



PRIORS HALL GOLF COURSE

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



Welcome.

Welcome to the latest update from Priors Hall Golf Course. Although the Winter has been long, cold and wet the first signs of Spring are popping through. This newsletter will inform you of what work our green keepers and volunteers have been doing to improve the course, as well as updates from the Club House and Bar & Restaurant.

As we await the dryer and warmer weather, we remind you of course etiquette and buggy procedures. Be ready to have your best ever season with our newly stocked golf shop...more details inside!

We will be sending out our newsletter 2 times per year. If you have any feedback on the content or anything you would specifically like to see, please do let us know.

Enjoy - Priors Hall Golf Course



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Winter Recap...

BUNKER & TEE RENOVATIONS.

This winter the Greenkeepers have been renovating two bunkers on the 10th green. They have installed a revetted design which enhances the look of the course and plays mind games with the golfers. At the same time, they have also transformed the 11th tee; it has been levelled, lengthened, and narrowed. They have also started to work on 2 more bunkers to improve these and get them back in play by returfing the face of them and topping up the sand. As well as filling in 2 bunkers that are no longer required.

Improvements continue around the course with the thinning of trees on the 1st and clearing of ditches. This work has been completed on top of the regular winter maintenance required including aerating the green's and tee's and spraying of chemicals to keeping the playing surfaces as good as possible.



NEW EQUIPMENT.

During the winter we have added a green's mower to our fleet of machinery. We have taken delivery of a new green's mower which will make cutting the greens and easier and fast process. The Green Keepers have also been using a new sprayer which again will aid with keeping on top of the maintenance of the course.

Throughtout the winter we have also completed a servcing programme on all our machinery to prolong it's lifespan.



THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to our team of volunteers; James Collins, Malcolm Thomson and Ann Thomson who have worked through the winter in improving the course and practice areas. Between them they have been planting tree's, laying a new path from the putting green to the practice nets and keeping on top of general gardening and maintenance.

Volunteers are an important part of the upkeep of Priors Hall Golf Course and we are looking to grow our volunteer team so if you are interested or would like to know more please speak to reception to find out more information.



Updates for 2024 Golf Season

TEE TIMES.

Based on feedback from the 2023 User Survey, comments from season ticket holders and staff observations we have made some positive changes to our tee time availability.

From Sunday 3rd February we have been trialing shorter tee time intervals of 7 minutes on Sunday's as opposed to the usual 8 minute interval. This has created more tee times throughout the day but also more early morning tee times which will help season ticket holders looking for an early round.

As of Monday 4th March, the first tee time is now 0700 as opposed to 0724. Saturday and Sunday's are 0600 instead of 0608. This change of tee time availability will be in effect for spring and summer and will revert to be in line with the sunrise and hours of daylight during autumn and winter.

We hope these positive changes will allow more opportunity for our valued season ticket holders to play more regularly during our peak times. As always we continue to monitor how we operate and welcome feedback at any time.

Please also be reminded if you no longer require a tee time to please cancel it via the app or by giving us a call. This allows your fellow season ticket holders the opportunity to play.



Golf Assistant.

We are delighted to let you know that Jack Scott will become a permanent member of the team here at Priors Hall Golf Course. When he graduates from University in May he will take on the role as Golf Assistant providing a great knowledge of golf and will be a great asset to the team!



COURSE MARSHALL.

This summer we will introduce a Course Marshall. Again, this is due to the user survey results, staff observations and conversations with golfers.

The Marshall will start on the 1st tee to check everyone has signed in at reception and visitors have paid the relevant green fee. Recently you will have been asked to keep hold of your receipt by a staff member at reception which is us starting to bring in the procedures. The Marshall will then move to marshaling the course, ensuring course etiquette is being adhered to and ensuring they are available to golfers should they have any problems during their round.

**CLUB HOUSE
SUMMER OPENING TIMES**

WEEKDAYS

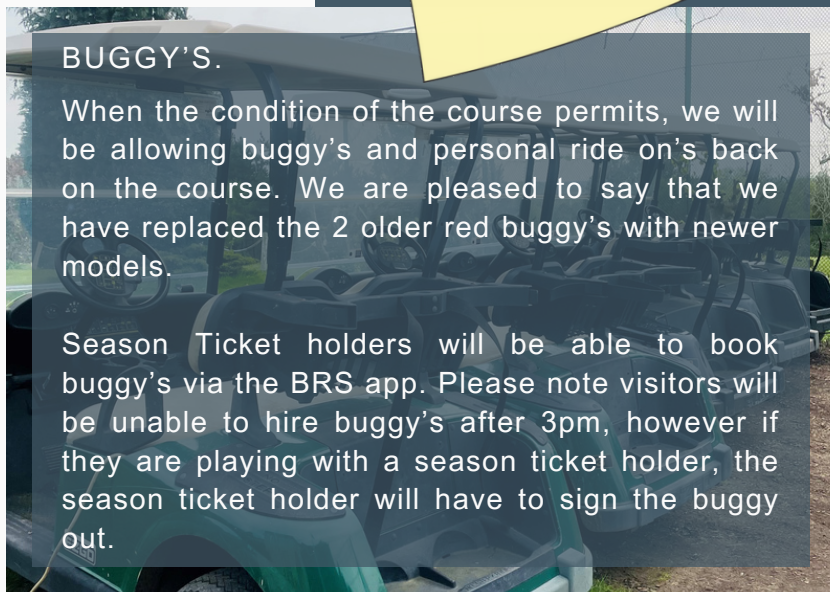
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JULY - 0700-1900
AUGUST - 0700-1900
SEPTEMBER - 0700-1900
OCTOBER - 0700-1800

WEEKENDS
0600-1700

BUGGY'S.

When the condition of the course permits, we will be allowing buggies and personal ride on's back on the course. We are pleased to say that we have replaced the 2 older red buggies with newer models.

Season Ticket holders will be able to book buggies via the BRS app. Please note visitors will be unable to hire buggies after 3pm, however if they are playing with a season ticket holder, the season ticket holder will have to sign the buggy out.





SEASONAL AFTERNOON TEA
£11 PER PERSON
MONDAY - FRIDAY
12NOON - 4PM

Catering...

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS ON OFFER AT THE HAWTREE BAR & RESTAURANT...



THE HAWTREE
at Priors Hall Golf Course

UNLIMITED BREAKFAST

Every Sunday 7am - 11am

- Sausages
- Bacon
- Hash Browns
- Beans
- Eggs
- Toast

Unlimited tea and coffee
£9.50 per person



12" PIZZA
1 X 4 PINT JUG OF BEER
FOSTERS - £20
HEINEKEN £22
AVAILABLE MON - FRI

BREAKING NEWS

Season Ticket holders now get 10% off drinks AND food in the bar and restaurant!

Grab & Go

You can now grab a sandwich, a hot or cold pasty or sausage roll from the fridge in the shop along with a takeaway hot drink!



4 Bottles of Beer



£12

THE HAWTREE
SUMMER OPENING TIMES
MONDAY: 0900-1700
TUESDAY: 0900-1700
WEDNESDAY: 0900-1800
THURSDAY: 0900-2000
FRIDAY: 0900-2000
SATURDAY: 0900-2000
SUNDAY: 0600-2000



What's Happening...

GOLF SHOP .

Are you ready for the new golf season...we are!

We have the Spring/Summer PING & PUMA clothing range in the shop, with more sizes available. Just ask a member of staff!

If your clubs are in need of some new grips, why not buy them from us and we will fit them for free!



SALE SALE SALE SALE

We have a a small selection of sale items left from Ping, Puma and Nike with some items up to 50% but once it's gone its gone!

We also have money off sleeves and cartons of balls, again we only have a small amount of stock left so be quick if you want to take advantage of this offer.



We have just taken delivery of the BRAND NEW MOTOCADDY dry series trolley bag! Super-lightweight and waterproof, the new Dry-Series bag combines spacious pockets, an external umbrella sleeve, and the best zips on the market for smooth, snag free opening.

Get yours now for only £269.00!

Keep your eyes peeled as we will soon have the BRAND NEW MOTOCADDY SE Ultra Lithium trolley. Featuring:

- Ultra 36 hole lithium battery
- USB charging point included
- High spec rubber wheels
- Digital display screen
- Easy fold down mechanism
- 1 year frame warrenty
- 3 year battery warranty

£499



Events...

WHATS BEEN GOING ON...



LADIES BURNS DAY COMPETITION.

On Saturday 20th January the Ladies section of the club held their annual Burns Day competition. Ladies Captain Julie arranged a delicious meal of Haggis and Neeps for after thier match. Local Bag Piper and ladies club member Mandy brought her pipes along and treated them to some traditional Scottish songs.

EASTER PARTY.

This Good Friday we will be hosting our third Easter Party and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever with entertainment provided by NON STOP KIDS, as well as our usual Easter egg hunt! Tickets have now sold out but be sure to keep an eye out on our socials for all the eggxcitment!



SAVE THE DATES!

18TH - 21ST JULY
THE OPEN SWEEPSTAKE

DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THE HAWTREE
Valentine's
DAY
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
12-4PM

On Valentines Day we hosted our first ever Valentines Day Lunch, with a carefully planned romantic main menu and puddings to enjoy! Thank you to those of you who spent the afternoon with us.



SOCIETIES.

We have welcomed our first societies of 2024 with many many more booked to play at our beautiful course throughout the spring and summer. If you are part of a society and would like to get booked in please do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Course Etiquette

A REMINDER OF COURSE ETIQUETTE

Right of way.

Our greenkeepers observe the first tee off time and thus plan their work accordingly however if you meet them on the course they always have right of way. Please note, if the flag has been removed or a greenkeeper is visible on the green or close by, they are working on the green and maintain right of way, please wait and do not hit an approach, wait till they wave you through.

Playing through.

If you are going to ask another group to allow you to play through, please do so in a courteous manner and at a convenient time, i.e. when you both have just completed a hole and before you are about to start the next.

If you are playing slowly (more than a hole between you and the group ahead of you) and you think the group behind might want to play through, invite them to do so. Course etiquette is to keep up with the group directly in front of you, not just in front of the group behind. Always thank a group who have allowed you to play through.

Care of the course.

Always replace divots on the fairways and repair pitch marks on putting surfaces. (If a pitch mark is repaired immediately it only takes 24 hours to recover. Leave it and it could take up to 15 days!).

Observe all notices regarding "Ground Under Repair" and keep to the designated paths, especially when pulling/pushing a trolley. Please leave trolleys in a courteous place to avoid obstruction to other players.

When hiring a buggy or using your own personal one, please stay clear of all closely mown areas on the course (tee's, surrounds and greens). Please take care when driving over undulating ground, be mindful of other golfers on the course, driving safely and responsibly at all times.

Please use the bins provided for any rubbish alternatively please keep this with you and take home at the end of your round.

Bunkers.

Enter a bunker from the low side of the bunker nearest your ball. Maintaining the high edge of bunkers is difficult and climbing down them is likely to cause damage both to the bunker and to yourself should you slip. When you have finished your bunker shot, use the rake to smooth out all evidence of your ball, shot and footprints, and leave the rake.

In raking a bunker, do make sure some sand is pushed back towards the face of a bunker to avoid the 'no sand/Lots of sand' unevenness which can result from a combination of bunker shot execution and simply dragging sand towards the back of a bunker on exit.

Last but not least enjoy your game!

ALL THE TEAM AT PRIORS HALL GOLF COURSE WISH YOU A GREAT SEASON!