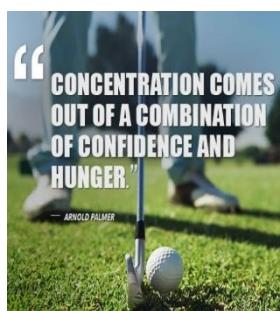




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Calderfields Golf & Country Club

Welcome to your Spring 2023 newsletter from Calderfields.

England golf have recently announced that 95% of all clubs in the UK are increasing their membership fees for the 2023 season, with the average price increase being £72 a year. It was announced in the January AGM that we would be one of the 5% of clubs freezing our membership rates.

Why not bring a guest along to Calderfields Golf & Country Club – Our winter green fee deals run until **March 28th 2023**

Greens Report Nov '22' – Jan '23'

Greens

Our main aim in 2022 was to reduce the excessive levels of thatch that had built up over the past few years to improve the putting surfaces. Regular verti cutting from spring to autumn helped remove the thatch, moss & other organic matter. This enhanced the turf by encouraging a much healthier plant, improved water infiltration, stronger roots & denser sward. The greens performed much better for most of 2022 than they did in 2021. The exception being a week of extreme heat in June with the hottest day recorded being 42 Celsius and the irrigation system working overtime.

In October we carried out renovations by double scarifying & aerating to a depth of 4 inches, followed by 20 tonnes of topdressing and over seeding with an ultra-fine dwarf rye grass. Although this renovation was later than I would have liked, which was due to a busy competition schedule, we had some good results with seed germination and grass coverage on the greens for this time of year, which is really pleasing to see.

Tees & Bunkers

This year our aim is to improve the look and playability of the bunkers. Remodeling & installing new drainage will help prevent them filling with water during rainfall. Another priority this year will be to improve the quality of the tees; completing the half built/unfinished tees on the 5th, 6th, 12th and 16th. By improving the tees we will then have to protect these during the winter months and we will look at building some winter tees' starting with the par 3's as these ones take the longest to recover after winter.

Buggy Paths

Work has commenced on the 13th & 14th holes, however we have experienced some delays due to weather & ground conditions. Backfilling the paths started on 30th January and we are hopeful a full course of pathways will be completed by spring 2023, allowing you to use buggies all year round.

Drainage

Our autumn/winter project for 2023 will be to install new/improve existing drainage to improve winter playability and reduce course closures during the winter period. We pre-identified and recorded wet areas of the course in 2022, and will prioritise these locations first.

Winter Restrictions/ Closures



Since November 1st 2022 the course has been closed for a total of 19 days and restricted on 18 occasions.



Our Annual AGM was held on Thursday 26th January – 2022 Captain Rob Ashfield hands over to 2023 Captain John Burnett



Winner of the Smart Survey Raffle, receiving 1 month free – Matthew Highway.

Incoming Committee members for 2023 – Matthew Highway, Dave Beale.



Completion of the back 9 paths has now begun.

Par 3 Academy Course - 2022/23

We are excited to announce that the completion of the Par 3 course is high on the agenda for 2023, as we look to complete a legacy left by Alan Tranter. Grass roots golf will be a key development for the sustainability of Calderfields and this has been reflected in our recent junior membership fees. It will also aid the longevity of our senior section as an easier walking option in the winter months. Below is a list of key objectives which are currently within our timeframe:

- Install Drainage where necessary – **COMPLETE**
- Mark out & excavate greens of 250-300m² – **COMPLETE**
- Mark out & excavate herringbone drains throughout greens with outlet into water course – **COMPLETE**
- Install perforated drainage pipe using PVC junctions onto a bed of gravel, outlets to be clearly marked and backfill with gravel – **COMPLETE**

*** NEXT PHASE ***

- Decompaction of subsoil with use of excavator with large toothed bucket plus use of subsoiler to relieve compaction & drainage issues
- Topsoil required to overlay subsoil providing a decent growing medium, to be landscaped as required.
- Application of total weed control to keep site clean, including stream banks, as and when required.
- Install solid drainage pipes into stream at course of entry, backfill above with sub soil, rocks etc. Create holding pond by raising outlet. Install dams at intervals along length of stream to retain water, raise levels and reduce stream banks for safety issues.
- Prepare lake/ponds for irrigation reservoir.



Membership

The clubs AGM was held on Thursday 26th January and the company announced that the golf club would not be increasing its fees this year despite global inflation.

Golf Manager, Jimmy Mills, gave an in-depth presentation of where the Club is focusing its investments for 2023 and announced that the Company would **NOT** be increasing its fees in a bid to ease the pressure for everyone at home. However, 2023 would become a consolidation year in making sure all members are paying the current 2022 fees for the remainder of 2023.



Jimmy said “Here at Calderfields we are proud to confirm that **we will not be increasing our membership subscription fees for the 2023 season**. We understand how difficult it can be with the current cost of living and energy/fuel prices going, which has recently been proven by England Golf, realising that **95% of the clubs in England have increased their fees this year**. Exercise and sport are some of the most important factors in combatting mental health, which is why most of us were walking daily during Covid restrictions. Offering you the opportunity to maintain your hobby means a lot to us as a club and we are proud to be part of the 5% of clubs not increasing fees.

Despite our prices **NOT** increasing, we are still investing as a club and are more optimistic than ever about reaching our full potential as a resort. We will shortly be introducing some green tees situated on the main course, located between 50 – 110 yards on the front 9. This will allow members & guests to take their children/wives around the same course as them, whilst they play a miniature version of the same hole. Furthermore, **we are supporting grass roots golf by offering our Junior/colt fees at £50 a year (10 - 18 years old)**.

Our onsite fitness centre will become a **TPI Facility**, as our strength and conditioning coach Aiden Smith develops into a golf specific personal trainer. The Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) developed a program to train Golfers, Personal Trainers, Physical Therapists, Chiropractors and Medical Practitioners to understand the correlation between a golfer's physical limitations and their swing flaws. That means that no matter your age or ability, Range of Movement or Flexibility, your golf game can still be improved.

Finally, we can confirm that we will be offering a **flexible points-based membership** which will make it easier to play lots of golf at a reduced rate. **For £350 you can purchase 100 points** to use through the year, picking when you want to play golf. Games of golf range from 3 points (off peak periods) to 11 points (Peak periods). Flexi members are still full members of the club and will receive the same incentives such as an updated handicap and discount card to use behind the bar, however they can not win majors/board competitions.

Masters Draw 2023



Don't forget our Masters envelope draw is still on sale in the shop for £6 a go. You can win a limited-edition Taylor Made tour bag worth £699 rrp. Your envelopes will be available to collect & open on Monday 3rd April.