



*West Midlands Golf Club*

# Newsletter



## Captain's welcome

Greetings members and welcome to the 2nd edition of the WMGC Committee Newsletter. We are now well into the summer season and our 2nd major of the year is only hours away.

I would like to congratulate Steve Partridge on his success in winning the Spring Shield last month adding to his other major successes during his tenure with the club.

The committee have discussed at length whether the majors should be held as Stableford or Medal competitions? Of course, I would welcome any feedback on your thoughts on this but also on any other aspect of golf at West Mids which would make our enjoyment of the game we all love, even more enjoyable.



A couple of reminders:

Putting Out...In all club competitions you should putt out. The only exception to this is in singles and doubles competitions, where it is at the discretion of your opponent (s) to allow 'gimmies'.

Best wishes for the summer and I'll see you down at the club soon.

PS. I've scheduled the Captains' Away Trip for the weekend of 18th/19th August. Full details to follow very soon.

## Golf Directors Report

Hello!

On 1<sup>st</sup> June (our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), our new Par-6 hole (The Devil) will open. At 725 yards off the Blues, 720 yards off the Whites, 666 yards off the Yellows and 565 yards off the Reds, this will be the longest hole in the UK. There has been lots of work going on, which I'm sure you have seen (please take a look at our Facebook members page for updated photos) and there's a little way to go before the hole is completed but the hole will be officially opened on 1st June with our very own John HARRY hitting the first tee shot.

We'll be running a Stableford competition on the day along with lots of other prizes available specific to the 8th hole: longest drive, longest-in-2 shots, nearest the pin in 4 shots and best net score.

The weather has finally picked up and the course condition has benefitted with the fairways and greens playing really well.

I look forward to seeing you at the club soon!

Yours Sincerely

Mark

## Ladies Section

After what has seemed an eternal wet winter the ladies managed to get the season started with the Spring Shield on the 18th April.

The sun shone and we started with such enthusiasm, but the course was still heavy and hard going. Nobody had managed to play 18 holes for months so we were all shattered!!

The winning score of 21 points was obviously a reflection of this.

Many congratulations to winner Sheila Williams.

On the 9th May the ladies played the Founder members cup. The sun shone, the course had dried out and was in great condition. At last a bit of roll and distance!!

Congratulations to our winner Lyn Bould with a score of 35 points.

On the 10th May a team of eight ladies played our annual friendly with the Warwickshire ladies, this year hosted at the Warwickshire. We played pairs matchplay on the Earls course and proud to say the West mids won 2 1/2 to 1 1/2! Followed by afternoon tea a great day had by all in lovely company.

All the best

Jill

## Seniors Section

There has been a variety of competitions so far this year including a very enjoyable mixed Texas scramble—thanks to all those who participated.

Our Mid-week Ryder cup against Widney is in June and we still require participants (from both clubs) so please contact me if you are interested in playing.

Cheers

Jeff

# Men's Competitions

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## Spring Shield

Congratulations to **Steve Partridge** for winning the first major of 2018, the Spring Shield, on April 15th. For those new to the club, the Majors are played off the back (blue) tees and only used in a handful of competitions throughout the year.

Steve shot 34 points along with Mark Levis and Richard Beresford but won it on countback. There were 48 entrants making this the most signed up major in the last 2 years.

Pos	Name	Points	Hcap
1	Steven Partridge	34	16 (C)
2	Mark Levis	34	17 (C)
3	Richard Beresford	34	17 (C)
4	Robin Loxton	33	20 (C)
5	Andrew Lye	33	16 (C)

## Singles/Doubles

Both the singles and doubles draws are up on the players board now (by the locker room). Each round has been organised so that it must be played by the end of the respective calendar month to make it easier for everyone involved.

Only the final is played off the blue tees this year, for both the singles and doubles matches. Singles is full handicap and doubles is 90% of the difference. Any queries with how many shots you get please ask before playing your match.

## Stroke play Supremo

Round one has been played with **James Ware** and **Richard Hollis** making it through to the final to be played later in the year. James shot a net 71 and Richard a net 72.

There are 5 more rounds to be played then the next best four over the 6 rounds will join the twelve for the final.

Pos	Name	Nett	Hcap
1	James Ware	71	21 (C)
2	Richard Hollis	72	15 (C)
3	Giles Fellingham	72	5 (C)
4	Les Griffiths	73	9 (C)
5	Robert Lee	76	12 (C)

## Order of Merits

Round one of the MidWeek OOM was postponed by 2 weeks when the bad weather continued into mid April but was finally played on Apr 18th with **Giles Fellingham** winning it on 39 points followed by **Laddy Dhanjal** in 2nd.

Pos	Name	Points	Hcap
1	Giles Fellingham	39	5 (C)
2	Laddy Dhanjal	34	21 (C)
3	Peter Hawkins	32	11 (C)
4	Martin Hutchins	32	12 (C)
5	Richard Wallace	31	15 (S)

Round one of the Summer OOM (played on weekends) was also played in April. **Laddy Dhanjal** won this on **38** points after a countback from **Richard Beresford** and **Richard O'Brien**.

Pos	Name	Points	Hcap
1	Laddy Dhanjal	38	21 (C)
2	Richard Beresford	38	17 (C)
3	Richard O'Brien	38	12 (C)
4	Lee Nixon	36	11 (C)
5	Phil Ward	35	16 (C)

## Coming next - Dates to look out for

May			
Sun	6	SS 2 (Stroke play Supremo R2)	
Wed	9	MWOOM 2 (Midweek Order of Merit R2)	
Sat	12	<b>FOUNDER MEMBERS CUP</b>	Sign up closed
Sat	26	OOM 2 (Order of Merit R2)	
Sun	27	<b>COMMITTEE SHIELD</b>	Sign up by May 12th
Jun			
Fri	1	15th Anniversary - Par 6 Opening Day	
Wed	6	MWOOM 3 (Midweek Order of Merit R3)	
Sat	9	Charity Open	
Sun	10	OOM 3 (Order of Merit R3)	
Sun	17	SS 3 (Stroke play Supremo R3)	
Wed	20	<b>PRESIDENTS CUP</b>	Open all day
Sat	23	SS 4 (Stroke play Supremo R4)	
Jul			
Sun	1	<b>MEMBERS INVITATIONAL</b> (Open)	Open until 10:40
Wed	4	MWOOM 4 (Midweek Order of Merit R4)	
Sun	8	OOM 4 (Order of Merit R4)	
Wed	11	MWOOM 5 (Midweek Order of Merit R5)	
Sat	14	SS 4 (Stroke play Supremo R4)	
Tue	17	Midweek Ryder Cup (Widney)	
Sat	21	<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 1</b>	Sign up by Jul 8th
Sun	22	<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 2</b>	
Sat	28	OOM 5 (Order of Merit R5)	
Sun	29	<b>CAPTAINS DAY</b>	Sign up by Jul 15th



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### Ryder Cup 2018 – 9<sup>th</sup> September

This year the Ryder Cup is being played at West Midland GC. Last year team WM retained the trophy at Widney Manor after some very competitive games both in the singles and the doubles.

The format this year will be 6 doubles and 4 singles.

This year's team selection will be part based on a qualifying criterion in addition to those who wish to be considered.

If you wish to be considered please print your name and membership number on the Ryder Cup Team sheet in the club house reception area.

Part of the selection criteria will be:

**7 Majors:** Invitations to the winner of each event (2 from Club Championship)

**Summer Order of Merits:** Not including Major Winners already invited.

**Stroke Play Supremo:** Not including Majors and OOM invitees.

**Captains Choice:** From Ryder Cup Team Sheet

#### **7 Majors:**

- Spring Shield
- Founder members Cup
- Committee Shield
- President Cup
- Club Champion Round 1 net winner
- Club Champion best Gross
- Captain's day
- Summer Salver

#### **Summer Order of Merit's**

- Two top positions up to Round 7
- Top position up to Round 7

#### **Stroke Play Supremo**

- Best net score over first 6 rounds

#### **Captains Choice**

- 4 Places

**Total 16 players – players will be notified of selection week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> August**

If those invited decide not to enter the Ryder Cup selection team the position will be filled by the player/s on the list of the Ryder Cup Team sheet and will be selected by the Ryder Cup captain and Vice-Captain.

**Please note: All members are welcome to express consideration to be picked; category 3, 4 & 5 members will be expected to pay the appropriate green fees.**

**2018 Ryder Cup Captain; Pete Coulson**

**2018 Vice-Captain: Richard O'Brien**

## Rules Refresher

At West Midlands GC we have plenty of features, obstacles and challenges to make our course really interesting. For those new to the game, new to competitions or those just needing a reminder we have illustrated below some of the most common questions the Committee are asked regarding rules.

### Water Hazard - Yellow Stakes

**Example 1**

Player plays from tee and ball crosses at point Y and finishes in the Water Hazard.

Option 1 – play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (A). The ball may be teed on this occasion.

Option 2 – Drop a ball behind the water hazard (B), keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard (Y), directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

**Example 2**

Player plays from tee and ball crosses the water hazard and rolls back into the water hazard at point Z and finishes in the Water Hazard.

Option 1 – play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (A). The ball may be teed on this occasion.

Option 2 – Drop a ball behind the water hazard (C), keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard (Z), directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

The ball cannot be dropped on the green side of the water hazard.

### Lateral Water Hazard - Red Stakes

Within two club-lengths and not nearer the hole than from point C or D

**Options**

Player plays from tee and ball last crosses the margin of the lateral water hazard at point X and finishes in the Lateral Water Hazard.

Option 1 – play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (A). The ball may be teed on this occasion.

Option 2 – Drop a ball behind the water hazard (B), keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard (X), directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

**Applicable to Lateral Water Hazards only**

Options 3 & 4 –, drop a ball outside the lateral water hazard (C) within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than (I) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard (X) or a point (D) on the opposite margin of the lateral water hazard equidistant from the hole from point X.

## Rules Refresher



Right-handed player, Diagrams #1, #2 & #3

Diagram #1

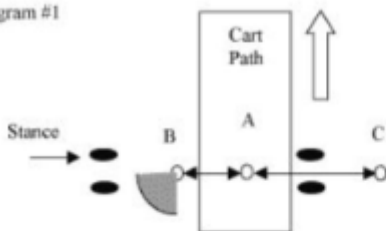


Diagram #2

The "nearest point of relief" is on the left, even though the ball is on the right side of the cart path.

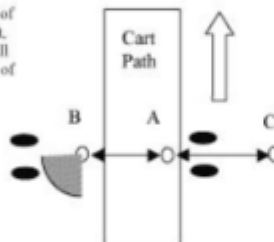


Diagram #3

The "nearest point of relief" is on the right side of this wide cart path.

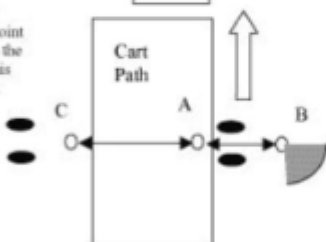
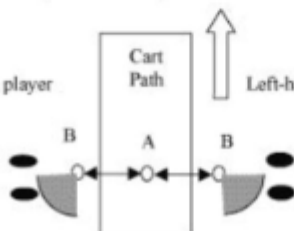


Diagram #4

Right-handed player

Left-handed player



Please keep in mind that the relief without penalty procedure in Rule 24-2b provides relief from the cart path, but does not guarantee a good lie, stance or area of intended swing. Thus, if Point B is in high rough or in the middle of a hedge, the player's best choice might be to play the ball as it lies from the cart path.

Taking relief from a cart path is a two step procedure.

In Diagrams #1, #2, #3 and #4 Point A is the original position of the ball on the cart path.

Step 1 involves finding the "nearest point of relief."

Simulate an address position on the left side of the cart path (Diagrams #1 & #2 -- right side Diagrams #3 & #4). Point B is where the ball would be positioned and club would be grounded in the simulated address position. Point B is not nearer the hole than Point A, avoids interference from the cart path for lie, stance and area of intended swing and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

Next, simulate an address position on the right side of the cart path (Diagrams #1 & #2, left side Diagram #3). Point C is not nearer the hole, avoids interference from the cart path and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

Line A-B is shorter than line A-C, therefore, Point B is "the nearest point of relief."

Step 2 involves dropping the ball on a part of the course within one club-length of Point B, not nearer the hole than Point A, where there is no interference from the cart path for lie, stance and area of intended swing and is not in a hazard or on a putting green (shaded area).

The "nearest point of relief" and drop area will be different for a right-handed player than for a left-handed player.

## Local Rules - see back of Scorecard

1. ALWAYS call FORE if your ball heads for another person or looks like it might go out of sight i.e. behind a tree.
2. When holing out on the 1st hole check that the players on the 2nd hole are out of range before going to the next tee.
3. Out of Bounds (rule 27) Beyond any hedgerow or fence marking the boundary of the course. The Clubhouse, patio, lawns and driveway up to the 1st tee. Hole 2 - the 1st is out of bounds (see white posts), Hole 16 is out of bounds when playing hole 15 and vice versa indicated by the white internal out of bounds stakes.
4. Stones in bunkers (rule 24-1) are movable obstructions and can be moved without penalty.
5. Ground Under Repair - GUR (Rule 25) a free drop may be taken within one club length of the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.
6. Immovable obstructions (rule 24-2) include buggy paths, maintenance roads, staked trees and sprinkler heads. Relief may be taken within one club length of the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole ONLY if the players stance or swing is affected.

Should you have any queries regarding the rules of golf please contact any member of the Committee.

## 2018 Charity Day

At West Midlands GC we have organised a charity golf day - hopefully you will have seen posters up around the club and have, or will be, entering a team for what is a terrific cause - The Lily Mae Foundation.

It's on the 9th June and there'll be lots going on with some unbelievable prizes and fun stuff. We have secured sponsors for all 18 holes so please come and show your support for the charity and the Club.

JUNE  
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**WEST MIDLANDS GOLF CLUB  
CHARITY DAY 2018  
IN AID OF THE  
LILY MAE FOUNDATION**



The  
Lily Mae  
Foundation

**SATURDAY 9TH JUNE 2018**

**ENTRY £40 per team + Green Fee (£20 reduced green fee)**  
**Over £2000 of prizes to be won**  
**West Midland Golf Club, Barston, Solihull, B92 0LB**

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