPERS' COMMENTS

Michael Cheney and Mark Smith have been working hard on the course this autumn and winter and our thanks go to them for keeping our course in such good condition. They have been working on bunkers, the long grass areas and of course on our Tee Boxes, which will be ready for use again shortly. We are lucky in that we have very fast draining soil here in Feltwell and while every other club in the area has suffered over the last few months and had to close their doors to players we have remained open and will remain open; so pass the word.



QUIZ NIGHTS CONTINUE TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Thanks to the efforts put in by Lester Cooper our Quiz Nights continue to be successful, with more tables being taken up each month. This month's event will be on

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

Same format as always, food will be available from 6pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm, so please book your table now with Robert. Raffle prizes are always very gratefully received too.

WELCOME TO FELTWELL GOLF CLUB

We have increased our membership again this autumn and would like to welcome Antony Tinsley, Paul Adams, Derek Austin, James Higham, AG Williams, Andrew Hennings, Ray Smith, Matt Pearce, Paul Grisbrook, Norman Ham, Danny Amey and Chad Jackson, to Feltwell Golf Club. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask any of the Committee, Club Chairman (John Hodson) or Club President (Denise Whiting) – they will be only too happy to help. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter too – to keep up to date with what is happening at the Club.

Members, remember, that when you join Feltwell Golf Club you are entitled to discounts on drinks over the bar, practice buckets and of course when you bring a friend or family member to play.

MATCH REPORTS

Presidents Putter (3rd August)

1 st	Gary Marvel	39pts
2 nd	David Osborne	37pts

3 rd	Colin Waters	36pts
3 rd	Barbara Greatbatch	36pts

Vets Trophy (6th August)

1 st	Graham King	Net 70
2 nd	JD Pope	Net 71
3 rd	Peter Brastock	Net 71

Style Windows (22nd August)

1 st	David Smith	40pts
2 nd	Graham King	35pts
3 rd	Peter Gronland	34pts

John Moir Trophy (25th August)

1 st	Andrew Smith	44pts
2 nd	Stephen Mouncer	40pts
3 rd	Lester Cooper	40pts

Alan Spence Trophy (27th August)

1 st	Stuart Bell	41pts
2 nd	Peter Brastock	40pts
3 rd	Barry Pressling	37pts

Ron Phillips (3rd September)

1 st	John Sullivan	41pts
2 nd	William McGregor	37pts
3 rd	Nigel Parsons	37pts

Peter Jessop Trophy (7th September)

1 st	Gary Marvell	39pts
2 nd	Ian Webb	36pts
3 rd	Ken Perch	36pts
4 th	Barbara Greatbatch	35pts

Honda Pairs (29th September)

1 st	Nigel Smith	Net 70
2 nd	John Middleton	Net 72
3 rd	Alfie Lamont	Net 72

George Ryan (15th October)

1 st	Will Hampshire	36pts
2 nd	David Smith	33pts
3 rd	John Sullivan	32pts

Bogey Competition (27th October)

1 st	Michael Kent	-1
2 nd	Dennis Kent	-1
3 rd	Sam Sheppard	-1

Frostbite Trophy (10th November)

1 st	Chris Robson	40pts
2 nd	Paul Grisbrook	38pts
3 rd	Jusin Nunn	35pts

Ladies Section

Bill Middleton Trophy (25th July)

1 st	Barbara Greatbatch	37pts
2 nd	Diane King	34pts
3 rd	Marian Hucker	33pts

Ladies Pairs (4th August)

1 st	Marian Hucker/Anita Jessop	
2 nd	Diane Bunten/Barbara Greatbatch	
3 rd	Sandra Avory/Diane King	

MIXED SECTION

Bedford Pairs

1 st	Colin Waters/Barbara Greatbatch	
2 nd	Graham Wilson/Margaret Kent	
3 rd	Andy Smyth/Sue Smyth	



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