

# The Leicestershire Golf Club

# NEWSLETTER

July 2025



**WELCOME** to the July Edition.

## President's Briefing - Ashwin Mistry, Club President

We are now 6 months into our new arrangements with IDOL Group and as matters settle down, we are now realising the benefits of controlled monthly outgoings which indicate that we are turning a corner.

The refurbishment encourages different views, ranging from "love it" to "we've lost the Golf Club feel" ... it is reassuring the vast majority of comments from both members and visitors tend to be positive!

It was disappointing to hear that the land deal had stalled and whilst we continue positive dialogue with Morrisons, the extreme dry continuous weather has challenged our plans for both water storage and Irrigation Projects to commence. We are not alone in this battle as most neighbouring courses have the same issues.

Over the next couple of months we will look at our finances for further controls but also to explore additional income generating opportunities.

The golfing season is well underway and I'm happy to report that society income is positive, however green fee income is stable despite hopes that we would see an upturn especially as we receive very favourable feedback from visitors.

Over the past few months a number of emerging themes are appearing, namely :-

- » Continued lack of use by members of the catering services. We track numbers and despite extending the menu, many members continue to avoid staying post-golf to support our new catering facilities. We cannot force members to support, but as we have said on countless occasions, "use it or lose it"
- » Secondly, which is more disturbing is the rise of Golf Course Members as opposed to Golf Club Members. I continuously get reminded that life has moved on as more and more members are both time and cash poor so changing behaviours have to be accepted. Every member of The Leicestershire Golf Club signs up to being members of a Golf Club. This entails an expected form of behaviour as this is a Members Club, not just a venue you attend for sporting gratification. It is OUR CLUB.
- » Trigger happy comments - We get lots of comments, advice and suggestions - often to suit the individual or the group they purport to represent. However, the follow up offer to either get involved or help is met with the same old comment ... "I'm just too busy ..."

The numerous Committee & Sub-Committee members spend an incredible amount of time to keep the Club going. Without additional help, it falls on the same people to make our club function. The reports below highlight some additional challenges which are being met head on.

That's all for now and we will report on numbers, progress on Incorporation and income opportunities later in the summer.

Enjoy your golf and keep cool.

## Hole in One Club!

Congratulations to the following members who achieved the remarkable feat of a hole-in-one:

- » Sunil Lakhani - Hole 12, Saturday 28th May in the May Stableford
- » Jane Walker - Hole 12, Tuesday 15th July in the Ladies Bronze Championship Stableford



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## UPDATE FROM TLGC COMPETITION AND HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The C&H sub-committee at TLGC reports to the Membership committee and is responsible for handicaps and competitions (although some competition issues are managed by individual club section (i.e. ladies, juniors, seniors). The committee is aware of concerns expressed informally about very low scoring in Saturday competitions and thought it would be useful to provide a summary of measures that are taken to review this.

### 1. Annual handicap review

This is carried out annually in November/December. The review is carried out by a sub-group of the committee and is informed by a series of standardised reports from the WHS platform. These include a statistical report on outlying scores, number of scores since last played to handicap and comparison of general play versus competition play scores for individual golfers. As a result of this, handicap alterations may be made for individual golfers.

### 2. Monitoring of regular competition winners and handicap reductions

Handicap review should be an ongoing process and EG advice permits the committee to impose handicap reductions at any time based on both general play and competition scores. There is an informal process for monitoring frequent competition winners particularly of team competitions where scores are non-acceptable for handicap (e.g. AM/AM, Texas scramble). In the current golfing season, four players have had a total of six handicap reductions imposed as a result of these reviews. One player's handicap has come down by 11.1 since March 2025 because of individual scores, an exceptional scoring reduction applied routinely by WHS and additional reductions imposed by C&H.

In addition, scorecards are reviewed where exceptional scores are posted in team competitions. For example, the score of 52 Stableford points in a better ball format which won Club Day was in part due to double points (6 in total) scoring on hole 18 in alternative pin position and a run of three consecutive birdies by one of the winning pair. Some excellent golf!

### 3. Manipulating handicap by submitting high general play scores.

There is a lot of talk about this in golfing press and golf forums but how much this actually happens is difficult to know. In the past, we have certainly seen some evidence of suspicious scoring patterns in some visitors entering the Winter Series competitions organised by the pro and acted with these individuals. At the handicap review, we do review a report from the WHS platform which looks at average score differential and compares general play versus competition scores. In 2023, we identified one member where there appeared to be a significant difference but when we looked again at the end of 2024 this was no longer the case so may just have been a statistical quirk.

Finally, can we please remind members about two issues.

- » Once you sign in for a competition or a general play score you must return a score either through the PSI, EG app or if necessary, a physical card. In a medal, if you failed to complete a hole you should still make your best effort at the remaining holes and return a score as your score will still count for handicap. The hole you did not finish will count as a net double bogey.
- » Booking into competitions. If you are booked into a competition and then find you must withdraw due to an urgent issue, please inform your playing partners especially if this is at short notice. There have been several reports recently where players have withdrawn at short notice leaving other players without a marker or by themselves.

The C&H committee would encourage all members playing in competitions to familiarise themselves with the Competition Handbook which can be found on the ClubV1 app documents tab or the club website at:

<https://theleicestershire.hub.clubv1.com/Club/DocumentFolders>

## Saturday Tournament Winners

A big round of applause to the winners of our recent club tournaments:

- » Club Day: Miran Uddin & Idris Mussa – 52 points
- » Invitation: Brad Cheater & Chris Trowsdale – 46 Points
- » June Stableford: Olly Irvine 43 points
- » July Medal: Arif Voraji – Best Net – 62, Jamie Irvine – Best Gross – 71
- » CH Rawson Trophy – Yusuf Omarji & Zaeem Zumla – 49 points

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## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

- » The Kampala Cup, Saturday 26th July: This competition celebrates the Club's diversity through this friendly 4BBB match with an afternoon shotgun start and evening meal. Please sign up for Team Europe or Team Rest of World in the locker room before Monday 21st July.
- » The Club Championships, Sunday 27th July: Separate Gents and Ladies 36-hole Strokeplay Competitions.
- » August Medal, Saturday 2nd August.
- » The Hewitt Cup, Saturday 9th August: This is a Pinehurst Greensome Competition. Pinehurst Greensomes is a two-person team golf format where both players tee off, then play their partner's ball for the second shot. After the second shot, the team selects which ball to play for the remainder of the hole.
- » The Durston Cup, Saturday 16th August: This is a 4BBB competition from the white and green tees, with Stableford scoring.
- » Ladies Invitation, Thursday 21st August.
- » August Stableford, Saturday 23rd August.
- » Justin Davies Trophy (and Rowley Trophy & Claret Cup), Sunday 24th August: Net Medal Competition over 36-holes.
- » The Leicestershire Golf Club Open, Saturday 30th August – Single Stableford Competition. Members £15, Visitors £30. Booking Open.
- » Junior Captains Day, Sunday 31st August.

## CLUB NEWS

In June, we were honoured to host the RAF Golf Association Golf Day where 80 players from the forces played 36 holes in their first Pairs Open Event of 2025. As has been the theme for many societies this year so far, the weather was glorious, and the group had a fantastic day.

Bar Santé continues to evolve with the installation of four televisions to air sporting events. Development of the first floor is about to commence as the golf season diminishes with opening in time for Christmas events and customers.

Dates have been confirmed for the next round of Bridge Supper. All take place on Thursdays and are on the following dates: 13th November, 11th December, 22nd January, 19th February and 26th March.

Please ensure that all of your casual rounds are booked through ClubV1. All participants should be named and booked in. In addition, we would like to remind members that the club does not support groups of more than four players during a tee time. This system is vital for maintaining speed of play, security and health and safety standards across the club, and your cooperation in adhering to this policy is greatly appreciated – Andy Rickett – Chair of Membership.



## Welcome new members

We are delighted to welcome the newest members of the Leicestershire Golf Club. We look forward to seeing you on the course and at our events. Don't hesitate to reach out to the club office if you need any assistance.

## House Chair Report

Peter Jolley, Chair of House

### CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

An enjoyable evening was spent by all with brain cells pushed to their limits. Eventual winners was the team led by Graham Warwick with Clive Smith and his team in hot pursuit. Many thanks to all the participants and for IDOL Group organising a tasty cold platter supper.

Quiz to be repeated in the winter months



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## Course Photograph Competition

Our club communications are often improved by relevant images reflecting the Club through the seasons. Please send any images you capture to Alice. The Membership committee will judge submissions for Summer and Autumn in November, and the best will win a free fourball voucher.

## CAPTAIN'S BRIEFING

Andy Lowne, Club Captain 2025



### Captains' Away Days at The Kendleshire

The Captains of the Leicestershire Golf Club recently hosted their annual Away Days at The Kendleshire near Bristol. A total of 39 members enjoyed two fantastic days of golf across the club's two picturesque and challenging courses. With great weather, excellent hospitality, and plenty of laughs along the way, it was a memorable trip for all involved. A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success!

### Upcoming Events

**Peterborough Milton Exchange Day Tuesday 9th September**  
We're excited to announce an exchange day with Peterborough & Milton Golf Club. This promises to be a great day out and an excellent opportunity to experience another top-class course. Details:

- » Tee times from 11:00 to 13:00
- » AM/AM format competition
- » Bacon butties (or equivalent) on arrival
- » Two-course meal after golf
- » Cost: £40.00 per person
- » Spaces available: 44 golfers

Sign up now via the sheet in the men's locker room or pro shop - let's fill every slot!

### Captains' Charity Day - Supporting LOROS Friday 26th September | 13:00 Shotgun Start

Join us for our annual Captains' Charity Day, this year in support of LOROS, a local hospice charity providing care and support for thousands of people each year.

Event Highlights:

- » AM/AM competition with fantastic prizes.
- » Two-course meal after the round.
- » Raffle and charity auction featuring top-quality fourball vouchers.
- » A chance to support a worthy cause while enjoying a great day of golf.

We would love to have 18 teams - members and guests welcome. Enter a team or invite others to join yours! Let's make this a great day. Sign up your team now on Club V1.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month, we're shining the spotlight on **Neil Scotchbrook**, a dedicated member of The Leicestershire since 1987. Neil served as Club Captain in 2018 and has long been a loyal supporter of the club, always happy to lend a hand wherever needed.

As an electrician by trade, Neil's expertise has proved invaluable over the years - most recently helping to remove a large amount of outdated wiring and equipment from the club office. He's been involved in numerous projects around the club and is always generous with his time, advice and practical know-how.

Thank you, Neil, for everything you do. Your support behind the scenes helps keep things running smoothly, and we're truly grateful to have you as part of the TLGC family.

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## Junior Section



Congratulations to our junior members who have been proudly representing The Leicestershire in recent competitions:

- Rishay played for the U16s Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union team against Warwickshire at Coventry Hearsall. Despite an overall team loss, Rishay secured a fantastic 4&3 individual win in his match.
  - Arif was crowned Overall Event Champion at the L&RGU Foxes Junior Pathway Event at Melton Mowbray GC on 29th June, scoring an impressive 45 points!
  - Well done also to Hussein, Lily, Jessica, Lexi, and Ava, who all enjoyed individual wins and strong performances at the same event.
- We're incredibly proud of all our juniors representing the club so brilliantly. Keep up the great work!

## LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

### Lucy Patterson, Lady Captain 2025

- » On 3rd July six Leicestershire Ladies represented the club in the County Shield competition held at Longcliffe GC. Alexis Cummins, Sabera Ismail and Mary Jarvis represented in the scratch team and Katherine Bailey, Claudia Hamilton and Gee Jackson in the Handicap team. Congratulations to all these ladies for playing a tricky course made more difficult by our spell of hot weather. Huge congratulations go to our Handicap Team Claudia, Katherine and Gee for winning the 2025 Handicap Shield with an amazing team net score of 5 under par! The only team to score below par – an amazing achievement.
- » Our other trophy winners are Mary O'Callaghan winning the Mina Savage with a net 67, Maggie Parker winning the Past Captains Trophy with 43 Stableford points and Mary Jarvis winning the Wand Bowl with a net 66.
- » Catherine and James Dobson won the Palfreyman Trophy on 10th May with a net 65.



- » Our journey in the Taskers competition came to an end in the 3rd round playing away on a very windy Sunday at Mapperley Park GC. A tricky course with some hidden greens proved a step too far but we have all enjoyed the experience of different courses and more singles match play.
- » On 2nd June Sabera Ismail, Alexis Cummins, Kay Moulden and Lucy Patterson played in the county fours away at Beedles Lake – a win secured a place in the quarter finals which was played away at Scraftoft on 7th July. Sabera Ismail, Alexis Cummins, Kay Moulden and Emily Wolverson played extremely well to get us into the semi-finals on 4th August.
- » On Friday 27th June the Barbara Fulton was played in lovely sunshine – the Ladies were successful in winning the Rose Bowl which was beautifully filled with flowers by Jane Jelley from her garden.
- » Emily Wolverson played in the Midland U21 Girls Amateur Championship 1st July – 3rd July. The competition was held at Stoke Rochford GC – a challenging course – Emily had a wonderful last round, a net 68 meant she finished 10th overall. Emily is off to the USA in August – we wish her well in her golfing future.
- » We are looking forward to a busy month in July with the Bronze A&B Championships, Ladies Club Championship, Millennium Trophy and the Leicestershire Solheim all taking place.



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## Upcoming Ladies' Social Dates – Autumn 2025

Here are a few dates for your diaries – we hope to see lots of you at these lovely social events! Please RSVP where requested. Any queries or to book a place, please contact Sue Bromwich.

- » Tuesday 16th September at 3.30pm – Lady President's Tea – A lovely afternoon to celebrate with the Lady President. Please confirm if you will be attending.
- » Monday 13th October – Bridge Lunch – A sociable day of cards and lunch. Gentlemen welcome.
- » Wednesday 22nd October – Flower Demonstration – Enjoy a beautiful demonstration by a member of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies). Wives of members invited.
- » Wednesday 26th November – Ladies' AGM and Trophy Supper – An important event to reflect on the year and celebrate achievements.

Please speak to Sue Bromwich if you have any questions or would like to attend any of the above.



**Phil Sell**

## SENIORS SECTION

### Philip Sell Seniors Captain 2025

#### What's happened so far:

The bookies are no longer offering investment opportunity odds for future games in the Interclub Seniors matches following a decision to balance teams for Hcp. The goal being to halve as many matches as possible. It means that low Hcps are no longer facing a game off ground zero against a zillion shots before they birdie the first par 5. 38 individuals have played in the matches so far. 14 games played and just 8 to go.

The Seniors Community WhatsApp group supports the many activities of the Seniors, and the club. Interclub matches are run thorough subgroups for each match and that is where the banter happens. You can add yourself with this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COHQFMMOLaoEse40xuu99S>

The results of our qualifiers are all available on ClubV1 if you'd like to view them.

Our seniors Open 29th May had a full field, and we received very positive feedback regarding our course, our staff, and our catering. It was all about the Golf. The highest ranked team with Leicester members playing were judged to have performed well, by the three on the bench in that team. Justice was done with the team coming in 6th on countback. Robert Brown and John Stamper were very pleased to have been there.

The exchange day, 7th July, open to all seniors and was again all about the golf. At Finham, Coventry Golf Club. Playing individual stableford in teams of three those under 18 Hcp were ranked by Hcp. Those with Hcps greater than 18 were randomly drawn into teams of three. 26 players submitted cards 4 did not. Mehbs Kantharia came in first with 41 points, closely followed by Tim Green on 39 and Saj Khan on 39 on countback.

The Lewis trophy is currently headed up by Arif Osman. Clubman of the year is led by Dave Sparrow.

The 9 Hole invitational on Monday 23rd June was a winning day for everyone. It was followed by an instructional session on Sports Psychology for senior golfers, who don't always think about the positives.

#### What's going to happen:

The interclub matches conclude with a home match with Rushcliffe on the 17th of September. The four remaining sign-up sheets are on the seniors notice board. Priority will be for those that have played in home games, that have submitted at least three cards for Hcp in the last 6 months, and to those that have never played in a senior's interclub match before. We have a senior's invitational on Monday 21st July. You are welcome to bring a diverse range of guests and may have points added or subtracted depending on the type of guest.

We are delighted to have three new members of our seniors' section steering group. Next year we will have match secretaries and Captains on the day to maintain service as usual. We are looking once more to establishing a seniors section roll up with simple online booking on a Monday morning to encourage mixing, social golf and a forum for new members. We will be encouraging everyone to submit more cards as playing to an accurate handicap makes for more enjoyable golf.

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**Hi, Andy Capp, again! Schrödinger's bunker rake:**

This will be short and bitter! Mainly because the club declined to pay my author fee based on word count. It's like water off a camel's back to me.

What I am amazed by is that after my recent rant some personal portable ashtrays have appeared, donated by some guilty golf fairy godperson. Anyway, they are being given 'free' to smokers, at no cost so they can enjoy the fresh air while playing. When I say free, there is a massive emotional guilt trip around littering being laid on them.

I digress, Schrödinger's bunker rake, rather like Pavlov's dogs, rings a bell for all of us. Is the rake in the bunker or out of the bunker, or half in half out.

There are a variety of opinions on what should happen. Different clubs have different rules. Most rules do suggest raking bunkers and leaving them as you would like to find them. Where to leave the bunker rake varies from club to club.



At St Andrews, as with most golf courses, players are expected to rake bunkers after playing a shot, smoothing out any footprints and club marks. Rakes should be left outside the bunker, ideally away from the line of play or where they won't interfere with the movement of the ball. If a rake is left in the bunker, it's recommended to place it in a flat area, away from the edge, to avoid affecting ball movement. Green keepers prefer the 'in bunker' policy as it reduces the need to move the rake before mowing. Playing a ball from the centre of a bunker should be less challenging than elsewhere in a bunker.

Whilst opinions differ on whether rakes should be left in or out of bunkers, there are some basic mistakes we golfer should all avoid. The main one would be leaving it at right angles to the line of play. This greatly increases the chances of it affecting another player's ball. Instead, you should always try to leave it parallel to the line of play.

Another mistake to avoid is leaving it half in, half out of the bunker. No matter what the angle of the rake, if a ball comes it rest against it, the resulting lie is likely to be very difficult. Take a moment to think about whether you'd like your ball to be lodged under the lip before you leave the rake half in, half out.

As I was shaving with my branded Ockham's razor before the Saturday medal, I reflected that maybe the simplest policy is to follow the rules for the club I am playing at, and to know what they are.

**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 at or email us at [members@theleicestershiregolfclub.co.uk](mailto: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!  
Stay tuned for September's newsletter, where we will bring you more exciting news and updates.

Warm regards,

Andy Rickett, Chair of Membership

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