

WEAR SIDE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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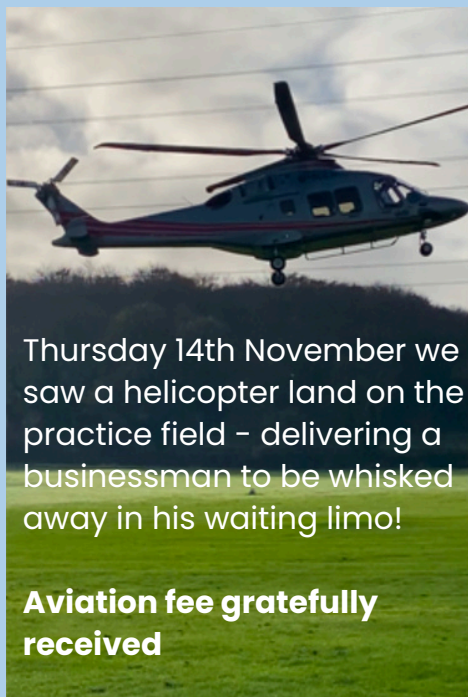


I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Wearside Golf Club who assisted during the emergency on 14th October. Your prompt support and willingness to provide the golf buggies made a significant difference in the outcome of the rescue. Without your help, this incident could have taken a very different turn. Your efforts were crucial in ensuring a positive outcome, and we are incredibly grateful for your assistance during this time-critical operation.

Steve Burdis

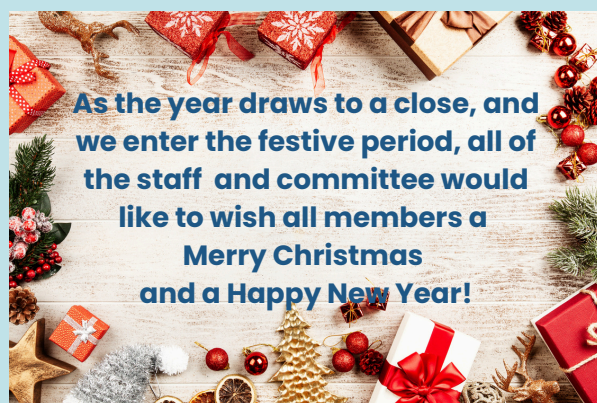
**Group Manager, North District
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue**

Helipad anyone?



Thursday 14th November we saw a helicopter land on the practice field – delivering a businessman to be whisked away in his waiting limo!

Aviation fee gratefully received



As the year draws to a close, and we enter the festive period, all of the staff and committee would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Suggestions

Let us know what you would like to see in future editions

email: suggestions@wearsidegc.co.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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131st AGM

Wednesday 11th December Ray Tatters, Chairman, Steve Belchamber – Secretary, Gary Hope – Treasurer, Sean Hixon – Captain and President Fred Patterson presented the clubs 131st AGM. Attended by 25 voting members. Minutes from 2024 were agreed, Chairman and Secretary gave their reports and this years accounts presented.

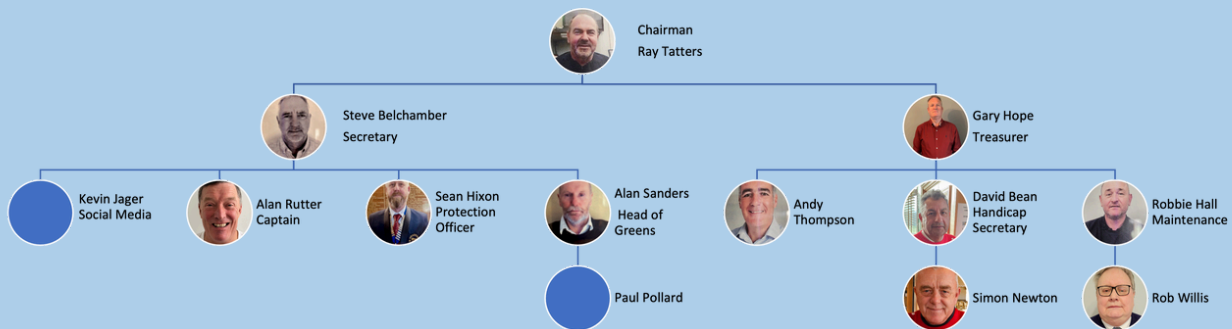
Subscriptions for 2025 were also agreed by majority vote.

[Here is a link to the full pack](#)

Member Subs. 2025

Membership	Subscriptions	Affiliation	Total
Full	£845	£18.25	£863.25
Weekday	£662	£18.25	£680.25
Over 65 (qualifying)	£662	£18.25	£680.25
Over 80 (Concession)	£53	£18.25	£71.25
Junior (0-11 yrs)	£26	£18.25	£44.25
Junior (12-17 yrs)	£79	£18.25	£97.25
Junior (18-21 yrs in education)	£168	£18.25	£186.25
Junior (18-21 yrs)	£336	£18.25	£354.25
Affordable Membership *	£504	£18.25	£522.25
Social			£47
Locker Fee			£21
Single Buggy Storage			£52.50
Double Buggy Storage			£73.50

Committee



Driving Range Update



THE COURSE

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Drainage work

The past month has given us a very dry period for the time of year which has allowed us to make significant gains with our drainage projects with minimal disruption and damage to the surface.

The drainage work on the 3rd, 8th, 9th, & 17th is progressing on schedule and we have highlighted a few issues underground with broken and blocked pipe work which will be getting bypassed by the new system. The right of the 17th has shown that in places it has no more than 2 inches of soil which will be causing the water to saturate the surface during wet periods.

All fairways have been Verti-drained also.



Buggies

The firm ground conditions have also given the buggies a greater period of usage on the course than in previous years. However unfortunately some members are not taking note of the restrictions in place and warnings about accessing certain areas.

A buggy went down the steepest slope on the course next to the 6th tee!



New Utility vehicle

We have taken delivery of our new utility vehicle
A John Deer Pro Gator 20230A



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Sunday Lunches

We are now taking bookings online for our Sunday Lunches! Get them in early as spaces fill up quickly!

The booking sheet will be sent out in newsletter form, just like any regular update email by the club. Booking via the bar is also still available.

Our next date will be in the new year on January 12th. We will again be resuming fortnightly bookings thereafter.

Alcohol Free

Due to popular demand we have added a selection of **zero alcohol** drinks to the bar, including:

Guinness 0.0%, Peroni 0.0%,
Rekorderlig Alcohol Free,
Gordon's 0.0% and Whitley Neill 0.0%.
Guinness 0.0% is the new Microdraught System, that pulls a perfect pint automatically, which is as impressive as it is novel!

So, rest assured you no longer need to worry about leaving the car to have a few drinks.



Captains Drive in Midday 1st January

Come down to see the new Club Captains officially open the course for the new year.

A free buffet is provided by the club as well as complimentary festive refreshments on the bar.

This is a traditional day to dust off the cobwebs at Wearside and is always well attended!

Live Sport



Christmas will be packed with live sport:

We have all Sky Sports and TNT Sports
LIVE Premier League fixtures

Saturday 21st Sunderland v Norwich
K.O. 3:00pm

Boxing Day 26th December
Blackburn V Sunderland
K.O. 3:00pm

Sunday 29th December
Stoke v Sunderland
K.O. 3:00 pm

**We also have the Usyk V Fury rematch,
shown LIVE from Riyadh (Sat 21st Dec)
ask staff for details**

SECTION NEWS

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Juniors

As many of us know Millie Hixon has been a member of the England regional squad for a number of years now.

I'm delighted to say that we also now have two of our lads who have been selected for the boys regional squad.

Congratulations go to Evan Oliver and Oscar Hancill on your selection. Well done lads, keep up the hard work. 🎉🎉

To my knowledge, Wearside are the only club from Cumbria, Northumberland and Durham to have more than one player in the regional squads. We must be doing something right!

Well done everyone 🎉🎉



Seniors

As we look forward to 2025, it's appropriate to reflect on this year's Senior events. Despite adverse weather leading to numerous rescheduled fixtures, all home and away matches were completed, with thanks go to the Office, Ground, and Hospitality Teams for their patience and support. Appreciation is also extended to all who represented the club.

Graham Doneathy clinched the Field Day competition with 40 points, and the traditional Ladies vs Seniors match was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The John Chaytor Trophy was awarded to Simon Newton & John Murphy.

At the Seniors' AGM, members expressed heartfelt thanks to John Harrigan for his dual role as Captain and Secretary, and to Alan Williams for his role as Treasurer.

Elliott Patterson has been confirmed as Captain for 2025, with John Casey elected as Treasurer and Vice-Captain, and David Alexander taking on the role of Secretary.

Discussions are underway to establish a Seniors League Competition in 2025. Currently, a preliminary draft proposal to pilot a league in 2025 is being reviewed, and we are actively engaged in the proposal.

Ladies

The Ladies AGM and Presentation of awards took place on Tuesday 5th November. Val Thompson stood down as Lady Captain for 2024 and Gillian Patterson was elected Captain 2025. A great big thank you to Val for the work and effort she has given to her role this year. All of the events she has organised have been hugely successful and enjoyable. Congratulations for fantastic sum she has collected for the Parkinson's Society.

Gillian's chosen charity for 2025 is WeAR Golf Aid, which contributes to our CASC commitments to support individuals both within the Club and in our local community. It has been a good season for both the Anderson and Sivewright teams. Congratulations to all ladies who have played, especially to those who stepped in at late notice which enabled us to field a team. Anderson team finished 3rd from 5 in Division 2 (5 player) league and the Sivewright team finished joint 4th from 13 in the North league.