

The Leicestershire Golf Club

NEWSLETTER



May 2026

Welcome to the May 2026 Edition

President's Briefing

Ashwin Mistry, President TLGC

1 May 2026 was a pivotal day for the Club.

Renewal update

- We have 552 members, compared with 526 last year.
- We have had nearly 100 new members join in the last 12 months.
- We have 52 societies booked for 2026, compared with 42 last year.
- Buggy hire is at an all-time high and green fee income is up by £9,000 on the previous year.
- We have spent around £138,000 on capital projects. New greens machinery has been ordered and will be displayed on the practice area when it arrives in October 2026.

Challenges ahead

- Course utilisation is still around 50%.
- We are still balancing the books and have headwinds to manage.
- The flat roof will need replacing over the next year.
- We need members to come forward to support the Club, including replacing Committee members whose terms end at the 2026 AGM.
- England Golf's iGolf continues to challenge the traditional membership model.

Land sale and incorporation

Following the refusal of planning permission, Morrisons are preparing to appeal. This will take time and cost. We are supporting their appeal.

Progress on incorporation continues, although legal requirements, tax clearance and logistics are making the process more complicated than expected. Work is still being carried out by Committee members who are already stretched.

Restaurant and padel

We are looking forward to the member opening of the new restaurant on 3 June, followed by the first Sunday lunch on 7 June. Please support this new venture.

The padel application has been delayed by the need to complete ecological surveys, including badger, newt and bat work, but it will be submitted very soon.

Support for the Club

We have several matches coming up, with notices in the changing rooms, and we need members to step forward and represent the Club. We also need volunteers in other areas, including welcoming societies, sharing skills and time, supporting Committees and taking on Committee roles.

Knowledge transfer cannot happen through reading minutes alone — it needs time, dedication and shadowing current roles. The membership model will only survive if new faces come forward.

As you can see, there is a lot going on, and I want all members to help communicate the positive steps we are taking and challenge negative comments about our future. We have a great future, but **your club needs you**.

Competition Winners

Congratulations to all our winners over the last two months. All results are now displayed and summarised on your home page on HowDidiDo.

Upcoming Competitions

Sunday 7 June – New Members Competition

We are running a New Members Competition on Sunday 7 June. Any member who joined between 1 May 2025 and now should already have received an invitation. We would really encourage all new members to play, as it is a great chance to meet other members, get involved with competitions and, if needed, submit a scorecard for handicap purposes.

If you would like more information or want to book on, please speak to the Pro Shop. Established members who know newer members are encouraged to help them feel welcome.

Saturday 13 June – Club Day

Club Day returns on Saturday 13 June with two shotgun starts planned across the day. The final of the Simpson Putting Bowl will also take place in the middle of the event. There will be a charity raffle, with tickets sold before and during the day, and prizes including four-ball vouchers for several clubs. Booking is now open on ClubV1.

Friday 19 June – Mixed Friday Fun Competition

The first Mixed Friday Fun Competition takes place on Friday 19 June. It will be a 9-hole, four-ball Texas Scramble from the green tees. Details and sign-up information are on the notice boards and on HowDidiDo. These events are designed to be relaxed, sociable and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Additional dates are:

- Friday 17 July
- Thursday 20 August

Friday 3 July – Captain's Charity Day

The Captain's Charity Day, supporting Young Leicestershire, takes place on Friday 3 July. This event is already extremely popular and is nearly full, with only a couple of team spaces remaining. If you would like to enter, please follow the details on the attached poster.

Saturday 25 July – Kampala Cup

The Kampala Cup will once again be played as an afternoon shotgun start competition, with two teams: Europe and the Rest of the World. Further details and booking information will follow soon.

Sunday 26 July – Club Championships

One of the biggest events in the calendar, the Club Championships, will take place on Sunday 26 July.

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Competition & Handicap Update

Local rules

Following a comprehensive review by the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union County advisor, a new version of the local rules has been produced by the C&H and Greens subcommittees. It is now available in the documents section of the Club tab on HowDidiDo and on the TLGC website. A shorter version will appear on the scorecard with the next print run.

Knockout competitions

Knockout matches are now well underway, with most first-round games completed promptly. There are still some cases where the Pro Shop has had to chase members or deal with disputes, so members are reminded that arranging matches is a joint responsibility.

Please update your result on the HowDidiDo app as soon as your match is complete so you can progress.

WHS resources

The WHS system has been in place since November 2020 and is now well established, but some golfers are still unfamiliar with parts of it. In particular, members should pre-register if they intend to submit a general play score, and should continue to play out a medal round even if they fail to complete a hole. England Golf has a full set of WHS resources on its website.

Captain's Briefing

Duncan Jones, Club Captain 2026

Season Update

A couple of weeks ago I completed the 100km Manc Challenge cycle ride. It was tougher than expected because of the long steep climbs, but the support of sponsors helped keep me going to the finish. Thank you to everyone who supported Young Leicestershire and me.

Team Golf

Well done to the Scratch team for their 6.5-1.5 win at home to Luffenham, and to the B team for their narrow cup win at Beedles Lake. The Club team also won at home to Peterborough, after losses to Longcliffe and Market Harborough.

Please add yourself to the squad on the noticeboard or via the HowDidiDo app if you would like to play in a future match.

Captain's Away Weekend

We still have a few places available for the trip to The Oxfordshire on 21-22 June. It should be a very enjoyable event both on and off the course. The price is £249 per person for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast on Sunday night, golf on Sunday and Monday, and sandwiches after golf on Monday. Please speak to Alice if you would like more information.

Captain's Charity

The Captain's Charity for 2026 is Young Leicestershire. The charity supports young people across Leicester and Leicestershire to feel safe, confident and ready for the future.

Welcome New Members

We have welcomed several new adult members since the start of last year, which is fantastic and something we are very proud of. Our goal is to make sure every new member feels part of the Club and the wider community.

We have a further New Members Stableford on Sunday 7 June, created especially for members who are still relatively new to the Club. It is a relaxed and friendly opportunity to meet other members, get to know committee and regular faces, enjoy the course and submit a card towards handicap.

It is open to all new members with or without a handicap. If you have a handicap, you can book online as normal. If you do not yet have one, reply to the email or book through the Pro Shop and the rest will be sorted for you.

If you are an established member, you can help by playing as a mentor or marking a card for handicap. A further similar event is planned for Sunday 25 October 2026.

Leave no footprint

- Leave bunkers as you have liked to find them.
- Rake to the middle of the bunker as that is where the sand needs to be.
- Leave the rake completely in the bunker.
- Peer accountability, challenge playing partners or other players else you risk the tragedy of the commons. Mutual coercion is stronger than nudging.

WHY? It is our club policy

As requested by the greenkeepers as it makes mowing easier.

If the rake is partly in the bunker, it may direct a ball into the bunker.



Scratch Captain

The Scratch Team have made an excellent start to the season, with one win and one draw from their opening two matches. They opened with a hard-fought 4-4 draw away at Lingdale, then followed that with a strong 6.5-1.5 home win against Luffenham Heath.

Upcoming fixtures:

- 4 June: Away vs Kirby Muxloe
- 18 June: Home vs Longcliffe

It would be great to see some home support, and you are very welcome to come along and cheer the team on.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Leicestershire GC Corporate Membership offers Monday to Friday play for multiples of two named players. If this arrangement might suit your business, please contact the office.

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Ladies Section

Lucy Patterson, Lady President 2026

The Ladies section has been enjoying some good weather for the Tuesday competitions. On 14 April, Sharon McElwain won the Centenary Net Trophy and Ann Campbell won the Gross Centenary Trophy. The Gimson Salver on 21 April was won by Mary Jarvis and Alison Simpson, and the Ridgway Trophy on 12 May was won by Alison Simpson. Congratulations to all of them on a fabulous start to the season.



The Ladies Open on 16 April was a successful day with increased numbers playing, organised by Liz Everson, Carol Brookes and Rose Fowler, with John Palmer kindly starting the field.



The Silver Putter on 6 May was organised by Carol Smith and Tim Green, and the winners were Sonia Nuttall, Lucy Patterson, Noel Everson and Simon Pollard.

Claudia Hamilton organised the exchange day with Burghley Park. The weather was not kind to the Ladies playing at TLGC, but they

still enjoyed the day, while the Burghley visit featured a few showers and an am/am format. The winners were Janey Heaney, Gee Jackson, Lucy Patterson and Lucy Pover.



The first handicap match away at Cosby on 7 May ended in a 2-1 win for TLGC, and on 13 May the Ladies won again against Beedles Lake in difficult weather, taking two matches and halving one. Liz Everson is hoping to continue that winning streak at Kibworth on 4 June.

The scratch team played their first match at home to Rothley on 18 May. Sabera Ismail's team put in a valiant effort but lost three matches and halved three. The next fixture is at home against Glen Gorse on 8 June.

The Millennium Trophy is on 28 July, followed by lunch, and the Solheim Cup will be played on 11 August. Details for both events will be shared soon.

Seniors Section

Philip Sell, once Seniors Captain 2025

First, the high-level competitive golf matches. In the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union, both senior teams are through to the next round. Mumtaz Alli and Daud Ismail beat the Rothley pair 4&3 in the Senior foursomes knockout, and the next round will be played at Luffenham.

The Seniors Fourball knockout team beat a very disappointed Hinckley side away on countback, 2.5-2.5. Jan Reading is leading team selection from a large squad, and the next match will be at home against Kirby Muxloe.

In the April Qualifying Stableford, Ian Dunk won with 37 points off 14, Ashwin Mistry was second with 36 off 20, and Tushar Joshi was third with 35 off 21. The May Qualifying Seniors Stableford was won by David Sissling with 37 points off 15, followed by David Sparrow on 34 off 19 and John Palmer on 33 off 25.

Next came the more social but still competitive matches, and the Silver Putter was enjoyed by all who played. The mixed team format worked well.

By the time of publication, seven interclub matches will have been played. Visitors have commented positively on the quality of the course and catering, and members without three handicap cards submitted in the last six months are not eligible for selection.

The Seniors Open in May 2026 had over 120 players registered, and the section supported the event with welcomers, a registration desk and starters. This is the best Seniors Open field in the last five years.

The Seniors exchange day with Stoke Rochford is coming up on 24 June.

Green Tee Competitions

This year the Senior Steering Committee has introduced a series of Green Tee competitions to allow players to enjoy competitive golf as driving distance reduces. Open to all Seniors and Ladies, the programme covers most formats.

- Green Tee Stableford – Monday 1 June
- Green Tee 4BBB – Monday 6 July
- Green Tee Stableford – Monday 3 August
- Green Tee AMAM – Monday 7 September

Reciprocals

We have been working to increase the number of reciprocal arrangements with other golf clubs to improve the value of TLGC membership. We are pleased to confirm new arrangements with Wollaton Park, Coventry and Ratcliffe-on-Trent, with two further clubs still pending board decisions.

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Junior Section



The good weather is finally here, and this month the Millennium Trophy and 9 Hole Cubs Trophy were up for grabs. Henry Zawadski continued his good form to win the Millennium Trophy with 41 points. Arif Tayebjee was second with 40 points and Xander MacDougall third with 38 points.



The 9 Hole Cubs Trophy was won by Nico Radia with a personal-best gross 42 and 25 points off the green tees. Geet Shergill was second with 20 points and Kian Choat third with 19 points. We also had non-handicap juniors playing five holes, with Ava Sonia taking first place on 26 shots.



Our first County League match was away at Market Harborough. Anay Patel, Xander MacDougall, Zachary Whittle and Henry Zawadski represented the club, and after a long battle in the heat we lost 3.5-0.5.



Eesha Patel and Sofia MacDougall were invited to play alongside Olympic gold medallist Dame Denise Lewis at The Grove in London at an event celebrating women in golf. The day included golf, a panel talk and dinner with some of the biggest women trailblazers in the game.



Several TLGC juniors also played in the English Schools Golf Association local event at Kibworth on 12 April. Highlights included Eesha Patel's second nett girl finish, Luke Dobson's first nett boy result and WQE College A winning the champion nett school title.

We also had juniors compete in the L&R 2026 Schools Golf Championship, with Noah Williams, Tom Farley and Eesha Patel qualifying further through their results. Rishay Pankhania successfully made the cut in the tough L&RGU Spring Trophy and finished 24th out of 48. The fun sessions continue, including a Pre-Masters Drive, Chip and Put competition.



Social Events

We are thrilled to announce that the new restaurant OKTO opens on Wednesday 3 June. It will initially be open to members, family and friends, with Pan-Asian food on Wednesday evenings and roast lunch on Sundays.

The Kerslake Putter was won again by the ex-Captain's team.

TLGC took part in the annual Millennium Trophy hosted this year by Northants County Golf Club, competing against several prominent Midlands clubs. We came second to the home club.

The Leicestershire will host the competition next year, and there is a lot of work ahead to put on a strong event.



Contact Us

We value your feedback and are here to assist you with any questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our club office or email us at members@theleicestershiregolfclub.co.uk

Thank you for being a part of the Leicestershire Golf Club community. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

Andy Rickett, Chair of Membership