

The Leicestershire Golf Club

NEWSLETTER

May 2025



WELCOME to the May Edition.

Welcome, members and guests, to the May 2025 edition of The Leicestershire Golf Club newsletter. As the season progresses, we have many exciting updates, events, and achievements to share with you

President's Briefing - Ashwin Mistry, Club President

Our membership renewal date has come and gone and in the spirit of transparency, I thought I would share headline numbers as at 9/5/25

- » Resignations - 41
- » New Members - 42 (many under the "999" offer)
- » Number of members yet to confirm - 10
- » Number of Junior members to confirm - 20
- » Number who have changed category - 18 (mainly from full playing to social)

There is no obvious pattern for the resignations, however the new applicant members are clearly impressed with our course and signature venue. We did away with the "Split Payments" as more than 90 members took advantage and chasing the late payers at the end of August last year became a cumbersome exercise.

This year Orchard Funding and HowDoIPay - Later were available to members to spread payment over 6, 10 or 12 months (subject to satisfactory credit checks).

Our sincere gratitude to the 24 members out of circa 370 whom have helped OUR CLUB by way of Interest Free Loans. We could not have got through the past 5 months without your support. So, thank you.

The General Committee is regularly reminded that TLGC is a member's club and we should be transparent in all our dealings. Last year via the numerous Member Forums, a fair amount of information was shared with projections for the forthcoming years. Soon, we will produce a Strategic Plan for our club which will highlight our direction of travel and aspirations. The plan is being pulled together by one of our members. As soon as the plan is finalised this will be shared and will also feature on our web site.

On behalf of the General Committee, an incredible amount of effort is being expended and as a Members Club, we need your help in any/every way possible. If you have any constructive ideas, please do come forward together with your offer to help. Nothing happens by magic

I take this opportunity to wish you a happy golfing experience and whilst the weather has been kind, our course does need water!!

Saturday Tournament Winners

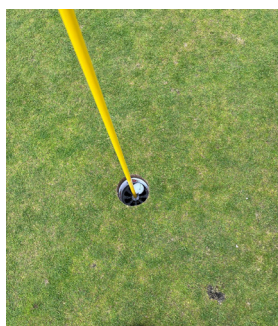
A big round of applause to the winners of our recent club tournaments:

- » Freddie Beck: Ash Mody & Bav Dalal
- » April Medal: Richard Jackson
- » May Medal: Olly Irvine
- » Palfreyman Cup: Catherine and James Dobson
- » May Stableford: Adam Master

Hole in One Club!

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

- » Anil Patel - Hole 12, Thursday 10th April with Baz & Bav.
- » Catherine Dobson - Hole 17, Saturday 10th May in the Oak Tree Trencher.



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UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Prepare for our exciting lineup of tournaments in the coming months:

- » **Professional's Day – Saturday 31st May.** A Texas scramble with added challenges from the Professional and specials in the shop. Open to teams of four, £7.50 per entry, on-course challenges, and some great prizes up for grabs! Plus refreshments at the halfway point. Mark is also running a **Double Your Money Challenge**. Think you've got what it takes? Bring cash on the day for your chance to double your money with our hit the green challenge on the 3rd hole (Cash only – don't miss out!)
- » **June Medal – Saturday June 7th.**
- » **Club Day** – This 4BBB Competition is taking place on **Saturday 14th June**. There are two shot gun starts, 08:30 and 14:00. The booking sheet for this event is already open so if you have not already done so, please book your tee time. Come early if you need to put before your afternoon round. The final of the Simpson Putting Bowl is held over lunchtime for you all to support.
- » **Leicestershire Golf Club Invitation** – Our Invitation Day is on **Saturday 21st June**. This event gives our members the opportunity to bring a guest and take part in a 4BBB competition. All guests must have valid CDH numbers. Great prizes are up for grabs, and it be great to fill the time sheet to create a lively atmosphere. To secure your spot, simply sign up and make payment in the pro-shop to confirm your place.
- » **June Stableford – Saturday 28th June**
- » **July Medal – Saturday 5th July**
- » **CH Rawson Trophy – Saturday 12th July**

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 13th June Unlucky for some...

Teams of up to six can compete for exciting prizes. Sign up at the bar. £15 per person.

CLUB NEWS

Clubhouse Renovations: You will have observed the works on the patio area. We have taken advantage of Idol's available workmen to extend the cladding works, funded by an additional sum of money lent to the club. The works on the patio area should be completed by end of this month.

Work is underway to replace the existing Shoe & Trolley Cleaning station. This should be completed over the next few weeks and will improve first impressions of the club on entry.

Course Improvements: We are pleased to announce that several course improvements have been completed over the past month. The 1st and 10th tees have been resurfaced and enlarged to enhance playability and will be open in time for the Seniors Open on Thursday 29th May. The larger surface area will reduce wear and tear.

You will have also seen the works on the new Memorial Fountain in honour of Dr Bernard John Crump. The funds were collected from a handful of his close friends with contribution from Isabel Crump and family.

New notice board: Located on the wall of the trolley store. This will be used for a variety of uses such as signing up for events, results and publicising social events.



We appreciate your patience during these upgrades and hope you enjoy the enhanced playing conditions. Alice updated you on the new Members Card together with details of the transfer of credit balances from your old Members Card. Preload with more than £300 and get a further 10% added to your credit.

The existing gold members card will be required to gain access to both the club and respective changing rooms.

TLGC hosted Leicestershire County Cricket Club for their annual match this month. All the cricketers enjoyed the match, and for the ladies it was their first round at TLGC, so we hope they will be back and bring some more ladies with them. TLGC won 4-2!



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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.

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.

CAPTAIN'S BRIEFING

Andy Lowne, Club Captain 2025

The season is now getting well underway, and our course is improving nicely. We have had numerous matches against various clubs and I would like to thank all the members who have made themselves available to play these matches.

Bunkers – Sadly, it has become increasingly evident that players are leaving our bunkers unraked after play, which unfairly impacts other golfers. To ensure fairness and maintain course quality, we kindly ask all players to take a moment to rake the bunker carefully and properly after playing their shot.

Even if you haven't landed in the bunker, but notice one hasn't been properly raked, we encourage you to help by tidying it up. A small effort from everyone will make a big difference in ensuring all players enjoy a fair game.

Let's work together to improve this aspect of course etiquette. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Vice-Captain

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Duncan Jones has been appointed as Vice-Captain of The Leicestershire Golf Club. As a dedicated and long-standing member, Duncan has continually demonstrated his commitment to the club and its values. I look forward to working closely with him throughout my captaincy year and am confident that his experience and enthusiasm will be invaluable in supporting our club's success.

Please join me in congratulating Duncan on his well-deserved appointment.

Exchange Day

We are excited to invite you to our Exchange Day at Peterborough Milton Golf Club! This event takes place on Wednesday, 2nd July, offering a brilliant day of golf on a beautiful course that is in excellent condition.

Event Details:

- » Spaces are limited – Only 44 spots available!
- » Arrival: Kick-start your day with delicious bacon rolls.
- » First Tee Time: 11:00
- » Competition: We will be playing an individual Stableford format with great prizes up for grabs.
- » Post-Round Meal: Enjoy a rolling two-course meal to round off the day.
- » Price: Just £40, an amazing deal considering the standard green fee is £70!

Having recently played at Peterborough Milton Golf Club in our inaugural club match, we can confirm that the course is a delight to play on.

Let's make this Exchange Day a huge success – sign up now at the pro shop and make your food choices to secure your spot!

Captains' Away Trip

The Captains of TLGC are excited to announce our golf getaway at The Kendleshire Golf Club near Bristol, taking place on Sunday 29th and Monday 30th June. With only 10 places left on what promises to be a fantastic couple of days on a great course! For just £280 per person (based on two sharing a room), you'll enjoy:

- » Breakfast on arrival
- » Two rounds of golf at a top course (normal green fee: £70 per day)
- » Evening meal on Sunday
- » Overnight accommodation at the Holiday Inn
- » Breakfast on Monday
- » A two-course meal after golf
- » Exciting prizes to be won!

If you want your own room? Only a £30 single room supplement applies.

This trip offers great value, top-quality golf, and a brilliant social experience. To secure your spot now by signing up and paying at the pro shop or manager's office.

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KERSLAKE PUTTER

The Kerslake Putter is a traditional club match between past captains and the current captains' team and was played in early May. Andy Rickett's Past Captains team was victorious!



LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Lucy Patterson, Lady Captain 2025

- » The season has got underway, and we are really enjoying the fine weather. Our Trophy winners to date are – April 15th Catherine Dobson Gross Centenary Salver Winner with an 81 and Net Centenary Salver Winner Sabera Ismail – Net 68. On 22nd April Rosemary Johnson and Alison Simpson won the Gimson Salver with a net 66 and on 6th May Claudia Hamilton won the Ridgway trophy with a net 71. Congratulations to all these Ladies.
- » Mary Jarvis and Tony Jarvis won the Greenlees Trophy on 5 April with a score of 39 points
- » We have played in the home and away draw of the Taskers Trophy against Norwood Park and with an aggregate score of 9-5 go through to the next round which is at home against Lingdale.
- » The Ladies County fours first round took place on Monday 28 April at Rutland Water and an overall win by Sabera Ismail, Alexis Cummins, Mary Jarvis and Lucy Pover means we are through to the next round away at Beedles Lake on 2 June.
- » We have played four friendly matches so far – three away and one at home. Our handicap and scratch matches get underway this month.
- » The Silver Putter was played on Wednesday 7 May – a very friendly social event with 6 teams going out – a mix of Ladies and senior men. The winners were Liz Flint, Geoff Wayman, Sharon McElwain and David Sparrow.
- » On Sunday 4 May Emily Wolverson and Alexis Cummins played in the county Championship playing 36 holes at Willesley Park – we congratulate and thank them for representing the Leicestershire on this long and difficult course.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month, we shine the spotlight on one of our long-time members, **Marion Keene**, who has been a member of the club for 46 years. Marion is a past Lady Captain and is Chair of the Competition and Handicap Committee. She is a longtime supporter and organiser of the junior section. Marion's dedication to the sport and the club is truly commendable. Thanks for all your support and help.

Junior Golf Program

Our Junior Golf Program continues to thrive, with sessions every Saturday. The program is open to children aged 7-18 with 70 active members and focuses on developing their skills and love for the game. New participants are always welcome.



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SENIORS SECTION

Philip Sell Seniors Captain 2025

What's happened so far:

Interclub matches are well underway. Away game at Glen Gorse loss 3:2.5, Scraftoft away loss 4 and 2 had us two matches down. A win at Birstall with a team of 16 seemed like the wind of change. Sadly, not sustained as our first home game was a loss to Oundle followed by a further loss at Greetham Valley Away. We won 4.5 to 1.5 with Willesley Park at home on the 14th May and won again! with Nuneaton at home on the 19th of May 5.5 to 0.5. The bookies are now offering investment opportunity odds for future games.

Selection had been by random draw with the 66 playing opportunities shared by 32 of the seniors' section so far. 15 have only played one match, 5 have played two and 12 have played more. Being a reserve increases the probability of selection for the next match if entered.

Many thanks to the 170 who have signed up to the senior's section. Please join in the many activities to enjoy both social and competitive golf. Consider joining the 'Seniors TLGC Community' WhatsApp group. The teething fat finger problems have diminished, and most sensible folk have notifications off.

The April Qualifying Stableford was won by Roger Povoas with 37 points, Paul Donaghy also had 37 but on countback came second and David Sparrow was third with 36.

The Lewis trophy is currently headed up by Arif Osman. Clubman of the year is led by five enthusiasts all on 4 points.

The Seniors winter league completed 30th April with all matches played. It will run again next winter, possible with two leagues if numbers continue to rise. The massive prize money of £120 first prize was split between the two teams of Geoff Wayman and Milan Dudic and Pete Jolley and Clive Smith. A further £120 was divided between the other three teams.

What's going to happen:

May 29th Seniors Spring Open. A full field, with no tee times left. We look forward to showcasing our course and our refreshed clubhouse to the many guests and visitors. The fresh tees on the 1st and 10th will be ready to play weather permitting and if the weather holds the patio should be buzzing, and not just with pollinators.

We have 17 Interclub matches yet to play with 8 of them being away games. with 11 at home. The Monday qualifying prize money is up for grabs every month.

We have a senior's invitational on Monday 21st July, and a 9 Hole invitational on Monday 23rd June.

There are two exchange days for Seniors, with the great Coventry clubs of Finham 7th July and Hearsall 4th August.

There is a Seniors Invitational Monday 21st July, and the Seniors Autumn open on the 2nd of October.

There are two reserved tee times on a Thursday AM for seniors to book and play with new to senior members, those returning after injury or illness and anyone not selected for an interclub match that week that wants a game. Just book yourselves in.

MEMBER BENEFITS

The Club offers several reciprocal golfing arrangements.

The Leicestershire Golf Club was formed in 1890, and to celebrate our 125th anniversary in 2015 we set up reciprocal arrangements with over 20 of the other golf clubs also formed in that year. This is known as the 1890 Club. These clubs provide a reduced green fee rate to The Leicestershire Members.

Further reciprocal arrangements are through The Association of James Braid Courses. Formed in 2009 by a Henley Golf Club Past Captain and Past President, the Association now has over 300 member clubs. The courses can be found in Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland as well as one in New York. Members and members of all the clubs in the Association can enjoy preferential green fees at these courses, by booking in advance.

New Reciprocal Arrangements have been agreed with Moor Hall Golf Club and Trentham Park Golf Club.

The detailed arrangements for all schemes can be accessed through the Members Info section of the club website.

HAPPY HOUR – EVERY DAY 5PM TO 7 PM – ALL BEERS, HOUSE SPIRITS, AND WINES ARE JUST £4.50 EACH!!

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House Chair Report Peter Jolley, Chair of House

MENS LOCKER ROOMS

At present only 25% of the lockers are being used, so the club is investigating alternative uses for the upper room.

Property removed from both rooms have, in some cases, been returned to the families of deceased members (Alice and Jez have been remarkable in this!) and remaining items retained for further use. Three sets of relatively new full sets of clubs have been donated to Mark Whittle as previous to this he had no clubs for hire.

Regarding the 60 plus remaining clubs, Parin Patel has snapped up some for use by The Junior Section coupled with an array of decent golf balls, ball collectors, bags and tees.

The remaining items were offered via a rather bizarre bazaar (clever eh!) for members to peruse and take... hopefully contributing a donation to the Captain's Charity. I was particularly amused by a group of seniors who were apoplectic when they realised, they had first dibs at the clubs and had never been offered anything free by the club in "x" years.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Quiz Night on Friday 13th May as mentioned earlier.

Plans for future events include: Curry and other gastronomic theme nights;

Quirky 9-hole competitions with BBQs; a "Beaujolais Nouveau" French Theme Night in November and finally the icing on the Xmas cake will be our Club Christmas Dinner (possibly dinner dance) on Thursday 18th December.

If you have any further ideas for events or would like to help with their organisation, then please don't hesitate in contacting me as House Chair.

Hi, Andy Capp, again! As a long-standing member, I've often had premature rejection with my rants in the past. I was delighted my last literary submission was accepted for the last newsletter. This has hardened my resolve to continue the moans, I was torn between the issue of slow play and the condition of the course.

I've decided to go on, and on, about the course. As the last missive regarded tee's that theme will continue if I get my publication fee, which seems a little slow in coming from last month.

Our tees are becoming ever more magnificent, the first and tenth soon to be available for play will show case our course and the many improvements in recent times. First impressions really count for visitors, and this is my worry.

Cigarette butts, plastic cigarette butts vaping material and a dental flosser! discarded in the vicinity of the first and tenth tees this May.

Most smokers are very aware of the health harms of smoking and are sensitive to protecting family and friends from those harms. Sadly, smoking is addictive and non-smokers need to recognise that. Smokers are encouraged to mitigate the risk to those close to them by smoking outside.

Our golf club is a home to golfers, wildlife and plant life. There is a complex and fragile ecology with mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, insects and vegetation in our home. In terms of litter and smoking debris consider the course as part of your life.

The presence of cigarette butts in the soil reduces grass germination success by 10% and shoot length by 13 percent. Published in the journal *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*, the results also showed that the root weight was reduced by 57 percent.

Most cigarette butts contain a filter made of cellulose acetate fibre, a type of a bioplastic. There are added chemicals which make the plastic more flexible, called plasticisers, that may also be leaching out and adversely affecting the early stages of plant development. Cigarette butt leachate is acutely toxic to freshwater invertebrates.

Filters from unsmoked cigarettes had almost the same effect on plant growth as used filters, indicating that the damage to plants is caused by the filter itself, even without the additional toxins released from the burning of the tobacco.

Cigarette butts are one of the most common types of waste in the environment. They cause visual pollution and release hazardous components into the environment. Butts are difficult and expensive to collect, and the costs are not borne by the people who consume them or benefit from the product.

Portable personal ashtrays are a cheap ethical solution.

The current best solution for the golf course ecology and aesthetics is to remove the discarded butts from the environment where they can all cause harm.

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

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

Stay tuned for May's newsletter, where we will bring you more exciting news and updates.

Warm regards,

Andy Rickett, Chair of Membership