

If you have any queries or suggestions on how we can improve your experience here at Styal please contact Glynn via telephone on 01625 530063 ext 214 or e-mail: gtraynor@styalgolf.co.uk

We wish all members a very Happy New Year and hope 2012 is both fortunate and successful on and off the golf course.

Competition winners in December

Saturday 3rd Singles Stableford
Division 1 winner: **Jeff Chadwick 39pts**
Division 2 winner **Ryan Nevins 43pts**
Congratulations to the above winners.

Male Captains 'Handover Challenge' Saturday 28th January

Please support the above competition. This event promises to be a superb 'fun' morning's golf not to be missed. Meet at 8.00am for coffee and bacon a sandwich followed by an 8.30am shot-gun start betterball stableford competition. All participating competitors will be divided into two teams and then paired off either playing for the outgoing Captain Chris Hodgetts or the incoming Captain Mike Core. All the separate team scores will be added together with the winners being the team with the most points. There will be prizes for outstanding performances and a chance to give a warm welcome to the new Captain Mike Core and a happy send off to the past Captain Chris Hodgetts.

Gents AGM Thursday 8th February

All male members are welcome to attend. Suggestions for discussion need to be forwarded in writing or via e-mail by the 26th January. Please observe the gents notice board for committee election details. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and all attendees will receive a free drink on arrival.

New Year Members Party Saturday 28th January 7.30pm-late

By popular demand a chance to liven up January in true 'Styal' fashion. A mouth watering hot & cold buffet accompanied by music of your choice. Tickets available from the bar only £16.50 each.

Did you know?

If you are unable to play in the competition on a Saturday morning you are welcome to play later on the same day as long as you are accompanied by a member who is also playing in the competition. This option is **not available** if there is a shot-gun start or team competition and applies only to individual stableford or medal competitions.

All male members are reminded that the events calendar for 2012 is available to view on the web-site www.styalgolf.co.uk

If you have any problems using the web-site please e-mail gtraynor@styalgolf.co.uk

The Relief Road (A555)

Last month I mentioned the government recently announced the go ahead for funding towards the above relief road that will affect the first 4 holes on the front 9 of the golf course. We have still not been given any official information or notification of the above and have had similar proposals and threats over the past twenty years. We are still very sceptical as to whether the road will actually be constructed. We will endeavour to keep all members informed of any further information we receive regarding the road and its development.

Regards,
Richard Higham

How to obtain a handicap?

Submit 3 cards signed by a Member in a sealed envelope marked with the following:
1. 'Members full name including any middle names'.
2. 'Handicap assessment'

The envelope must then be posted into the card box situated in the lobby of the Clubhouse – the gross score on each card should be less than 106. If you are joining from another Golf Club then submit your Handicap certificate from that club, in a sealed envelope and post into the card box in the lobby of the clubhouse. Your handicap certificate will be pinned to the notice board in the lobby of the clubhouse. Your handicap certificate will also show your PIN (Personal Input Number), which will be required to enter your competition score into the club computer. Details of how to enter scores are shown on the keyboard of the computer in the lobby of the Clubhouse. **You must play in three qualifying competitions per calendar year to keep an active club handicap.** If you fail to play in three competitions per calendar year your handicap will become inactive and may restrict your competition eligibility at Styal or other golf clubs you may play in competitions at.

Competitions – returning scores

The Competitions and Handicaps Committee wish to advise all members playing in competitions that it is a requirement to return a correctly completed scorecard and enter their score into the computer for every competition that they have entered.

As far as the actual scorecard is concerned the following information must be on the card – date / competition / name / handicap / gross scores / players & markers signatures. Failure to include any of these items will result in automatic disqualification.

A player must return a completed card and enter their scores into the computer (assuming that the computer is operational). If a player completes his round after the clubhouse is shut then he must return his card to the driving range / pro shop where the card will be attached to the start sheet. Failure to return a card or enter a score into the computer will result in automatic disqualification and a letter will be issued to advise the player that any further infringement will result in a 1 week ban from all competitions from the date of the infringement. Should there be any further infringement then the ban will be increased by an additional week.

A member can still submit a NR (No Return) by card and through the computer with no penalty.

Twilight Green Fee Rate'

We are very pleased to inform members that the 'twilight green fee rate' has now been brought forward to 12.00pm. This means that if you pay a green fee the rate will be reduced for you and your guests for further information do not hesitate to contact me via: gtraynor@styalgolf.co.uk

Golf Course Care

Will members please remember to repair pitch marks, rake bunkers and replace divots. Would you please inform us if you see golfers not doing so. Due to the current weather conditions divots and pitch marks are much bigger than normal and if they are not replaced or repaired the fairways and greens will be affected. Please note we only use temporary greens in the event of a ground frost or specific work carried out to individual greens.

Have a superb 2012 on and off the golf course and once again may we thank all members for their support in 2011.