

Victory Trophy at Gathurst Golf Club

**Saturday, 12 June
2010**

The team has been picked and they are out on the course practising like mad.

Your support on the day would be much appreciated.

Tee-off times for Wigan commence with Mark Helm, out at 8:01am - just in time to get the sleep out of his eyes. With what is usually about 9 - 10 hours of golf they all should be shattered by the end of play.

Let's hope for good weather and a decent team result on the day.

Good luck to all those who have been chosen and many thanks to all the other members who kindly put their names forward for selection



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A very warm welcome to all the new members that have joined us recently.

We wish you all a long and happy association with Wigan Golf Club.

Enjoy!

Seniors Section

The Club's seniors' section (age 55+...) meets on a Monday, throughout the year (weather permitting). Members come just before midday and make up on arrival at the first tee, for our usual 15 hole stableford competition. The games are friendly but (warning!) there is the tradition that the losers pay for their opponents' after match refreshments. Modest golf ball prizes are given for the best individual 9 and 15 hole scores.

We also have home and away matches in the summer against the seniors of Ormskirk and Huyton & Prescott which are competitive but always very enjoyable occasions. In the two matches already played this year, we managed a draw with Huyton & Prescott but lost at Ormskirk. Officially of course all such matches are always declared afterwards to be "honourable draws" but nevertheless we are still hoping for a better performance when the Ormskirk seniors come here in July.

The annual fee for joining the section is £20 at the moment, which covers the cost of attending the seniors' annual dinner (including drinks at the table). This is usually held on the first Wednesday in October. It is preceded on that afternoon by a special end of season competition for the Leech Bowl and other prizes.

Anyone interested in joining us can be assured of a very warm welcome. For more information please contact Brian Bannister, secretary for the group, on 01257 421194, or simply come up on

WIGAN GOLF CLUB LTD SPRING NEWSLETTER



The **Buggy Hire** is now in operation.

If you wish to hire a buggy then please arrange this prior to your game with the Secretary's office. Payment to be made at time of booking.

Cost to a member is £10 per round. Cost to a visitor is £20 per round.

SOUTH LANC'S LEAGUE NEWS

Results:-

Wigan 4 Hindley 4

Grange Park 6.5 Wigan 1.5

Widnes 6 Wigan 2

Thanks to all members who have agreed to play and to those who have played at the two most challenging away games to get to.

We have a strong squad of players this year so Team Captain Bernard Mort and Vice Captain Kevin Eyre are optimistic about the season ahead.

Watch out for the upcoming results and give your support to the Team.

Anyone who has not put their names on the list as wishing to play can contact either Bernard on 07976 949665 or Kevin on 07725 576974 to register their interest.



LANCASHIRE COUNTY CARD SCHEME.

Over **60 clubs** are now signed up for the scheme. The cards are now available for members clubs to purchase via the secretary's office at a cost of £10.

If you want to know more about the scheme visit

www.lancashiregolf.org/county_card.co.uk

DONORS REQUIRED

If you missed out in donating a prize for the competitions this season perhaps you could consider donating to one of the Junior competitions. Please contact the office.

GREENS NEWS – MAY 10

In addition to the ongoing course management:

The greens have been solid tined, fed and sprayed. Watering is also a feature during this very dry spell. The greens are still due to be verti-drained and top dressed. Timing will try to avoid key competitions and will also revolve around the weather conditions.

The tees have been top dressed and fed.

All the fairways and rough have been sprayed with weed-killer to keep the unwanted weeds at bay. The fairways will be fertilised in the next few weeks.

Many stakes have been removed from the new nine trees. This is an ongoing project.

Some work, such as scarifying, is being put back given the dry conditions.

We are in the process of fact finding via a topographical survey of the course. It is anticipated that this will provide a sound base for future drainage work.

WGC continues to impress when compared to other clubs at present. We receive very positive feedback and comments about the course from members and visitors from local clubs. Whilst the dry weather is assisting, it reflects well on the greens staff and the planning over the last few years.

On behalf of The Greens Committee and Staff.

New Team Open 30 April & Seniors Open 10 May

These were two very successful days with lots of positive comments on the standard of the course.

We have a full programme of opens over the summer

– **can you help on the day?**

We always need Starters and car park attendants please let the office know if you are willing to assist.