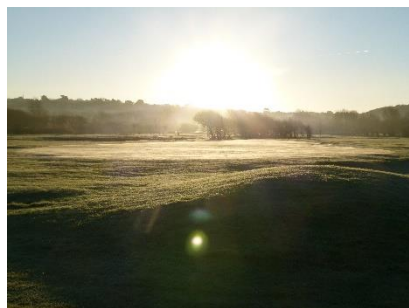


CLUBinfo – February



January has come and gone, the wettest on record with 120mm of rain, 30% higher than the climatic mean - but the precipitation is still with us!

However, many of you have taken advantage of our free token for the range to the extent that on one or two occasions the shop has run out. This offer will continue when the course is closed. After hitting a few balls why not enjoy a coffee in The Club - our team are will be pleased to see you.

The rain has created problems across the UK and Northern Europe. Many of you will have seen the footage of the River Seine bursting its banks in Paris. Spare a thought for the farmers here too, who have struggled to manage their livestock & plant their crops.

Let's look forward to the lighter evenings, the warmer temperatures and, hopefully, a break in the rain.

NEW PUMP AT THE OUTFALL

If you've been able to squeeze a game in during the gales and rain you will have noticed the work being undertaken adjacent to the 8th tee box. Unfortunately, our diesel pump, which struggled manfully to cope with the deluge of water flowing through our waterways, has 'packed up'. The new pump, which is an all-electric beast will be fully functioning very shortly. Whilst on the subject we are presently having talks with Guernsey Water with regard to formulating a better plan for water control and management for the future - more details as and when the plan is agreed.



JOHN DENT

As I write my piece for the newsletter my fingers are crossed that the worst of the bad weather is behind us and that we can hopefully look forward to the approach of spring - after all the daffodils are in bloom!

Work is due to start on the new back Tee Box for the 7th as soon as the area is dry enough to operate heavy machinery. The Lesson promotion I offered at Christmas has proved to be very popular with 65 packages sold. This offer will continue through February so why not sign up now and take advantage of a great introduction to golf or to get your 'A' game in shape for the summer.

The Saturday afternoon lessons for Junior Members, which are free of charge, are very popular and I've roped in young Jack Cornelius from American Golf to assist. The children & grandchildren of members up to the age of 11 receive free membership and 12 - 18 is only £115 per annum. Bring your child or grandchild for a chat with myself or Jack in the Pro Shop - we may have another Rory in the making!

All future lessons will be conducted using the Trackman Testing System and this gives everybody a better understanding of their swing and the basic fundamentals of the game.

RICK HAMILTON – ON THE COURSE

Wet weather and turf maintenance are not good bedfellows, as anyone involved in the industry, particularly over the past month can testify. Consistent rainy weather conditions, 5mm on average as recorded daily by our rainfall gauge are the direct result of the current waterlogged turf conditions. The Greenkeeping team have been kept busy cleaning all the drainage inlets/outlets as part of our best effort to protect the golf course and get it back in play as soon as possible. When the course dries out enough for the turf machinery to gain access without causing damage, we will carry out aeration to help allow the water to pass through the soil profile faster.

We have started site investigation works on 13 & 14 bunkers to determine the main criteria for future renovations, for example, sand may be contaminated, edges may have deteriorated, drainage may be lacking.

Tree thinning, shaping and other pruning chores including removal of dead limbs is of paramount importance for safety and are currently being carried out as the trees around the course have great value.

COURSE UPDATE

You can keep up to date with all the latest course information by calling the dedicated info line on 12048 or by checking the booking system through the website. The info line is updated every day by 07.30

EXTENDED EARLY SETTLEMENT PERIOD

Due to closures of the Course, we have decided to extend the opportunity to settle your Golf Subscriptions early from 31st January 2018 to 16th February 2018 and receive vouchers in return. 5 day members and Intermediate (25 – 29) will receive £25 in vouchers and 7 day members will receive £45 worth of vouchers if paid before the deadline.

AMERICAN GOLF

Exciting times ahead at American Golf! All of the latest 2018 Demo Clubs will be in store during February. We will have the TaylorMade M3 and M4, Callaway Rogue and Cobra F8 and Wilson C300 - Come in and get fitted with the latest clubs by the best fitters using the most advanced technology available.

Many of you will have noticed the fantastic offer we are presently making - we are doubling the PGA recommended trade in value of your present clubs when exchanging for new. This offer is only available in store. So, with the 2018 range due any day now and this great trade in deal on offer isn't it time you paid us a visit!

Also due in during February we have the very latest in clothing from all of our big named brands. We are especially looking forward to see what UnderArmour are releasing.

Our Big Winter Sale is now over but our Sale Rail is still on offer - how's this for a bargain, men's' Ping shorts for just £8.33 or Ladies for £12.50 - grab them now . . . when they're gone they're gone!

With the lighter nights on their way we are extending our opening hours. We will now be open from 8am through to 6pm from February 5th

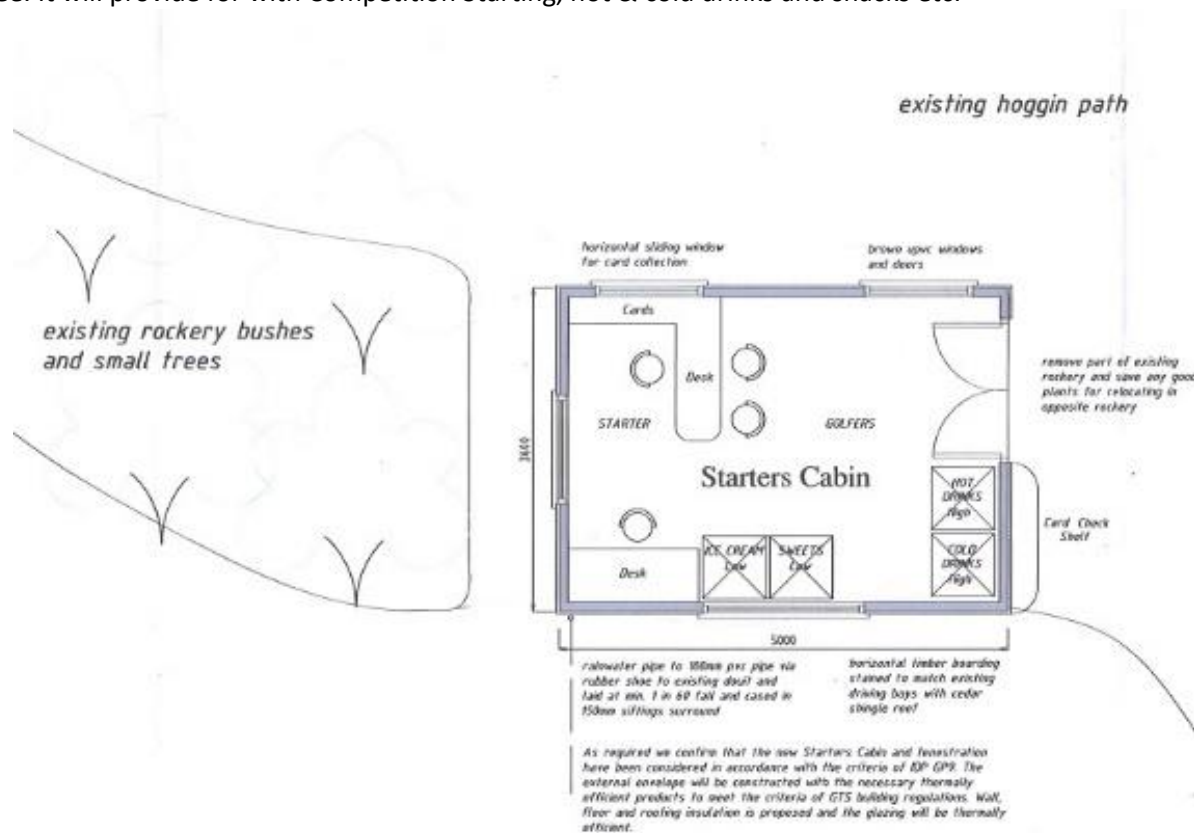
Finally it's looking like we have the fitting guys coming over from the UK in March. Many of you have mentioned what a great time you had last year and have asked when the guys will be back. As soon as the date has been confirmed then we will be taking bookings. These will be on a strictly first come first served basis so get on down to the store and get booked up for the experience of a lifetime!

TROLLEY STORE

Plans have now been approved for a new trolley store with a capacity for 50 trolleys. This new facility will be located adjacent to the Golf Store. The projected price for rental will be £40 per annum. If you would like to take advantage of this storage facility then please confirm interest by e mailing the Golf Office - golf@lagrandemare.com - Reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

STARTERS HUT

An application has been sent to Environment office for permission to construct a Starters Hut/Halfway house at the 1st/10th Tee. It will provide for with Competition Starting, hot & cold drinks and snacks etc.



ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS

While the course remains wet so that you are unable to find your ball, anywhere on the course except in a hazard, if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in an abnormal ground condition, the player may take relief under this Rule. If he elects to do so, the spot where the ball last crossed the outermost limits of the abnormal ground condition must be determined and, for the purpose of applying this Rule, the ball is deemed to lie at this spot and the player must proceed as follows:

'Any area through the green that has been damaged by flooding is ground under repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25-1. The player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief'