Weekly Members Newsletter – 17th January 2025

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Full credit to Nigel Graham and the Greens Team for not only getting us back to golf so quickly after the snow, but for the fantastic condition of the course and in particular the greens, on the day of re-opening. It was the result of not only the work put in pre-Christmas, not only the work put in last Summer, but the work and planning and preparation that have gone into this course by this team over years and years.

A comment left on our Facebook page from a member of another club summed it up:- "How does this course look like this and other courses are absolutely ruined..."

Enjoy your weekend,

Damian

Damian Connearn
West Bradford Club Manager



Upcoming Events

January 22

West Bradford Alliance

January 25

Darts Marathon
in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

March 19

BDUGC Winter Alliance

Other News

Welcome to our newest members!

A big West Bradford welcome to our newest members.

Joshua H, Jonathan C, George F, Liam B, Michael K, Jonathan L, Gareth R, Aaron I, Will T and Joel W have all joined us in the last few weeks. Our latest recruits takes the number of new members joining in January to 15. I'm sure you will all make them feel welcome.

Congratulations Chris & Mandi!

Congratulations to our Club Steward & Stewardess Chris and Mandi who will be getting married in 2025!

Chris popped the question in Cape Verdi whilst the pair were holidaying on the island and Mandi

said yes!

The pair have set a date for 10th May this year, with the reception due to be held here at West Bradford Golf Club

The Darts Marathon – Update

Donations for the forthcoming Darts Marathon – in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support – have been coming in thick and fast. Members have raised over £2,000 for the cause up to now.

The Darts Marathon will take place on Saturday 25th January. If you'd like to donate you can find one of the posters around the clubhouse and scan the QR code which will take you through to the donations page. Alternatively you can visit https://dartsmarathon.macmillan.org.uk/users/west-bradford-golf-club

Play Your Cards Right

Vice-Captain, soon-to-be-Club-Captain Simon Major was picked to Play his Cards at last night's Sign-In Evening.

Unfortunately for Simon the cards pulled rank and sent him back to the barracks empty handed. The pot rolls over to next week.



Competition Results

Last Saturday's Competition – A 4BBB Stableford – was cancelled due to snow on the course.

Handcaps & Competitions

Saturday's Competition.

Saturday's Competition will be a 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford. The competition will be played over 14 holes with holes 4, 5, 12 & 13 out. Bunkers are GUR (out of play) and fairway mats are to be used in the general area (including the rough).

75% Winter Handicap Review

As promised in December, the 75% Handicap ruling for Winter Saturday competitions is currently being reviewed. Various analyses are being undertaken and will be completed in the coming week. A review meeting will then take place at the end of next week and the findings will be announced in the Newsletter on Friday 24th January.

As part of this analysis work, Club Manager Damian Connearn is looking at members who played in Saturday competitions in November and December 2023 and comparing them with the number of times they played in the same period 2024. He has emailed several people who he has identified, asking them for feedback as to why they have not played this Winter. But I am conscious that this will not include any new members who did not play this Winter due to the 75% Handicap? Also, anybody who did not play in 2023 due to injury etc, but again who did not play in 2024 due to the 75% rule?

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So, if you have not received an email from Damian, but have not played very much this Winter so far because of the change to the Handicap, I would be grateful if you could please email Damian on clubmanager@westbradfordgolfclub.co.uk

Thank you.

Sandra

Sandra Pearson Handicaps Chairman

The Pro Shop

First of all, a big thank you to all the members who came in and used the studio over the weekend.

Also, a big thank you to Tim Winterburn for organising a senior's virtual golf event on Monday. I sincerely enjoyed the day, and the feedback was overwhelming. Thank you to everybody who attended.

Fitting gear for all our ranges has now arrived and is set up in the studio. We have added Srixon to our existing three club manufacturers. Their new range has received incredible reviews, and they are priced very competitively in the market.

I am offering free demos to all members for anybody who is interested in trying out any of the new products for PING, TaylorMade, Cobra and Srixon. Just come into the shop and book your slot.

Last but not least, we are starting our January Sale this weekend. An email will be sent out to all members regarding the sale and the new club ranges, so please look out for this.

Jack

Jack Watson
PGA Professional

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Member Section News

Seniors Section

Once again, the snow was in charge last Monday so we now move on to next Monday to try and complete SWL 11.

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Anybody wishing to play, just send me a message by **midday on Sunday**, I will then complete a draw and it will be entered on to Mondays timesheet on the BRS system. My mobile number is 07976-540126.

Les

Les Cooper Seniors Captain

Ladies Section

Tuesday 21/01/25 Individual 2Ball Stableford

The first competition of the new year is an individual stableford over 15 holes off 95% handicap.

If holes 13, 14 and 15 are still out of play on Tuesday then the other 15 holes will be used in the competition. If they are back in play then holes 4, 5 and 9 will be left out for the competition. Please check in the pro shop which holes are in play and whether bunkers are in or out.

You should all have received the email sent out on Wednesday 15 January regarding the Course Update. Please continue to check your emails for any further course updates. Hopefully, trolleys will still be allowed but you must use the Traffic Management signs on the course. Also if holes 4 and 5 are in play, trolleys must be left on the path for both of these holes. As usual, please keep trolleys away from wet areas and repair pitch marks and replace any divots taken.

Lets hope we can play some golf at last!

Helen

Helen Shields
On Behalf of the Ladies Committee

January Competitions

Tuesday 21 Individual 2B Stableford Tuesday 28 Greensomes Stableford (60% of low hcp, 40% of high hcp)

February Competitions

Tuesday 4 2BBB Stableford (85% hcp)
Tuesday 11 Individual Stableford (95% hcp)
Tuesday 18 3 Clubs Plus Putter (100% hcp)
Tuesday 25 Greensomes Stableford (hcps as 28 Jan)

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