

# NEWSLETTER

## FELTWELL GOLF CLUB

### “A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF”

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## OUR DRIVING RANGE IS NOW OPEN TO EVERYONE!!

**We are proud to announce that Feltwell Golf Club was successful in its' bid in the recent R&A/England Golf offer of support**

Earlier this year the R&A and England Golf put up £2.5million to help clubs recover from the effects of the Covid 19 closures and their subsequent loss of revenues. 750 clubs, over the UK, applied for some funding; putting forward projects to help them increase revenue and expand their businesses, we were one of these.

We put forward a bid to enable us to continue with our plans to construct a Driving Range here at Feltwell Golf Club. We had intended to use our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to raise money to start this project off and buy much needed covers for winter practice but the lockdown put paid to those plans and the club also suffered financially with the subsequent loss of green fees, membership and bar revenue.

We found out that we were successful in obtaining the maximum grant made available to each successful bid and plans are now in place to lay a concrete base and buy the first bays for our Range. There is still much for us to do and we still need to raise a lot more to complete the project with safety nets and lighting but this funding has given us an amazing kick-start to the project.

As, we are sure you are aware, we were able, earlier this year, to buy the Ball-Dispenser, Washer and Collector from West Row when they closed and these are now in place and being used. There has, subsequently been a lot of interest in using the range and this will increase substantially once the bays are in operation; enabling us all to practice in fine and bad weather and for Jo to continue coaching throughout the whole year.



### JUNIOR UPDATE

During the summer Jo held some Junior Golf Camps and with the insurgence in interest in the game the uptake was amazing, so much so that she had to slot in several extra dates to enable all the children to take part.

We started our Autumn Schedule of group lessons on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September and we can now boast a group of over 30 children of all abilities coming to our regular coaching sessions and we are the envy of many clubs around us. They will, over the weeks learn, firstly, the basics of the game, how to hold the club and strike the ball both on the range and on the putting green and as their knowledge and experience grows they will progress to the 3 hole practice area beneath the Driving Range before going out on to the course itself.

It has been great, too, to see some of our members bring their children/grandchildren up to the club to join in the fun. Jo has also started some Ladies Golf Groups on Fridays and numbers here are also swelling – the makings of family golf!

If anyone is interested in either enrolling their children/grandchildren or themselves please call Jo on 07855 821116



## NEW MEMBERS

We have been lucky in enrolling 25 new members to the Club since we re-opened again in May, so welcome to :

Raymond Bigwood; Matt Day; Simon Le Gry; Bethany Owen; Tony Simmons; Simon Holland (welcome back); Alan Smith; Simon Roberts; Simon Rogers; Tommy Greenacre; Liam Saunders; Terry Smith; David Sutherland; Clive Richardson; Robert Shimmon; Nigel A. Smith; Steve Hawkins; Anthony Rose; Roger Fox; Thomas Cox; Stuart Ramsay; David White; Calum Ward; Stephen Braden and Joe Zipfell. I do apologise if I have forgotten anyone

We hope you enjoy your golf at Feltwell and should you have any queries or concerns please contact our Club Captain, Roy Dominey or our Pro, Jo Bates.

## COVID 19

There is still a serious concern for everyone regarding Covid 19. So please do continue to adhere to the guidelines on Social Distancing, Washing Hands and using the Sanitiser that is available when you enter the clubhouse, respecting our staff by keeping your distance both in the clubhouse and at the seating outside. Malcolm and Robert paid for some extra tables to enable us to enjoy a drink and something to eat outside in comfort and we thank them for that.

The Rules and Guidelines on Covid 19 are changing all the time and as we enter the winter months I'm sure we will see more changes – so please keep an eye out for emails. None of us want to see another Lockdown and hopefully as golf is one the easiest sports in which to maintain social distancing let's hope it doesn't come to that

## GENERAL NEWS

Back in May, when we were allowed to open our doors again to playing golf, we took advantage of an offer from Club Systems (Club V1) to take on their booking system, enabling us to open safely. Everyone was encouraged to download the App onto their phones enabling them to book their slot prior to playing and we do believe this system is still working very well. John Sullivan and Barbara Greatbatch have now added competitions and players can enter themselves into a competition through Club V1 as they would have done by using the screen in the clubhouse and start sheets are produced before the games.

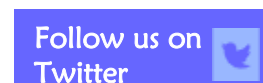
We have been able to play many of our competitions this summer and our thanks go to John Sullivan (Vets Captain), Jo Bates (Club Pro), Roy Dominey (Club Captain), Barbara Greatbatch (Ladies Captain) and Sue Smyth (Mixed Captain) for safely organising these in these strangest of times.

You can see the results of all the competitions played this summer on Club V1 and How Did I Do.

## World Handicapping System

Another big change this year will be the introduction of the World Handicapping System on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Much work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that all clubs can transfer to this new system as painlessly as possible. It will mean many of us will see a change to our handicap, (personally, I'm looking forward to playing off a higher handicap !!).

Please watch out for emails from our Handicap Secretaries over the coming weeks explaining the changes that will affect us.



## DRIVING RANGE RATES

### Members :

56 Balls	£4.00
28 Balls	£2.00

### Visitors

56 Balls	£5.00
28 Balls	£3.00

**It is also possible for Visitors to buy themselves a Membership to the Driving Range for only £50 per year**

## PLAY SAFE – STAY SAFE

