

The Leicestershire Golf Club

NEWSLETTER

November 2025



WELCOME to the November Edition.

President's Briefing – Ashwin Mistry, Club President

As we get close to our AGM, I would urge as many members to attend as it's important you join us in the journey to our next steps.

We have a number of vacancies to fill and as ever we welcome support from members to join our various sub- committees.

I am being asked for many 1-2-1's with members wanting to highlight suggestions, many of which are valid but require manpower to execute. We have limited support personnel and it's up the members to come forward and offer assistance. I do appreciate we are all very busy but again, I have to remind members, it OUR CLUB.

I would like to acknowledge all those members who responded to our request for support by way of support submissions for the Planning Application made by Morrisons. We were outnumbered by a considerable number the first time round and I'm hoping this time our members have spoken.

Also I'd like to thank all those members who came forward with early subscriptions. It was extremely important that as many as possible came forward.

Costs continue to rise and we hear other clubs are having to take remedial action to shore up their numbers.

We are dedicated to keep costs under control and any support from volunteering members by way of specific skill is most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM if not sooner.

Saturday Tournament Winners

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

- » September Stableford: Yousuf Chhadat 41points
- » September Medal: Mumtaz Alli 59 Net, Christian Dean 73 Gross
- » October Medal: James Dobson, Chris Saul, Mike Bucktin all 67 net, Sid Dassu 75 gross.
- » October Stableford: Lisa Tutt 42 points
- » 4-ball Shambles: A. Khan / F. Dassu / I. Mohamed / H. Khan 93 points

KNOCKOUT WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the club knockout competitions, something that requires golfing prowess and match organisation skills!

- » Diamond Jubilee Foursomes – Basheer Dassu & Aziz Nambipurwala
- » Lars Helgersen – Abdul Umerji (GiGi) & Max Dassu
- » Ted Stanger – Mumtaz Alli & Daud Ismail
- » The Flude – Ben Ridgway
- » The Montague Whitehead – Simon Pollard
- » Junior Knock-Out – Rishay Pankhania

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

- » Winter League – 4BBB matchplay every weekend
- » Saturday 6th December – Festive AMAM



Pictured above: GG Umerji & Max Dassu with Mark Simons & Pete Evans ready to battle for The Lars Helgersen Trophy

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UPDATE FROM TLGC COMPETITION AND HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The C&H committee conducted their annual review of handicaps on 11th November.

We look at several reports such as:-

- A. Last played to handicap
- B. Competition scores versus general play scores
- C. Nine hole scores versus 18 hole scores

We then make a judgment call on whether increases or decreases to handicap are warranted. You will be informed if your handicap is affected. You can request a handicap review at any time. Just email C&H Committee via membership email.

WINTER LEAGUE

The rules for the Winter League have been updated since last year. Make sure you check them either on Club V1 or noticeboards. The new rule regarding a possibility of a draw has been introduced to ensure we have a clear winner.

Please keep up with the match ahead, even if you feel you are well ahead of the people behind. It slows the whole field up and affects the two tee start when more than 2 hours is taken for 9 holes. Start your match on time even if a player has not arrived. The player's penalty is loss of hole and they can catch up.

WINTER GOLF

Please use your winter wheels and winter mats remembering that practice swings can also cause damage over winter. The tees will be shortened as the weather and conditions dictate. The WHS platform should show which courses are available for General Play scores on any given day.

Professional Shop - Winter Series

We are thrilled that our November Winter Series (Friday 21st November) is completely full with a waiting list! If you'd like to get involved you can enter December's event now.

Sign up in the shop or online. Each event is a singles stableford from the white tees, open to amateurs and professionals with a maximum handicap of 21. £25 for members, £30 for non-members.

Kitchen open from 7am!

Great prizes to be won including an Order of Merit.

CLUB NEWS

AGM

The AGM is on Monday 15th December at 6pm. It's really important we have as many members there as possible, so please pop it in your diaries and encourage your networks to attend.

There will be a special resolution to get the ball rolling on incorporation with papers circulated in the next couple of weeks. Please do take the time to read them, as your attendance and support at the AGM will be essential. The full AGM papers, including reports, will be sent soon.

Padel

The General Committee have been having some exciting conversations about Padel. We're exploring how this might fit into the club's future and looking forward to seeing where it could take us.

Land Sale

A reminder that Morrisons (the Applicant) have now resubmitted their planning application for the 72-bed care home.

Bar Card Top-Up Bonus

A reminder that if you top up £300 or more on your bar card between now and 1st December 2025, Bar Santé will kindly add an extra 10% to your balance.

Standardisation of Par & 9 Reversal

Please note that the project to standardise par and reverse the 9s has been put on hold for the time being until financial resources allow.

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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.

Course Photograph Competition

The winner of the competition will be decided at the next Membership Committee Meeting. Here's a flavour of some of the entries.



CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Andy Lowne, Captain 2025

As my year as Captain draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few reflections and, extend my thanks to everyone who has supported me throughout my year.

The Gentlemen's Presentation Dinner was held on Friday, 14th November, it was a great evening and I would like to thank all those members who attended and helped make it such an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

With winter just around the corner, and both the golfing calendar and my year as Captain drawing to a close; before some of you pack away your gear, there is one final golf event for your diary: the Charity AM/AM Competition on Saturday, 6th December, with all teams starting from the first tee. Following the success of our Captain's Charity Day earlier in the year, we're hoping to raise additional funds for LOROS, a very worthy cause. So, please do enter a team as it would be fantastic to have a full start sheet for our final event of the year.



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LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Lucy Patterson, Lady Captain 2025

Congratulations go to our recent trophy winners – Our Lady Vets Champion this year is Liz Flint, Sharon McElwain won the coveted Donkey trophy and Rosie Black the Super Vets trophy.

The Samantha Lant trophy was won by Carol Smith and the longest drive on the 13th was Sabera Ismail. Our final knockout competition winner is Lisa Tutt, winning the Corah Bowl. Many thanks go to our pro Mark and his team Joel, Finn and Luke for all the treats that were provided on Pro's Day – everyone enjoyed the Texas scramble competition.

The Baxter Trophy was held at Cosby on 12th October – our thanks go to Catherine Dobson, Finn Dobson, Alexis Cummins and Christian Dean who represented the club – particularly as the extreme fog resulted in a very delayed start and consequently a lot of hanging around! PIC

On October 13th we held a Bridge and lunch event. This was very successful with 60 people attending and raised over £450 for the club charity LOROS. Thank you to everyone who has so generously given their time to help raise money for this charity over this past year.

Our winter league started on Tuesday 4th November – a change in format this year reverting to a Foursomes format, a 9-hole AM/AM is running alongside for those Ladies not playing winter league.

The Ladies section has organised some monthly fun winter golf practice sessions for Ladies new to golf – these are being held on a Saturday – the first one being 15th November at 11am.



Finally our golfing year will be celebrated at our AGM ON 26TH November with all our winners being presented with their Trophies.

The Lady President, Sue Bromwich, held a NAFAS Flower Demo in October with tea and cake to follow. It was very well supported with £180 raised for Dementia Leicester



Social Events

Christmas Lunch with Father Christmas – Sunday 21st December

Come and enjoy a festive Christmas Lunch for all the family with a special visit from Santa!

Adults: 3 Course Meal – £32 per person

Children: 2 Course Meal – £14 per person

Children: 3 Course Meal – £16 per person

Reserve your table at the Bar, email Sabrina on hospitality@theleicestershiregolfclub.co.uk or call 0116 273 8825 (opt3)

Cross Country, Drive In, Putt Out and Big Lunch

One for your diaries. Say goodbye to last year's captains and welcome in the captains for 2026. Try the course in a different arrangement and be there for the announcement of the Captain's Charity over lunch.



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SENIORS SECTION

Philip Sell, Seniors Captain 2025

Reflections on the year

The Seniors Captain has several roles, some documented, some not. There is a tacit agreement to keep grumpy old men happy, which is easier than you might think.

Delivering the core activities of the Interclub matches during the playing months has an administrative burden of process which is a modest price for the large rewards of simple joy, well-being and happiness for the participants and the organisers. The sense of common goal, the social interaction and socialising in the open-air help to bond the Seniors community as connected and integral to our club community.

Next to the relaxed social golf of the Interclub matches came the pleasure of the Leicestershire and

Rutland Golf Union Seniors foursome's knockout. Fiercely competitive teams selected from the large available squad represented the club and progressed as far as the semifinal. Our two Opens of 2025 had the highest numbers attending since Covid. The section sent themselves to Coventry for two exchange days.

The Seniors Invitational day glitched this year with only 14 players in total, so we missed an ideal opportunity to showcase our course and clubhouse. We will do better with that next year. We explored a few ideas, like 9-hole competitions and roll ups, and we will continue to evolve them for the benefit of our section and the Club. Competitions, qualifying Stablefords, interclub matches Opens, Invitationals, roll ups are integral to a healthy club. They assist with on boarding new members, retention of members and showcase what we do well to visitors and guests.

The golfing season is now entering a weather induced lapse in activity after an exceptional four heatwaves in five months. The summer of 2025 was officially the UK's warmest on record. April 2025 was the UK's sunniest on record. Warmer weather makes us all happier with increased serotonin levels. Outdoor activities, sports and social gatherings also contribute to higher serotonin levels. While we all enjoyed our feelings of well-being with the improved course and clubhouse, there were external confounding factors and weather may well have added to our wellbeing. It certainly feels that we are in a better place at our club than last year. There is still a lot to do to get to a zone of comfort, but a steady process of continuous improvement seems to be visibly happening. Other clubs, our visitors and guests are giving us positives, helping with our cognitive reframing. *The Happiness Research Institute | The science of well-being: (www.happinessresearchinstitute.com)*

What's going to happen

The senior's section has started delivering the 2025/2026 fixtures already with the **Seniors Winter League** and the **Seniors Winter Six**. The fixtures will be circulated to the paid-up seniors shortly, along with the seniors' specific newsletters by email and in the **Seniors TLGC Community WhatsApp**.

A retrospective from October 2024

Our President: "What's your superpower?" **Me:** "Hindsight."

Our President: "That's not going to help us." **Me:** "Yes, I see that now."

MEMBER BENEFITS

New Reciprocal Golf Arrangement

We're delighted to announce a new **reciprocal playing agreement between TLGC and Glen Gorse Golf Club**, starting 1st November.

Members of both clubs can now enjoy access to the other course for a **discounted rate of £20 per player, Monday–Friday, during off-peak times**.

To book, simply contact Glen Gorse directly, providing your **full name, CDH number, and contact details**, and make payment when booking.

We hope this partnership gives members a chance to experience another fantastic local course at excellent value.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month, our Member Spotlight shines on the wonderful volunteers who have gone above and beyond for the Club throughout the year. We are incredibly fortunate to have members who quietly give their time, energy, and skills to help keep things running smoothly, often without recognition. A special thank you goes to those who braved the truly miserable weather to collect range balls on one particularly soggy day.

We'd also like to give special recognition to members currently undertaking the transformation of our new meeting space, The Bunker Room. The work



Tim Green, John Palmer and Andy Lowne are/have been doing is nothing short of exceptional. They have thrown themselves into this project completely, giving countless hours purely out of the goodness of their hearts. Their craftsmanship, dedication and vision are bringing to life a room that is going to be incredibly valuable for the Club in the years ahead.

The Bunker Room will offer us a private setting for committee and sub-committee meetings, a professional environment for external bookings, a space for our bridge players, and a versatile facility with the potential to generate new income – all thanks to their hard work!

Volunteers truly are the lifeblood of our Club. Whether your contribution is large or small, visible or behind the scenes, it all makes a difference. Without the generosity of people like you, The Leicestershire Golf Club simply wouldn't be the same. Thank you to every member who has stepped forward to help this year. We are immensely grateful.

Junior Section



Rishay Pankhania won and was awarded the Junior Club Championship Gross Trophy

Sun 12th Oct. U14 Boys v Northamptonshire @ Lutterworth

Yash Pankhania and Anay Patel were selected to play a 4BBB Friendly against Northamptonshire for the L&RGU U14s, both won their matches alongside their playing partners contributing to an overall 5.5 vs 0.5 Team Win. They both played tremendously through tough foggy and cold conditions to secure the win, supporting each other throughout the day.



Andy Capp...

Unfortunately Andy Capp has migrated to warmer climes for the winter, but would remind those left in Leicestershire to make the most of winter sunshine, playing golf when the weather allows! He hopes to sip some wine on a far-off vineyard with the relaxing past seniors captain, Phil Sell.

CONTACT US

We value your feedback and are here to assist you with any questions or concerns. We'd also like to hear your ideas for the club. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our club office at 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!

Warm regards,
Andy Rickett, Chair of Membership