

Seckford Express

November 2009

New Edition 2



On-course tuition for junior members

The first of a new initiative will be starting in December with Simon coaching the junior members on the course.

Between 2pm and 4, Sunday, December 6, Simon will be taking the juniors, aged between 10 and 14 on the course hoping to improve their skills with tuition and advice.

This will be first of an on course coaching session with Simon.

Hopefully this will encourage the youngsters to practice and meet fellow members with a view to striking up

new friendships and eventually playing a round together.

In the junior section the good work by Simon and Matt has continued with the coaching provided such that the membership is growing.

To take this forward further and to develop the "on course" skills, this is to be expanded to on course coaching in the near future for the more able candidates.

A Christmas skills and playing challenge is planned for all juniors to join in, so please watch out for notices

on this and support the event.

This month saw the final Junior section major of the year (Junior Matchplay) being completed.

This is normally played between the top eight players from the Junior Club Championship but this year the participation and support was reduced, although it did not effect the quality of play.

Oliver Heath defeated Sam Pollexfen in a closely contended match on the last hole to become this years recipient of the title and trophy.

ORDER OF MERIT SUCCESS FOR DANNY

Congratulations must go to our club professional Danny Barton for his success in winning the Suffolk PGA Order of Merit for 2009. It was played over six events throughout the year across the county.

Danny had two wins, a second and a third place giving him a 40 point winning margin over Alistair Spink with Chris Smith taking third place.

This win enables Danny to compete in all the prestigious East Region PGA events in 2010.

New Year's Eve

The King is Dead:

A Night in Sin City

Ticket Update

Tickets sales going very well so far, but we still have a few tickets left for this superb night of celebration.

Tickets are **£39.95** each and can be purchased by contacting Pro Shop staff.

Xmas Breakfast Golf

Monday 21st December

18 holes Texas Scramble with Breakfast after 9 Holes

Sheet to sign up now on Social Events Board

£15 for Members and **£20** for Non Members



Ladies section so well supported

Ladies, Christmas Lunch on 8th December, which includes 10 holes of golf and Christmas Lunch at 2.00 p.m.

The format is Texas Scramble and an added bonus of a prize for the best dressed Golf Trolley.

So far we have 48 ladies for this fun day, so if you haven't put your name down yet please do so as quickly as possible. Please don't forget your Secret Santa £5.00 per present.

The other competitions in December will be the Turkey Trot and the annual members verses the staff grudge match. Which I hope this year the Staff will win.

Lists will go up on notice board so please put your names down for these, they are all good fun so come along and join in.

Welcome New Members

We would like to wish all new members since October a very warm welcome to the Golf Club.

Arnold L Ms
Bailey E Miss
Bailey L Master
Bailey S Mr
Bullimore D Mr
Burgett B Master
Burgett R Master
Christine Ms
Crane M. D. Mr
Dye J Master
King M Mr
King Mrs
Miall O Master
Owen N Miss
Rowbotham P Mr
Versey B Ms
Wells G Mr
Williams J Master
Williams J Mr
Wright Miss

From early December, all 2010 club competitions can be viewed on the members' website.

If your e-mail address has changed recently please inform the shop.

A very active year for the Senior section

1 Team matches

Results during period with matches continuing to be well supported

12 May	away v Notley	lost 3 half 4 half
19 May	home v Thorpeness	won 4 - 2
4 June	home v Waldringfield	won 4 1/2 3 1/2
11 June	Away v Newton Green	drew 4 - 4
23 June	Away v St Audrey's	won 5 - 3
30 June	Home v St Clements	drew 4 - 4
1 July	home v St Clements	drew 4 - 4
9 July	home v Hintlesham	won 7 - 1
21 July	home v Nottleys (the Lords)	lost 3 - 5
4 August	Away St Clements	lost 4 1/2 - 3 1/2
13 August	Home v Cretingham	won 6 1/2 - 1 1/2
20 August	Home v Newton Green	won 6 1/2 - 1 1/2
2 September	away Waldringfield	lost 2 1/2 - 5 1/2

8 September home v Lexden Wood second leg of Pennock Trophy where deficit of 20 holes unable to be overcome with victory on day by 8 holes, cup returned to Lexden as net loss 12 holes

10 September	away Hintlesham	lost 1 1/2 - 6 1/2
25 September	away Thorpeness	lost 4 - 2

2 Festival of Golf

On Monday 13 June 80 players, 45 members and 35 guests participated in the Seniors Open/Invitation day. The weather and course was excellent for golf, which was reflected in the scoring.

Our own John Mealing and Ray Allen won the pair's better ball stableford competition, with 51 points. Second was 47 points and third a number had 46 points.

3 Parkes Trophy

After the First round success v Woodbridge the club reached the quarter finals of the Parks trophy for the first time with a 3 hole victory away at St Audreys.

One match was halved two pairs suffering narrow defeats by 1 hole the 5 hole victory by Andy Pitcher and Nigel Pusey was the key influencing factor.

In the quarter final the club continued their success with a 9 hole quarter final victory at home to St Clements.

It was a sound victory with all 4 pairs winning by 1, 2, 3 and 3 holes. The foundation was laid in the first 7 holes played with Seckford at that stage 11 holes after each pair played. This was reduced to 9 holes advantage after 10 holes and held on to the end after crossing the road.

In the semi finals for the first time this run ended in a close fought match on the neutral course at Fynn Valley against Ipswich. (The eventual winners) The final result was a loss by just five holes, which was still an excellent result and all congratulations should go to all those that were involved with this year's Competition.

4 External Events

A team of 6 entered the Rushmere Seniors Open where a successful day was had with 5 scoring out of 6 finishing in the top quarter of teams entered.

5 Social Morning with Ladies

On Tuesday 25 August 81 members 49 seniors and 32 ladies will be participating in a morning organised by Vera Skerry and Keith Bloomfield where a enjoyable competition was arranged with best man and lady stableford score being added together.

6 Seniors Championship

Held on Friday 10 July club champion for second year running Colin Harrison 78 gross, runner up Colin Pollexfen 81 gross. The nett winner, was John Osborne nett 64, gross 88, runner up Guy Richardson 65 nett, record number of entries.

7 Kestrel Trophy

Third seniors one held on Tuesday, 1 September, parallel with club except over 18 holes. 39 participants with winner Bob Higham with a score of 9 points scoring 19 stableford points on front nine and a net medal of 28 on back. Barry Revans was runner up with 10 points.

● There has been an absence of hole in ones from the seniors section in 2009 last 2 years 4 each year, are they going up market as since the last newsletter Jim Bann has holed his second shot at the 9th and Trevor Barber his second shot at the 3rd.

● On 1/2 November the first away night and golf by the seniors section was held at Barnham Broom, near Norwich with 24 seniors participating with 18 holes of golf on the Sunday, shortened to 9 because of the torrential rain and 18 holes in glorious autumn sunshine on the Monday. An enjoyable time was had by all and no doubt has set an event to be repeated

● The first of the Seniors golf competitions and winter lunches will begin on Tuesday, 24 November with 48 participants already signed up.

These scheduled to be repeated in January, February and March.

Winter maintenance and improvements underway

The growing season has just about come to an end. With slower growth rates there is little or no recovery to damaged turf so please make a special effort to repair your pitch marks. Also please keep trolleys and buggies away from the aprons.

With little growth and wet conditions it doesn't take long for muddy paths to develop around the greens. This should be course etiquette all year round but becomes a particular problem in the winter.

With winter almost upon us we shall soon be starting our winter programme of maintenance and improvements. Details of these works will be posted on the course info board in reception.

Frosty mornings are now imminent so please come prepared to carry your clubs as we will be imposing trolley bans in frosty conditions.

Hedgehog wheels for pull trollies will shortly be available from reception to help golfers who cannot carry.