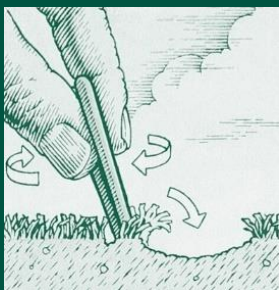


## Importance of Pitch Mark Repair

Its vitally important that we all repair our Pitch marks correctly to keep the greens in top condition. Correct repair will help protect the grass root system and benefit all members and visitors who enjoy the course.

**Did you know?** – A pitch mark only takes a few seconds to fix correctly however, a pitch mark repaired incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal.

**Did you also know?** – 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.



## SHOOTERS HILL GOLF CLUB

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## View from the Captain's Chair.....

I thought that now the playing season has started, this would be a good time to update the membership with a Captain's report of what has happened so far this year, and what to look out for going forward.

On the social front we have held at least 7 social evenings. All of the events I attended, (Burns evening, Valentine's evening, and St George's night), were all very enjoyable evenings, with great musical acts and superb food from Simon.

Going forward we have a number of events which the office will be advertising, so keep an eye out for those, and try and support those where you can.

However, I will take this opportunity to mention 2 events

going forward, to put in your diary.

**Firstly, club Trophy weekend (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July).** This year the competition will be run a little different to previous years, with leaders going out in reverse order on the second day.

In addition, in an attempt to make the weekend as special as it should be, a free social will be held on the Saturday evening. We have great entertainment lined up, which consists of a Blues Brothers Tribute act, followed by a Madness Tribute Set. Simon will be offering a hog roast for those who want to buy food to complete their evening.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July is my Captains day.** So, as well as, the normal competition during the day, keep the evening free, and come up for an evening of Hog Roast, Buffet,

and a top-class Country and Western singer to entertain you. All courtesy of the Captain.

Hopefully I will see you at one of these events, if not both.

On the playing front Matches are now in full swing, and I've not been short of golf in the last couple of weeks.

Please note that Men's Match sheets now have a dedicated noticeboard, which many may not be aware of. It's directly opposite the existing notice board, so just turn around when looking at normal noticeboard to see upcoming matches available for you to put your name down. Currently we have a Thursday June 13th match at home to Sidcup on the board with places still to fill. Please put down your name

if you would like to play. These matches are a great way to not only support your club but also to play at other local courses and have a dinner for a very reasonable cost.

We have had a fair few matches already and I will detail our recent results here;

#### **Friendlies**

Duncan White Memorial Home Vs Chislehurst

**Win 7 – 0**

Friendly Vs Chestfield

**Win 6.5 - 1.5**

Andrew Poulton Memorial away Vs Blackheath

**Lost 3.5 - 2.5**

Howard Stubbs Memorial Mixed Match Home Vs Bexleyheath

**Win 6 – 0**

Dartford away honourable draw after most people got washed off the course

#### **Special Events**

Captain V Swindle – A great day was had by all with honors ending

even 8 - 8. Thanks to everyone who played and helped to make it a great success.

#### **Kent and South East Association Competitions**

North Kent Trophy Vs Kent and Surrey GC at Home

**Won 5 - 0**

Kent Foursomes Vs Royal St Georges Away

**Won by 3 Holes**

Perman (scratch team) Vs Cherry Lodge away 1st Round

**Lost 8 – 4**

Sundridge Park (5+ team) Vs Eltham Warren at Home 1st Round

**Won 5.5 – 2.5**

This team has home draws all the way to the final, so is our best chance this year on paper. Fantastic result by our top players at St Georges, and very pleased they were, as I am sure you can see in their photo below. That's it for my update for this month, I am looking forward to reporting on some more great wins!

All the best.

**Lee Brockwell**

#### **Captain Shooters Hill Golf Club**



#### **SHGC Kent**

#### **Foursomes Team**

From Left – Neil Haggar (Non

playing Captain), Dan Westerman,

Charlie Haggar,

Adam Perfect, Jack Marsh

## **Fence on the 1st**

As you may be aware there has become a need to replace the fence along the left of 1<sup>st</sup> hole for health and safety reasons. Given today's new technology advancements in

equipment, players are easily clearing the current fence. We have had to apply for full planning permission and that process is underway. We now await the

planner's decision. Hopefully it will be forthcoming and the project can be started July or early August.

**Tony Davies**

## **A Few Words From Our Chairman**

The club office has just completed its busiest period of the year in administrating and collecting the annual fees and I am glad to say that the club is alive and kicking with a full complement of 7-day members, with a waiting list for that category in the region of 20-30 applicants. We are also introducing an initiative to try and increase the Ladies section which we hope will come to fruition in the near future.

As you probably know Amanda has just had a major operation and will be off sick for at least 3 months. I am sure you will all join me and wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back with us sooner than later.

Within the Clubhouse the Board are in the process of redesigning the layout of the Main reception area to incorporate all past Captains (Male and Female) and Presidents since the Club's inauguration and all competitions for both sections commencing from the year 2000. That will then eliminate having over boards fitted on top of the original competition boards as in the Dining Room. This ambitious project is ongoing and unfortunately is taking longer than originally envisaged and takes an awful lot of prolonged initial designing before the members can see anything physical taking place.

That's all from me at present and I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer both weather wise and Golfing wise at our wonderful club.

**Barry Barclay**

**Chairman**



## Teeing up for a word from the Greens...

So, as the initial tee time trial is coming to an end the Greens Committee believe overall it has been a success. There have been no big early morning queues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and by only having the 1<sup>st</sup> as a starting hole, it has eradicated the need for the 'alternating rule' to be enforced, with groups that had previously started their round on the 12<sup>th</sup>; this had also previously caused a delay and queues to build up on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. With this in mind it is our intention to carry on with them now for all **Board Competitions** as well as **Saturday Monthly Medals**. Tee times for these competitions will be now be extended by half an hour; so, will be

in operation between the times of **07:00 & 11:24**, this will enable a maximum number of 102 members to be out on the course playing before 11:30. Can we all please make sure we are on the tee ready to tee off **5 minutes before** your allotted slot. The Greens Committee have marshalled the tee time competitions up to this point and it has emerged that there is a need to remind the membership of pace of play. Everyone's cooperation on this matter will be greatly appreciated and improve the enjoyment of the day for the all involved. It is not the intention of the Greens Committee to start penalising such behaviour

quite yet but if the situation persists this may have to be done for the enjoyment of the day for the majority of the players. Following on from this, regarding **Sir Sydney's Hut** on the 11<sup>th</sup>; if you are playing 18 holes, in order to keep play flowing, we are asking every group to please stop here for about **10 mins**. Two more important reminders for the membership please:

**PLEASE** remember to repair your pitch marks on the green.

**PLEASE** fully rake bunkers after you've played your shot.

Thank you for your cooperation and we wish the best of luck in all our upcoming competitions!

## Pro's Corner Shop News

The season is now well underway with honours board events and club matches coming thick and fast. Each honours board event has been fiercely competitive with 3 out of the 4 going to playoffs so long may that continue as the year progresses.

I am sure many of you have already met my assistant, George but if not, pop into the shop and say hello. George is currently offering a free lesson which can be booked via email which consists of video analysis and the use of the shops launch monitor which will show you accurate ball flights and give the pupil a great idea of the issues even though they are only hitting balls into the net.

In regards to the shop, the Spring/Summer clothing is now in stock with many vibrant colours for the new season. Prices range from £20-£40 for shirts or if you are looking for a real bargain check out the sale rail which is constantly being topped up throughout the year.

Also look out for our US Open and British Open prize draws which will include the chance to win a limited edition golf bag.

Well, all that's left for me to say is good luck in the upcoming events and we hope to see you soon.

Mike

Head PGA Professional

## Latest Driver Technology Available in the Shop!

Featuring a new Callaway technology called Flash Face, this driver gives you the best ball speed possible from a driver, resulting in shots which truly maximise your distance. The 16-gram sliding weight gives you the ability to easily promote draws, fades or a neutral flight.

### Key features and benefits:

- Flash Face technology for the fastest ball speeds
- 16-gram sliding weight for draw, fade and straight flights
- T2C fabric helps raise MOI for exception forgiveness
- Internal Jailbreak bars stabilize crown and sole for extra speed
- Also available in a low-spinning Sub-Zero model

This driver from Callaway is a true work of art - and it delivers out on the course, too.

Come down to the shop and get fitted for this incredible club!



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## Pace of Play

As this is a major talking point on our competition days here are a few words to take note of. Always try to keep up with the group in front. If you are slow due to a lost ball or other problems, please let the group behind play through. Always be aware of the group behind you who may be waiting on your shots. In the Rules of Golf, **Rule 6-7** is the relevant Rule in relation to undue delay and slow play. It states, "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish". The penalty for a breach of **Rule 6-7** is loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play, and for a repeated offence, disqualification". **Rule 5.6b** covers 'prompt pace of play' and states, "each player should recognise that his or her pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in the player's own group and those in the following groups". The rule book allows players 40 seconds to take their shot. The R&A state If each player in a four-ball takes 5 seconds less to play each shot, the round time can be improved by over 25 minutes. If a group is playing slow the course will start back up, this will put at least an extra hour on everybody else's rounds. This leads to members walking in half way through their competition round. It is down to each and every member to keep up with the pace of play. Keep this in mind when playing your next competition/medal.



seen the club house get busier throughout the day, which is great to see. I think everyone will agree the quality of Simon's food is unreal and seems to only be getting better. We are working together to create a new summer menu which we will be launching over the coming weeks along with some new menu initiatives! With the introduction of Sky Sports and our new 'Big Screen' we have a summer of fantastic sports lined up with offers continuing on drinks and some special surprises from the kitchen to ensure stomachs are well lined!

We are aiming to start decoration works in the office this summer as well as looking at what other areas require attention, such as the snooker room and the hallway leading to the kitchen. Pricing is also being reviewed as well as the layout of our patio furniture with a view to trying to replace this year. Obviously, all of these things cost money and depending what money we have in the budget it is possible the House Committee might look at fund raising opportunities to ensure we are able to replace our patio furniture. We would like to thank all members for their valued

## What's New About the House...

Where do we start? There have been quite a few changes since last year! Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support given to our new caterers. Since Simon and his team joined us you have all shown great support and we have

feedback on areas which require our attention. Very shortly our very own Bob Hughes will be sending out a survey which we would be very grateful if you could all take the time to complete. This will help us to continue to improve our club. It is also worth noting that the bar staff will soon be kitted out with a uniform to ensure they maintain a consistent professional look. One final thing is that the club are currently reviewing bar prices due to a number of increases we are currently incurring, but rest assured we will be keeping the increase to a minimum.

## Upcoming Events in the House

### Friday 17th May - Rod Stewart Tribute Night

Classic 70's numbers right up to his American Songbook material

8pm - £13 per person

### Thursday 6th June - Quirky Quiz Night

with Legendary Comedy Host Peter Perke - Teams of 6 - Prizes Galore

7 for 7.30pm - £10 per person

### Saturday 8th June - D-Day Celebrations

The Sweetheart Swing Sisters - be transported back in time with wartime classics - Andrews sisters' style the 75th Anniversary

7pm - £12 per person

### Friday 14th June - Rob Simpson

This man needs no introduction - Let Rob entertain you

8pm - £8 per person