

## **CLUBinfo October**

Well, autumn is with us & the usual weather - sun, showers & wind with one or two glorious days to enjoy a round of golf. Mist & a clarity of air that you only find during autumn. I bet you're pleased it's golf rather than pot holing!

### **ON THE COURSE WITH JOHN DENT**

Hats off to Martyn & his team for creating a genuinely improved course for us all to enjoy during 2017; when our northern neighbours have been saying that the greens at LGM are better than theirs, it's a fantastic achievement. However, we can't rest on our laurels & work will shortly begin on a number of projects. This month the greens will be over-seeded & improved drainage added to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> fairways. Please bear with us whilst this work is in progress as greens & fairways will be closed at various intervals. Once this essential work has been completed then all fairways will be earthquaked - slits above existing drainage to carry away surface water. This work will improve the course & continue to build the reputation of LGM. Work will begin on improving the practice putting & chipping area adjacent to the 8<sup>th</sup> tee box & significant work will be put into the temporary practice area near the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box. It is our intention to create a putting facility that mirrors the other greens. As I revealed in the September Newsletter, your management team have great plans for the continued development of LGM. Our course architect, Mr Martin Hawtree, will visit LGM shortly & work with us on a new 5 year plan for the course, including the possibility of extending the yardage to provide Men with par 66 and Ladies par 67. More details to follow...

### **AMERICAN GOLF - what's new in your American Golf store? <http://storeblog.americangolf.co.uk/lagrandemare>**

We are pleased to announce that John Dent has joined our trained & accredited team, & is available for custom fittings in our state of the art facility using the very latest Trackman technology. Much of the Autumn/Winter stock is now in with more arriving daily, including Footjoy & Ping clothing, Under Armour waterproofs, AG umbrellas at only £16.99, winter shoes designed to keep your feet dry & Footjoy Rainy Day gloves - including a free towel! We also are offering a 3 for 2 price on the new Palm Grove clothing range. Raptor golf balls are a giveaway £5.83 per dozen - remember, when they're gone, they're gone! We also have a great range of novelty head covers. Due to overwhelming demand you are still able to trade in any old clubs. These can be exchanged for anything in store including vouchers. American Golf operates a 'Price Match Guarantee' & if you are unable to find what you're looking for in store from our website, we can order it for you. Opening hours for October are 8am - 7pm & 8am - 6pm at the weekend.

### **GOING, GOING, GONG**

During October we are installing a gong on the range at approximately 125 yards. American Golf will offer a prize from the store when you hit the gong from a range mat. Have fun!



### **COACHING WITH JOHN DENT our PGA Professional**

It's the end of the golf season – how was 2017 for you? Did you play well, reduce your handicap, were you a winner? If not, why not? What held you back – too many missed fairways; poor iron play: untidy short game; poor course management? Winter is the best time to develop your game, so why not start working on it now:

- Deal 1           **£199**  
7 hole playing assessment  
3 x 1 hour (or 6 x 30 minute) lessons  
Driving range pass (10 baskets)
- Deal 2           **£299**  
9 Hole playing assessment  
4 x 1 hour (or 8 x 30 minute) lessons  
1 hour Trackman session  
Driving range pass (20 baskets)

## **MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURES**

Over the past 5 years membership of LGM has been frozen whilst a number of new categories have been introduced, including free membership for children & grandchildren up to the age of 11 years. We have also included tennis & the use of the outdoor pool to enhance the benefits for Golf Members. To remain competitive & to continue to improve the facilities it is vitally important that we encourage new members to join. This we are seeking to do with the help of our members & through structured promotions. We have identified a need to re-align our prices. This will mean for 2018 a reduction in the adult 7 day membership fee of 5% to £825 and an increase of 5% for an adult 5 day membership fee to £539. On this basis all other 2018 membership fees will remain the same with the exception of Country Club membership. Gold 7 day CC will reduce from £88 to £85 per month and Silver CC will increase from £63 to £65 per month. Founder member prices would remain unchanged with benefits set to continue beyond 2019.



## **GOLF BUGGIES**

What a huge success! Due to their popularity, we will be increasing our fleet for 2018. If you are know of any local golfers who have had to give up the game through advancing years or health reasons then invite them to check out LGM with easier accessibility & the chance to enjoy the convenience of a golf buggy.

## **TENNERFEST**

It's back and difficult to beat!

Our Tennerfest menu is available 7 days a week for lunch and dinner priced at just £12.50 for 3 courses.

Try an overnight stay for only £55 per person per night - including a cooked breakfast.

Great to celebrate with family and friends.

To book telephone 256576



## **AND LASTLY**

Some of you will have noticed our Club flag flying at half-mast recently. Sadly, on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> one of our past Club Captains, Mr Tony Bushell, passed away after a long illness. A lovely gentleman, Tony maintained lasting friendships & associations with the Club since returning to live in Winchester. We wish his wife Rose & his family our sincere condolences.

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