



The Course

First of all, thanks to Brian and his team for maintaining the course in an excellent condition throughout the summer. The weather this summer has been kinder to us, and the fairways have started to recover and we continue to over-seed them.

We have said goodbye to Chloe, who has gone back to her passion working with horses at a local rescue centre and we welcome on board our new apprentice, and current Club Champion, Mick Baines.

There have been a number of member volunteers helping us out this summer and thanks to you all. Brian is always pleased to accept help from willing volunteers, as we shall have plenty of jobs on the go as we strive to keep our course in tip top shape.

Winter Programme 19/20 - could be a busy winter!

GREEN-KEEPING WINTER WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

1st Hole	Renovate Greenside Bunkers
	Remove Conifers from flower beds in front of Pro Shop
	Spray Weeds and plant Trees in dip to right of 1st
	Trim Trees to left of Green
	Rabbit fence repair
	Trim Hawthorn in front of Proposed Winter Tee
2nd Hole	Foliage to left of Tee Thinned and cleared
	Steps and end of path fixed
	Bunker to left of Green filled in and shrubs planted ?
	Rabbit fencing Repaired
3rd Hole	Tee Steps renovated
	Path to be laid to Tarmac
	Remove Grass pile Mound
	De-stone fairway bunker
4th Hole	Repair white Tee (Mole Damage)
	Raise Crown on Spinney (Left)
	Thin out Trees on Right
	Rabbit fence at Green
	Left Greenside bunker Refurbished
5th Hole	Rabbit Fencing
	Path and Steps refurbished and Topped up with Whin Dust
6th Hole	Remove Stumps at Rear of Green
	Remove Bridge at Rear of Green
	De-stone Fairway Bunkers
7th Hole	Fix left Greenside Bunker Face
	Trim Trees at back of Green
	Remove 2 Dead trees to rear of Green
8th Hole	Remove 2 Hawthorn trees to rear of Tee and Seed
	Top up path with Whin Dust
	Renovate bunker to Front of Green
	Renovate bunker to right of Green
	Remove Leylandii to right of fairway (150yd)

9th Hole	Repair Tee path end (worn area)
10th Hole	Cut Back Trees to left of Fairway
11th Hole	Fix the Tee bank at Back
	Fix Steps
	Fix Left bunker Face
12th Hole	Remove line of trees next to front of Green
	Top up path with Whin Dust
	Replace turf on old bunker at rear of Green and lower edge
	Remove old wooden Bridge
13th Hole	Fix back of Tee and level mole runs
	Remove dead trees to left of fairway spinney
	Repair 13th Tee (Mole Damage)
14th Hole	Build path from 13th Green to 14th Tee
	Top up Tee path with Whin Dust
	Drain Greenside Bunker
15th Hole	Cut back Spinney for better visibility of 15th Tee on track through course
	Re-lay Rubber matting
	Top-up Path with Whin Dust
	Renovate left Greenside bunker
16th Hole	Lower Height of Leylandii at the Tee
	Lower height of Leylandii at left of track
	Clear vegetation short left of green
	Repair Steps to White tee
17th Hole	Clear wall down the left
	Fix bare area to rear of Green
	Seed area to right semi cleared last year
	Renovate right Greenside bunker
18th Hole	Renovate all greenside bunkers
	Raise Dip at OB grip for car access
Practice Ground	Remove vegetation from middle wall
	Remove trees etc between practice ground and ditch on right

Short Course	Remove branches and raise crowns
	Cut grass back to side of greens ect
	Re-shape mounds on 1st hole
	Over seed greens
	purchase artificial tees and set in place
Overflow Car Park	Clear sides of car park
	Raise crown of trees
	Possibly remove fencing
Other work	Remove dead trees from around course
	Paint shelters on course
	Build bays for grass clippings
	Top up Paths with Whin Dust
	Remove, Sandblast and paint Ball Washers
	Fix Leak on 13th Tee Box Irrigation Joint
	Fix Wire on 9th Apron main cable
	lower irrigation canon points and re-fit lids correctly
	Top up Bunkers with Sand
	Line Tee Sprinkler Heads with pipe
	Chip and Clear branches on 4th Nursery
	Repair Practice Net

Whilst priority will always be to keep the fairways and greens in good order, priority this winter will be given to sorting pathways out and bumpy, bare areas around greens and pathways.

Water, Water

It's great to see water both in the stream and the pits in October, unheard of in recent years - if only we could store some of this.

With global warming and the ever-increasing demand for water we could see restrictions being put in place by our water supplier in the years ahead. We need to look at ways we can possibly save some of this water or indeed ways of collecting water from buildings and the land and to this end I am meeting shortly with Natural England and a water management company, who are experts in this field, with a view of reducing our reliance on mains water.



Wood Chippings

Ideal for borders and pathways

As much as you want, no charge

Contact Brian or Nick



Logs for sale

Small bags, large bags, trailer loads

Voluntary donations to SGC Wildlife
fund

Contact Nick or Nigel



Nick Lawson
Member for Course Development

FROM OUR FINANCE MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF ENTERTAINMENTS AND FESTIVAL WEEK

We had another fantastic weather blessed week, with over 750 golfers taking part, of which almost 50% were visitors and this is exactly what we wanted the event to be, an occasion to show off and promote our wonderful course and club.

Serious thanks need to go to our Festival Committee, namely Golf Director Nigel, Secretary Di (Heyes), Club Captain Mick, Ladies' Captain Carol, Seniors' Captain Bob Ewen, Junior Organiser Nick Musson and Club member John Rosie for the time they have given attending meetings throughout the year and their diligence in helping to organise what turned out to be a wonderful event. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered their services throughout the week on the desk or outside, starting the competitions and basically taking up any task that required doing.

This year we added a new event, our Juniors' Day. Many thanks to Nick Musson and James Beinlich for their hard work organising what again, turned out to be a superb day and one that can only grow and improve year on year. More details can be found in Nick's piece.

Thanks also to our wonderful Ladies' Section, the Seniors' half-way house` ladies and the fabulous Sleaford Lionesses for putting on half-way house feasts to die for and now a necessary part of the whole event.

Another essential thank you must be given to **Bush Tyres**, who took on sponsorship for the whole event. This, like any sponsorship, gives us 'breathing space' for the actual organising part of the events, so once again, sincere thanks **Bush Tyres** and Captain Mick for his negotiating skills!! Finally, the most important thank you must go to you, our members and our visitors, who made the week what it was, a fantastic event. Without your participation, no Sleaford Golf Festival could happen. Thanks again.

I will now move on to future entertainment events. The Festival Week was preceded by the Festival Ball, another successful night, albeit a little down on numbers from the previous two years. My thanks go out to Peter Lehair and his team for putting on a fine repast and a great evening's entertainment.

We do however, realise that there is room for some improvement, generally, on the catering provision and we will be working very hard between now and next August to try and put the wrongs right. (Ed's note: Our Chef Steve Metheringham, has now left us and we have engaged Mr Nicholas Fell wef 28 October. Please make him welcome.) Any views from members, who are as passionate as we are about the Ball and its continued existence, will be listened to if their suggestions can help to improve the event.

Finally, please find below a list of upcoming events, which can also be seen on the notice board. This ladies and gentlemen is as much as we can tell you about our entertainments programme at the moment up until the end of 2019. As with the Festival Ball **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**. Therefore whenever possible please come along and support your Club and eat drink, be merry and enjoy.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
5 Nov	1900	Dominoes	All welcome
7 Nov	1700 -1930	Steak Night (8 oz + dessert + Glass wine). (£19.95!)	Ed: Check out the new Chef!
8 Nov	1700 -1930	Hot Bar Food (see emails) Nick Musson's birthday!	Rachel Mills to sing! She is fab!
15 Nov	1900	Old Carrenian's Quiz Night	Finger Buffet
19 Nov	1900	Dominoes	All welcome
22 Nov	1900	Cash Bingo eyes down at 2000	Finger Buffet
29 Nov	1900	Sportsman's Dinner. John McGovern + comic	Tickets Limited ask at bar.
30 Nov	1900	Private Function	
3 Dec	1900	Dominoes	All welcome
6 Dec	1900	Ladies' Presentation Evening	Inc Pantomime??
7 Dec	1900	Private Function	
11 Dec	1900	Private Function	MND Dinner
14 Dec	1900	SNOTS Christmas Dinner	Golf + Disco
16 Dec	TBD	Staff Christmas Dinner	After Golf Match
17 Dec	1900	Dominoes Xmas Night	
20 Dec	1700-1900	Bar Food (see emails) followed by Christmas Quiz	Host for Quiz Nick Musson
21 Dec	1900	Niner's Christmas Golf Bash & Party	
22 Dec	TBD	Kids' Christmas Party – Fun and Food!	Real Santa!
25 Dec	1200-1500	Bar Open! Christmas Day	
26 Dec	TBD	Professionals' Boxing Day Draw + Nibbles. Not to be missed!	Tickets to be available in Pro's Shop soon!
27 Dec	1700-1900	Bar Food	See emails
31 Dec	TBC	New Year's Eve Function3 Course meal + Fizz + Canapes	Dance til' midnight and on

Terry Marshall

Finance Member & Chair of Golf Festival & Entertainments Committee

From our House Manager

As you will see from our planned entertainments programme in Terry's piece we are getting busier in the run up to Christmas. I will never tire of putting on events but you, the

members, need to communicate with me and let me know what you want. This does happen sometimes and I do my best to respond as you would expect me to. However there are, as always two sides to every coin. Let me give an example:

A current one is the stocking and dispensing of Real Ale. I do not drink it myself but I am willing to listen to those that do. That is why I have proposed that those that drink it can specify to me each Monday morning, when I am placing the order, what they want. However they have to bear in mind that Real Ale needs careful management. After delivery it has to sit for at least 24 hours and then, once tapped and again left undisturbed for a further 12 hours then should, ideally, be drunk within 5 days for it to be at its best and, believe me, I now know how good the taste buds are of our Real Ale connoisseurs are at the Club! However, we have just wasted 32 pints of XB because it was on Day 8 of the barrel being tapped. Not ideal you need to sell it 5-7 days once tapped. I am currently looking at purchasing half barrels to prevent wastage, particularly through the quieter winter period.

Now that we have found a new Chef, Nicholas Fell, and please give him a welcome and a chance to settle in, we can commit to theme nights. We have over 40 for our Steak Night on Thursday 7th Nov.



Nicholas Fell our new Head Chef

I will drive a Theme night once a month preferably a Thursday night. Potential dates:

21 Nov - Homemade Pizza Night

19 Dec- Chinese Night

On one weekday each week but 1200-1500 (TBC) we shall have -Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes.

One evening a weekday (TBC) we will have Happy Hour Drinks ½ price on all beers, wines 1900-2000.

I need to get people into the Club. I am hungry for success and I **will** achieve my goal. Hopefully having a new Chef on board we can work together to make this happen. The only other new thing from me is the Steak Night on the 7 Nov. Please come along.



Keryn Burgham was Employee of the Month 15 Oct – 15 Nov 19.

One final point I wish to make. If you are unhappy with our catering and bar provision or have suggestions on how we might improve please don't just moan about it in the Clubhouse. Why not speak to me and see what we can do about it? We need your support.

WINTER BAR AND CATERING HOURS (1ST NOVEMBER)

	BAR	CATERING
MON - THUR	11am – 8pm	9am – 4pm
FRI & SAT	11am – 11pm	9am – 5pm (8am - Sat)
SUNDAY	11am – 8pm	9am – 5pm

Peter Leahair
House Manager

FROM THE PROS' SHOP

As a Golf Professional, heading into the winter months can be a good time of year to reflect on the season & start planning for next year. However, with November just around the corner we continue to stay busy in the Pro Shop. We have taken our deliveries of Autumn Winter stock from Footjoy & Ping, which so far has been selling really well. Winter society bookings are now regularly being made as our course's legendary resistance to wet weather conditions now start to come into their own. Competitions continue to receive good entry numbers & we have begun preparations for the winter league & winter eclectic.

Congratulations to Ollie for passing Year 1 of his PGA Qualification – well done mate! I'm sure you will all join me wishing him the best of luck for Year 2.

I have recently attained Class AA Status with the PGA and throughout the winter months I will look to continue my professional development when time allows. (Ed's note. Well done)

From the 1st November the Shop will move across to winter hours which are:

Weekday 08:00 – 16:30

Weekend 07:30 – 16:30

There are still plenty of bargains to be had in the shop. We currently have:

- **30% off Spring Summer Clothing**
- **10% off Skechers Shoes (In Stock Items Only)**



Coming to us very soon is the new SkyCaddie SX400 which will retail at £299.00.



The **Ultimate Forged** Players Distance Iron

We have a set of ex-display Callaway APEX Irons on a clearance price.

5-PW Steel



6th Hole from first Bridge – Sunday 3 Nov



Left of 6th hole – Sunday 3 Nov