

Editorial

A number of successful events both on and off the course were held in April. The Audience with Steve Perryman was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening which raised about £1000 overall for various charities. The St George's Dinner, a more formal function, was well attended by members and guests. Some photographs from the event are published later in this newsletter. It has been added to the calendar as a recurring function for next year.

My usual monthly plea to any of you who take photographs at any function or competition can you e-mail them to me so that they can be included in the Newsletter and/or the Website - thank you.

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Quote of the Month

"Insanity – doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Sounds like golf to me!

Albert Einstein

Don't forget to visit the club website on

WWW.hillingdongolfclub.co.uk

For other news and bar opening times etc

Club Matches

There are a couple of club matches in May. Club versus Eton College which is a home match at 1400 on 15 May and Club versus Strawberry Hill an away match meet there at 0900. Both matches require 12 players so please put your name down if you are available.

Club News

The club is beginning a recruitment campaign in earnest as we go to press. As well as the initiatives outlined by the Captain in his musings on page 3 we are also having a new advertising board erected on or near the 4th tee so that it can be read by passers-by on Hillingdon Hill/Hillingdon Road/Kingston Lane. Hopefully this will attract new members

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May 2010

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 May Medal Private Function	2 May Medal Private Function Afternoon
3 Spring Bank Holiday	4 Tuesday Stableford Roll-up Committee Meeting	5	6 Ladies Marjorie Pullen Irons Only Vets v Richings Park (Away 0900)	7	8 Tigers / Martin / Rabbits Cups Private Function	9 Tigers / Martin / Rabbits Cups Private Function Afternoon
10 President's Trophy (Mon - Fri)	11 Tuesday Stableford Roll-up	12 Vets v Oaklands Park (Away 1230)	13 Ladies Spring Meeting (Course closed 1145 until 1345 Ladies have precedence on 10th tee)	14	15 President's Trophy and Veteran's Cup Club v Eton College (Home 1400 12 Players)	16 President's Trophy and Veteran's Cup Private Function Afternoon
17 Vets v Bushey G&CC (Home 0900)	18 Tuesday Stableford Roll-up	19	20 Ladies Medal	21	22 RAF Cup Club v Strawberry Hill (Away 0900 12 Players)	23 RAF Cup
24	25 Tuesday Stableford Roll-up	26	27 Ladies 5 Club Stableford	28 Vets v Fulwell (Away 1230)	29 Coronation Bowl Private Function	30 Coronation Bowl
31 Late Spring Bank Holiday						

KEY: Golf = Green — Social = Black

Captains Musings

I don't know what it will be like when you read this but generally it is getting much more like golfing weather.

Having played our first 2 club matches (RAF Benson and Datchet) we have yet to lose. The Eton College match is coming up soon and we have a strong team. Don't forget to keep an eye on the team selection sheet and see if a match date suits you, we would be pleased to have you join the club team occasionally.

Our membership recruitment campaign starts in earnest as of now and we are producing a notice for display boards. If you think you know of a place locally where you could place a notice

advertising the club then please let John Cavell or me know. Whether it is at your place of work, social club, local school/college, in a staff room, a public notice board or anywhere else, we want to know. We will soon be advertising in a local magazine which has a large circulation in North Hillingdon. Don't forget every new member is a step towards your subscriptions remaining unchanged at the next review. Don't leave it to others, please try to do your bit!

All the draws have now been carried out for the various individual and doubles competitions held throughout the summer. Please get your matches



Malcolm Trudgeon
Captain 2010

played on time. I would like you all to win but that's not possible but you will all gain through meeting new people by way of these competitions. Good golfing, good luck and enjoy your game.

Malcolm Trudgeon
Captain 2010

Course News

We hoped to have the 2nd tee in play for the Medal on 1st and 2nd May. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain this was not possible. However it will be playable in very early May so thank you once again to everyone involved in getting it completed.

The course is really starting to take shape but just a little reminder for members to try and repair any pitch marks they see on the greens (an information

sheet is included on Page 4 of this Newsletter). As well as protecting the greens as they stand it will also assist in making them even better.

Both Winter Rules and the Plugged Ball Local Rule will be withdrawn on Saturday 1st May. Remember not to clean your ball when it is on the fairway and play it as it lies.

If you have entered any knockout competitions



Phil Smith
Professional and
General Manager

please check the Competition notice board as the draws have been made.

Phil Smith

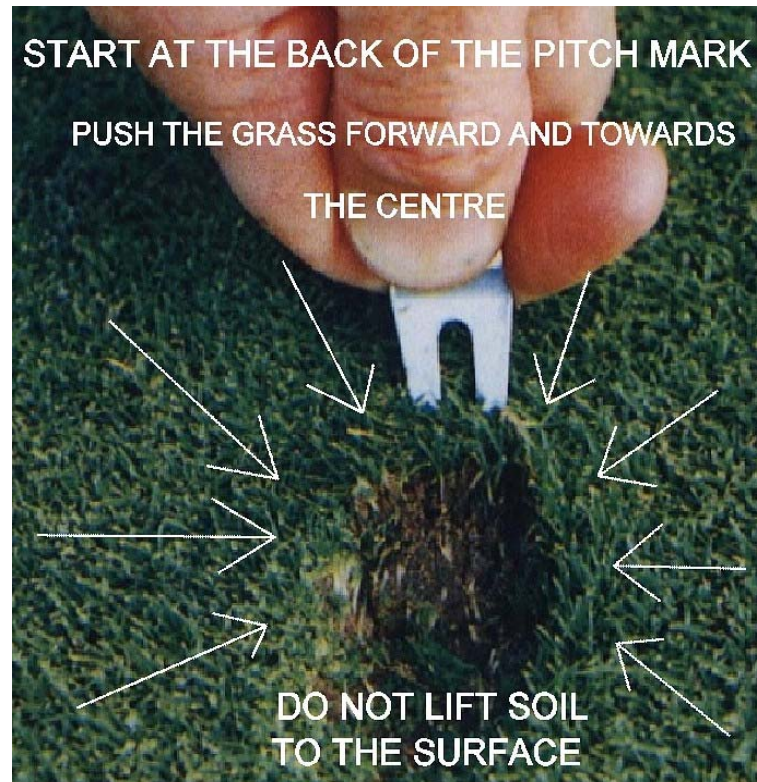
Pitchmark Repair

Correctly repairing pitchmarks on the green takes a few seconds to do properly but will maintain the high quality of our greens.

Rule 16-1c Repair of Hole Plugs, Ball Marks and Other Damage

The player may repair an old hole plug or damage to the putting green caused by the impact of a ball, whether or not the player's ball lies on the putting green. If the ball is moved in the process of such repair, it shall be replaced, without penalty. Any other damage to the putting green shall not be repaired if it might assist the player in their subsequent play of the hole.

A pitchmark repaired incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal. Please take the time to look at the photograph on how to correctly repair pitchmarks. Correct repair will help protect the grass root system and benefit all members and visitors to the course.



Good Practice

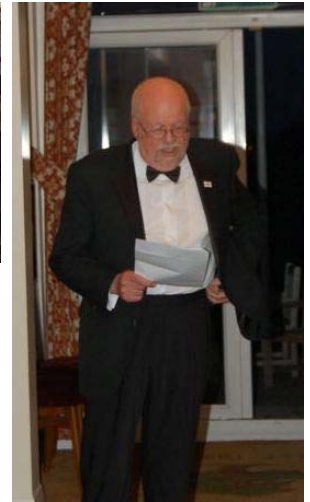
1. Discard the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball
2. Insert the pitchmark repairer tool just outside of the back of the pitchmark
3. Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitchmark
4. Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitchmark
5. Gently tap the repaired area with your putter. This action stretches undamaged turf over the pitchmark, providing instant recovery

Bad Practice

Do not replace the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball. It will die and delay the healing process.

DO not pry up the centre of the depression with the pitchmark repairer as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process

Do not insert the pitchmark repairer and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose



St George's
Dinner
24th April
2010



I found the following during a recent trawl on the internet. It makes our problems with GUR and adverse weather look mild in comparison

Richmond Golf Club
Temporary Rules, 1941

- 1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the mowing machines.*
- 2. In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take shelter without penalty for ceasing play.*
- 3. The position of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonable, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.*
- 4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the fairways or in bunkers, within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.*
- 5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced or, if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.*
- 6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.*
- 7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball. Penalty one stroke.*

Competition Results

April Medal
3rd and 4th April 2010

Division 1

1st	A MacLeod	66
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Division 2

1st	M Bond	69
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Division 3

1st	D Puhlhofer	70
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Shawyer Cup (36 Holes)
10th/11th and 17th/18th April 2010

1st	A Maltby	138
2nd	M Trudgeon	141

Pro's Stableford
24th April 2010

1st	J Winter	41 points
2nd	C Campisi	38 points

St George's Day Pairs
25th April 2010

1st	G Dossett & B Robins	46 points
2nd	A Maltby & K Masarati	45 points
3rd	R Mundy & J Winter	44 points
4th	C Campisi & M Winning	44 points

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