Weekly Members Newsletter – 24th January 2025

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Good luck to Mark Ryan, Nicky Clay, Richard Gunn, Martin Duerden, Richard Hardy, Tony Hopps, Chris Taylor, Richard King and Eliot Ryan for this Saturday's Darts Marathon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

The charity darts marathon will begin at 9am in the Members Games Room, as the group aim to play darts for 12-hours non-stop or to reach 100,000 points – whichever comes first.

Mark Ryan and his team of players have raised an incredible £2,900 so far for MacMillan – very well done to you all and best of luck for Saturday!

Enjoy your weekend,

Damian

Damian Connearn
West Bradford Club Manager



Upcoming Events

January 25

Darts Marathon
in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

January 29

West Bradford Alliance

March 19

BDUGC Winter Alliance

Other News

75% Winter Handicap Review

Following a review, the 75% Winter competition Handicap will return to 85% for the remainder of the winter season

For more details please see the Handicaps section below.

The Darts Marathon

It's the Darts Marathon, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support on Saturday.

The Darts Marathon is a sponsored darts event where three darts teams, made up of West Bradford members, will attempt to play darts for 12 hours nonstop, or reach 100,000 points –

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whichever comes first. The darts marathon will be held in the Members Games Room, starting at 9am.

A raffle has been organised to raise extra funds for charity, flapjacks will also be on sale by the 1st tee on Saturday – all revenue generated from sales going directly to the MacMillan fund. The group of members who are taking part, organised by Mark Ryan, have already raised over £2,900 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Any member who wishes to call into the Games Room to watch, cheer on, or offer the darts players their support – are more than welcome. You can donate to the fund by scanning the QR code on one of the posters in The Clubhouse or by visiting:- https://dartsmarathon.macmillan.org.uk/users/west-bradford-golf-club

John Rhodes

We are sad to have to inform members that former West Bradford member John Rhodes has passed away.

John was a well-respected member of West Bradford for nearly 40 years. He was a member of the Management Committee for many years and served as the Club Treasurer.

John left West Bradford a few years ago when he was no longer able to walk the course. He died on Tuesday of this week. Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as we have them.

Play Your Cards Right

Paul Topp was picked to Play his Cards Right at last night's Sign-In Evening. Unfortunately for Paul, the cards came out on Topp!

Handcaps & Competitions

75% Winter Handicap Review

The decision has been taken to change the winter handicap back to 85% for the remainder of the winter season. The results

of the analysis was not completely conclusive, but the decision was still made and will be reviewed again at the end of the season. We have played approximately the same number of games at 75% as are left to be played at 85% so the results from both halves of the season will be analysed which will give us a better comparison.

Going forwards, the only real solution for this is to have a full official measured winter course, but this of course has a cost involved. The Handicaps Committee will be working closely with the Board to try and work towards this goal.



Competition Results

The results from Saturday's Competition – A 4ball better ball - were as follows:–

Winners

A. Greenwood & R. Rook 39 pts

2nd Place K. Leach & J. Spence 36 pts

3rd Place T. Dolan & K. Emmett 35 pts

4th Place M. Chang & M. Duerden 34 pts

5th Place P. Mungovin & B. Conford 33 pts (c/b)

Saturday's Competition

We have a new ClubV1 PSI unit and printer in the Pro Shop, as well as the new PSI unit in the 19th. The new printer will print a label for the scorecard rather than having to manually write the cards.

We will be running a full test of all the new units on this Saturday's competition.

On arrival in the Pro Shop, each player will need to register themselves and their teammate on the PSI unit in the Pro Shop and then pay Jack the competition entry fee as usual. When both players have paid, Jack will then print the label. It is an easy process to register, but there will be instructions on the wall beside the PSI unit as well. Please do not attempt to register your team using the PSI Unit in the 19th – registration MUST be done in the Pro Shop.

To complete the test, can you all please enter your scores into the PSI units, either in the 19th or the Pro Shop.

Saturday's Competition

- 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford with both scores to score on the last 3 holes.
- Holes 4, 5 and 9 will be out and all the bunkers will be out of play.
- Mats to be used on fairways and grass cut to fairway height (approaches to some greens and fringes of greens).
- In the rough, balls to be marked, then lift clean and replace in exactly the same spot. This is not the same as preferred lies.

Thank you.

Sandra

Sandra Pearson Handicaps Chairman

The Pro Shop

Hi All,

Great to see everyone back this week after the bad weather, let's hope this continues....

On Tuesday this week, Andy Earnshaw and myself attended the product launch of the new TaylorMade QI35 series at Rudding Park and we were both very impressed with the performance. We already have the custom fit kit in the studio and the display stock arrives at the end of the month. If you want to try the product or have a fitting please don't hesitate to ask.

I would like to wish all involved with the Darts Marathon good luck, and I'll be in on Saturday to cheer you on with a pint.

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Starting from this week, we're going to introduce a "Golfer of the week" into the newsletter. There is no criteria whatsoever to win this. It's the Pro's Pick and this week goes toKieren Leach.

He had a great lesson on Thursday and went on to finish second on Saturday well done Kieren.

Jack

Jack Watson
PGA Professional

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Member Section News

Seniors Section

On a typical cold wet winters day we had 27 seniors out on the course once again playing competitive golf.

In 1st place with 43 points was Tony Fallas, in 2nd place with 42 points was Chris Dawson and in 3rd place on countback with 41 points was Dave Smith.

We had a winner in the 2's club this week with Tony Fallas being successful on the 14th.

The weekly scores and winter league table have all been updated on the WBGC website.

Next Monday will be week 12 of the Seniors Winter League (SWL12), anybody wishing to play, just send a message by midday on Sunday to the seniors WhatsApp group or alternatively Tim Winterburn on 07847487703, Tim will then complete a draw and it will be entered on to Mondays timesheet on the BRS system.

Les

Les Cooper Seniors Captain

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Ladies Section

Tuesday 21/01/25 Indivudual Stableford

Pam and Jenny were the only brave souls going out to play so the competition did not go ahead. On the plus side, over a dozen ladies met for lunch and a general catch-up.

Perhaps next week will see more ladies on the beautifully kept golf course.

Helen

Helen Shields
On Behalf of the Ladies Committee

January Competitions

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)