



Dhekelia Golf Club - Newsletter



Christmas Edition
Season 09/10

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Chairman's Christmas Message.

It's now been exactly three months since we took the club back and I am sure having seen the members' response that it was long overdue. The bar is successful thanks to a wonderful group of people who run it on our behalf. The club is buzzing and many outside organisations now see us as their first choice when holding a function and long may that continue. Their money and the support generated from members mean we can look at slightly longer term projects like repairing the boiler system. There is a possibility that we may install electric showers to get round the hot water problems that we are suffering at the moment. However, it's difficult to get round the Defence Estates edict on 3rd party works but we are working hard with DE to speed things up.

I do not normally praise individuals but feel the exceptional work done by Alan and Jenny Banks on the gardens deserves a special mention also well done to Phil Mulligan and George Livesey for all their hard work on a lot of the minor repairs to the paint work and decoration of the clubhouse. We still have a little way to go so please support the forthcoming work days as you did on my work day. I was only expecting a dozen or so people so imagine my surprise and delight when over 40 members turned up, so a big thank you for that.

Since this is a Christmas message and Morgan has only left me a small space on the front page to get all this in, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very merry and hopefully peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year keep up the good work.

Nec Aspera Terrant.
Ralph

Profile: WO2 (RQMS) Bruce McAulay, RA Vice Captain JSGC(D)

Joined the Army as a Junior Leader, Royal Leader at age 16. After 1 year of training joined 40 Regt RA and has served in Germany, Belize, Iraq, Cyprus and other countries on short attachments.

He is married to Evelyn with whom they have 3 children, 2 girls, Lynsey and Jenna who are both pursuing their own careers in the UK and a boy, Blair, who is at boarding school in Co. Durham. His hobbies are golf, handicap 5, and diving, a hobby he has taken up since his arrival in Cyprus. He is posted here on a 3 year tour and is looking forward to playing golf around the island and meeting all of the members.



Captain's Message.

On behalf of the Club President, Lt Col Jock Menzies, the Chairman, myself and the Club Committee, we wish all members a Merry Christmas, a Prosperous and Happy New Year.



Grounds—John Harper

The new bunkers are now maturing well. There will be further sand added, so they will not remain quite so deep. In the short term, there will be steps placed in the bunkers on the 4th and 9th. Once the grass has thickened up, the margins will be edged to give better definition. **The banks are still quite soft.**

Golfers are asked to enter and exit **all** bunkers from the Tee box side, and to **remember to rake the sand** after playing from within a bunker.

Will golfers **please replace fairway markers** that they move. Failure to replace markers means that the Ground staff waste their time replacing markers that are sometimes thrown some distance from their locating spike. After a lot of time and effort, Mick Lynn has finally tracked down some weed killer.

The clover will be an early target!



Ladies' Section—Susie Rance

Firstly congratulations to the ladies who have been winners of the board competitions since the beginning of the season; Juliet Borowiec "The Chairman's Putter", Ann Bromley "The Folkard Vase" with a special congrats to Nancy for the Hellenic Open at Epi. I feel all the ladies will join me and offer a special thanks to Penny for her good ideas with the fun competitions on Ladies Mornings. On behalf of the ladies our thanks go out to all the Gents who have helped with ball spotting, starters etc.

The Ladies Christmas Lunch is on the 10th December 2009 which is being held In the Club House, entertainment is being provided by courtesy of "Terry Brice", his Xmas gift to the Ladies' Section. Please make sure you add your names to the list on the notice board in the Club Room.

From the Lady Captain and the Committee we wish all members of the Ladies Section a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Diary Dates: Dec 8 Clutch function; 10 Ladies Xmas 'do'; 19 Cleary Cup; 20 Turkey Trot; 21—8 Jan course restrictions for maintenance; Jan 10 Relief Shield; 16/17 Emirates Challenge; 23 Dkl Team Trophy; 24 Gents MM; 31 Mariandy Trophy.

Annual Handicap Review — Kevin Hayes

The Annual Handicap Review takes place in December. The Handicap Committee will confirm or adjust, upwards or downwards, the handicaps of all players who have returned scores from four or more qualifying rounds in the calendar year. An AHR will include all aspects of players' results for the year. The number of scores returned in relation to the number of rounds played, performances in Four-ball, Team and Match play competitions will be taken into consideration. This may be particularly important where players return few (four or five) Qualifying Scores yet regularly compete in social events.

The Datagolf software analyses each player's results over the year and compares them with his/her 'Expected Mean Stableford Score (EMSS)' (the Stableford score a properly handicapped player will most likely make during a round). eg, the EMSS of a player handicapped within the range 9.5 – 13.4 is 31 points.

There are seven handicap ranges. Following analysis, the programme highlights those players who have performed better or worse than expected and submits these returns for manual examination by the Committee.



Clubhouse Manager—Chris Harper

A big thank you to all those volunteers who have (and still are) helping to improve the Clubhouse and its surrounding area.

The amount achieved on the Chairman's workday amazed me and it was particularly nice to see such a wide cross section of members involved. There are many things still to be done but

the improvement in just a couple of months is evident to all. The next step is Christmas decorations and we hope these will be in place before our Christmas functions.

We have been asked to provide sandwiches and similar for smaller groups or just 'on the bar' and we hope to extend this to pasties and sausage rolls shortly. Maybe soup is also a possibility in the New Year. **All profit from food, tea and coffee sales goes straight to the club** once the staff have been paid for additional working hours.

Members have suggested we have social functions, including perhaps a self help New Years Eve party. However the first event – a curry and quiz – was cancelled due to lack of support. This is disappointing when several people had taken the trouble to organise it. So what events would you like? when? will you come? who will help? Talk to me and we will try to add social sparkle to the Club in 2010!

Our supplier has increased prices of beer and minerals which are our largest selling items. However, due to the success of external functions, we are able to avoid price rises at this time. Please encourage anyone who may wish to book the Clubhouse for a private function to come forward.

The bar staff and myself wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Bits & Pieces

Smokers. The covered patio area is no longer a smoking area due to 2 or more sides being down. Another area will be found to accommodate you.

Cars. A further reminder that personal vehicles **are not** to be driven down the slope, even for collecting/dropping off your equipment. Only Club deliveries are permitted to use this access road.

Gardens. As can be seen, the gardens are coming along fine, however, there are still plenty of blank spaces, therefore, any donation of plants or shrubs will be appreciated, Alan & Jenny will plant them!!! Home Tel: 24727725 Mobile: 96325836.

Mobiles. The use of mobile phones in the Clubhouse, whilst not banned, is frowned upon and members should take/ make calls outside.

Treasury News—Martin Walker

Since making my report at the last AGM we have spent some €13,000 on improvements to the course including the projects outlined at the AGM. There are still some invoices to come in which will give us a final total of about €15,000 in the way of grounds maintenance, this figure is exclusive of wages. From the complimentary comments I and others have heard regarding the current state of the course, it has evidently been money well spent. Our income so far for this season in round figures for subscriptions and a further €2000 for Green Fees. It is interesting to note that our income figures are very similar to those of the same period last year, especially considering the subscription reduction given this year to serving personnel. The outlook is therefore satisfactory providing we remain prudent and where possible plan our expenditure and keep running costs down. To this end, all members are asked to be proactive in conserving energy and remain grounded as far as "good ideas" are concerned.



Competitions—Mike Lilley

Like buses, there is a quiet spell, then the competitions come thick and fast. The hard core of us try and enter all of them, and the discerning pick and choose. Whatever method we as individuals adopt, the outcome is very similar year on year, ie. We get almost the same number of entries as the year before. The fact that we are keeping similar numbers to last year is a testament to the keenness of our members and the support they show to the Club. Thank you all. The knockouts seem to have got off to a good start, and perhaps because we remember the chaos caused by the weather last season. The early rounds seem to be keeping comfortably up to the time schedules, keep it up.



It would be great to have just one series of knockouts without decisions off course deciding who goes through on the course.

Have a good Christmas, good luck to you all, both on and off the course in 2010.