

# BELTON WOODS LADIES SECTION NEWSLETTER

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**Well what a year we've had so far! Hopefully you have kept safe and come through it unscathed. Even though it is not over yet, at least we can get out and play and we've had some great weather to play in. The forecast looks good for the Summer season so get out there and have some fun.**

**Hopefully, we can bring you up to date with what's happening at the club, the measures taken to keep us all safe and play within the government guidelines and the plans going forward.**

You will have received an email from our lady Secretary, Liz, outlining the procedure for playing in the upcoming qualifiers (if not, then get in touch so we can add you to the mailing list). Please ensure you read it and follow the instructions.

In the interim, Competition Secretary Becky, has put together some great fun comps which I know all of those who's played in have

enjoyed. Something that hopefully will continue. Well done Becky. Results can be viewed on our website section under 'Fun Competitions' and on our Facebook page.

A few regular annual competitions have had to be cancelled or postponed so if you're wondering what's happened to them, I can report that the Captains' Charity day has been put back to September (date to be confirmed). The Lady Captain's Awayday has also been postponed and will hopefully be rescheduled.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our Belton Woods Open competition this year as the course was closed and play prohibited due to the pandemic.

Those of you who signed up for the Away Weekend at Hollis Hall on 2/3 August may know already that, although the hotel is open and has not cancelled our booking, some ladies are concerned about some aspects of the trip. Sharing a room, eating as a group and even car sharing are all subject to interpretation and Pat has offered us some alternatives.

1. Cancel altogether and lose £35 deposit per person.
2. Move booking to next year

3. Go ahead as planned.

If you haven't already let Pat know your choice, please email Pat at [pathawcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:pathawcroft@hotmail.com)

All League fixtures have been cancelled for this year so our A and B Team ladies are taking a well-earned rest and charging up the batteries to come out fighting next season.

On the matter of League Team captains, Steph Lee has reluctantly resigned her position as Captain of the B Team. At a recent Zoom committee meeting, Lady Captain Kim thanked Steph for all her hard work during her time as team captain and wished her well for the future. I'm sure we all echo those wishes and thanks.

If you are interested in becoming the next B Team Captain, please let any of the committee members know.

### **Update from General Manager and Course Manager**

There have been a lot of rumbling and grumbling about the length of the rough and the number of balls being lost. With only 2 green keepers in during lockdown and 4 more since reopening on May 13th, I am sure you will appreciate that the fairways and greens had to take priority. As more green keepers are gradually being brought back, they will be working on the rough and widening the fairways but the course manager wants to maintain the new definition of the course. The bunkers remain GUR, play prohibited and

are not likely to be in play this year. The full management report will be issued in the next committee meeting minutes which will be available to view in the Ladies locker room and on our website once signed off at the next meeting.

The Claret Jug is Open once more, with restrictions that apply whether you sit inside or out. First of all you should register using your mobile phone giving your name, telephone number and email, before you can order, each time you visit. This is in line with government guidelines to enable Track and Trace.

Regular players will have noticed that we now have foam rubber inserts in the cups to help avoid touching the flagstick when retrieving your ball. You may have also noticed that the inserts are a little lower on the Lakes than the Woods? Panic yee not! A very kind member of the men's section is gradually attending to each hole as the green keeping staff are so busy, so thanks to him from all the ladies whose ball has skimmed across the top of the foam without dropping! And remember ladies, your ball must drop below the green to count as holed, no deflections or putter lengths given as it was before.

### **Upcoming Events**

(All our Ladies Section competitions can be found on HDID ([link on website](#) or [download the App](#)))

The first of our qualifiers will start with the Monthly Stableford on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday

18<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on HDID. (Please ensure you have read the procedure for qualifiers sent to you via email).

The following week will be the Monthly Medal, again sign up on HDID.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The ladies Section have been invited to play in the Senior Captain's Charity Day and quite a few of our ladies have signed up to take part. The entries are now closed as numbers had to be restricted. The format is an individual Stableford going out in 3 balls.

Please keep an eye on HDID for all future matches as we are really taking it a week at a time and cannot guarantee keeping to the existing diary.

### Points of Etiquette & Rules



A New regular feature for your Newsletter, here we aim to give some important points of etiquette which should be put into practice on the course.

In the last issue we covered correct etiquette on the green, silence is golden and pace of play.

One of the most annoying things whilst taking your shot is to hear someone's phone ringing or sending alerts, worse still if someone is actually talking on the phone. It's understandable if someone needs to be contacted urgently but please ensure your phone is on vibrate, that way you will still be able to answer the call but your playing partners won't hear it ringing. Be as discreet as possible if you need to answer a call and keep it short.

The next point of etiquette applies to most of us at some time or other. Control your temper! Easy enough to get annoyed with yourself after a number of bad shots or missed putts but try not to lose it, swear or throw clubs (all of which I for one have done in my time). It doesn't help your game and certainly doesn't help the rest of your playing group so, deep breaths and move on.

As our bunkers are now GUR, play prohibited, you are allowed free relief. The correct procedure is to take the nearest point of relief from where your ball lies, not nearer the hole, then drop within one club length. No penalty incurred.

If you find your ball in the rough (you're lucky) but do not think you have a prayer of getting it out, you can declare the ball unplayable under penalty of one stroke, as the rules of golf dictate that a ball at rest should be played as it lies. (You can decide to take unplayable ball relief anywhere on the course except from Penalty Areas. Rule 19). There are

three options open to you (just to make it confusing).

1. The player may take stroke and distance relief by playing the ball from an area based on where the previous stroke was made (which if not known must be estimated). This is known as the “reference point”. Once decided you then can take a drop within one club length no nearer the hole.

2. The player may take back-on-the-line relief by dropping the ball in an area based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball, there is no limit on how far back on the line. Again, take one club length from the reference point and drop within that, no nearer the hole.

Or

3. Take lateral relief by dropping the ball within 2 club length from the spot of the original ball, no nearer the hole.

(Please refer to page 117 (Rule 19) in the Players Edition of the Rules of Golf to see diagram for more clarity).

If you cannot find your ball in the rough, then rule 18.2b comes into play. If your ball is lost, you must take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made.

And finally, when you lift your ball from anywhere other than the putting green (it's a given that you can lift, mark and clean your ball on

the green) you are allowed to clean your ball before replacing **except** if you lift the ball to identify it, to see if it is cut or cracked or if it interferes with play. If you lift a ball to take relief, you are allowed to clean it. If you clean a lifted ball when not allowed, you get one penalty stroke.

### News from the LET tour

The 2020 Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies Scottish Open is on track to take place next month, August 13-16 at The Renaissance Club in North Berwick. The tournament is set to go ahead without spectators as a made for TV event.

Disappointing news that, even though this year's Ladies British Open from Troon on 20-23 August, is going ahead, it will be 'behind closed doors' with no spectators allowed. It will be televised however so we have that to look forward to.

Well that's it for this issue, please let us know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or wish to contribute any worthy news items.

Happy Golfing!

