



Welton Manor Golf Club
Seniors Newsletter
November Edition
No 11-2025.

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Chairman's Comments:

*Alan Pretty, Seniors Chairman,
November 2025.*



Hello Gentlemen and welcome to the November Newsletter, our last one before the AGM. In this month's edition Captain Colin reports on his year in office and how the Team Matches have progressed throughout the season. He also gives us a reminder of his final event of



the year; the Christmas Dinner and Presentation Event being held on **Wednesday 10th December**. You'll find more information about this and our upcoming **AGM** later in this Newsletter. We also have the end of year reports from your Committee Officers and some important messages from the Competitions Team on Winter Rules and What To Do if you have difficulty entering your score card.

During October we completed our Team Matches, played our last two medal competitions of the Summer and finished off the month with our Winter Shield Competition. Well done to all our winners and a special mention for our age defying senior **Tony Fell** who had a **Hole in One on**

the 18th. Thank you for the drinks, Tony, hope you recovered the cost of the bill through your golf insurance!





At the end of the Month, we had our Poppy Appeal Competition, and it was great to see so many members play in our final charity event of the year. Obviously, the great raffle prize of a family admission ticket to the Lincolnshire Aviation Centre has had an impact and hopefully we'll raise a significant sum for this charity. Well done to **Roy Smith**, who won the prize and to **John Platt**, who was drawn out second and won the signed photograph of the Red Arrows. What a great effort by everyone concerned and a special thank you to Jim and Richard who have done a great job promoting the event, organising the fund-raising prizes and selling raffle tickets.

We now move into November and have a busy few weeks ahead. Our Winter Programme gets underway this Month, and I know Graham and Julian have put together some great looking fun competitions for the next few months.

It's good to see that we have sufficient entries (22) to run the Winter Knockout alongside our Winter Competitions. Let's hope the weather stays kind enough so we can get some golf played. (see page 26 for the draw).

Details of the **AGM** and Turkey Trot, Christmas Lunch and Presentation are set out below and will be on the clubhouse noticeboard and on the website noticeboard page.

As this is our last Newsletter before the AGM, I thank you all for the support you give to the Seniors Section, in particular your continued participation in our competitions, friendly matches and events. Without this commitment we wouldn't have the excellent Seniors Section we have today. Thank you everyone and enjoy your golf as we lead up towards Christmas. **Alan Pretty Committee Chairman WMSS.**



Captain's Column:

*Colin Bilboa, Seniors Captain,
November 2025.*



May my last report as WMSS Captain for 2025 start by thanking all members for their support, not only in the team matches but also for my chosen charity **RMHC** and of course the senior's section overall.

I will start by summarising the team games. My first aim over the seasons 14 matches was to include as many members as possible, overall, 39 took part so I'll take that as a result. My second aim was to record a positive result over the season, this wasn't to be, so I lowered my expectations to at least achieving equality, this also wasn't to be.



The season ended with 4 Wins - 6 Losses - 4 Halves, I'm still trying to convince myself that it's not about the winning but the taking part. 🎯 I wasn't going to mention any individuals but how can I not?



1. Vice-Captain Simon Boyes, thanks for taking on the roll and standing in and showing support when needed. Good luck and hope you receive the same support throughout your tenure as Captain next year.



2. Garry Gilberthorpe who played in every game, even when not picked Garry was first call when needed as substitute, thank you.



3. Alan Pretty, making 10 appearances over the season and only managing 3 wins. I will take this opportunity to point out that I expected more from the 3-time club champion and put the season result firmly on his shoulders 😊

WMSS Team Appearances 2025

	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		W	H	L	Pt
B	B. Bakewell	W		L	W	L	L	W	L								3	0	4	13
	J. Barlow	W						W									2	0	0	6
	C. Bilboa		W	H	W	L	H	W	L	W	L	L		W	L		5	1	5	22
	S. Boyes	W	H	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	H	W			7	2	4	29
	J. Boyce						L												1	1
	G. Bunn				L	H		W									1	1	1	6
	N. Campbell	W	H	H	L				W	W		L			L		3	2	3	16
	M. Clark												L	L	H			1	2	4
C	J. Chapman	W	W	H		H	W	W				W					5	2	0	19
	A. Crook		W			H	H	W	L	W	H		W	L	L		4	3	3	21
	N. Cooke				W	W					W				W		4	0	0	12
	J. Crayson	W	H				W	W		W		W					5	1	0	17
D	B. Dobson				L		W			W							2	0	1	7
	J. Doherty	L		H							H		W	L			1	2	2	9
F	T. Fell		H	W		L						W	W	W			4	1	1	16
	M. flower	W	H							W		L	L		W		3	1	2	13
G	G. Gilberthorpe	W	W	H	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	W	L		8	1	5	31
	F. Gugliotta	H				L			L								0	1	2	4
H	M. Hook				W				L		L		L				1	0	3	6
J	R. Johnson			L	L	L	L	L	W	W	W		L	W	L		4	0	7	19
	C. Jehan	W	H	L								W					2	1	1	9
M	M. Marris														L		0	0	1	1
	P. Morris													W			1	0	0	3
P	A. Phillipson		W		W				L	L		L	L		W		3	0	4	13
	T. Pickering		W	L		L	L		L					L	L		1	0	6	9
	A. Pretty	W	W	H			L	W	L	L	H	L					3	2	4	17
R	L. Ramsay		W	H	W			L		W	L	L			H		3	2	3	16
	G. Robinson	L	H				L	L			W	W	H	L	L		2	2	3	13
	S. Rowe			H	L				L	W	L			L	L		1	1	5	10
	R. Smith												L				0	0	1	1
	G. Turner							W									1	0	0	3
T	C. Taylor		L		L	W		W	L		H	L	W	W	W		5	1	4	21
W	L. Winch					L											0	0	1	1
	P. Wells	W	W	L	W	L	W		L	W	L		L	L			5	0	6	21
	S. Wells	W	L		L		L	W		L	W	W	L	W	L		5	0	6	21
	P. Wood		W														1	0	0	3
	J. Worsdale.	H	H	W		H	W		L	W		L	L	L			3	3	4	19
	P. Warman										L						0	0	1	1
	39	W 6 ½- 1 1/ 2	W 8-1	L 5- 3	Half 4-4	L 5-3	L 4 1/ 2 3 1/ 2	W 6- 2	L 7-1	W 6- 2	Half 4-4	Half 4-4	L 5 1/2 - 2 1/2	Half 4-4	L 5 1/2 - 2 1/2					
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r Abandoned					Win = 3 points.					Half = 2 point					Lost = 1 point					

Moving on to my chosen **Ronald McDonald House Charity**. Words cannot express how grateful and proud I am of the support shown and given throughout the year by all. The Captains Charity Day was one of the most memorable and emotional days of my life.

The fact that all stayed for the introduction of a real Masters champion my Grandson **Bodhi** was awesome, and the photo of all that took part will ensure longevity. One last thing, I still smile when I think that some people thought I'd actually persuaded a real Masters champion to make an appearance. 😊

With firsthand experience my family can guarantee that all money raised will be put to good use and help **RMHC** help and support other families with children in hospital. **Total Raised approx.: £ 1153.00.**

I'm not sure what the exact figure is but do know that whatever it is I have an additional £240.00 to add on my return.

I will finish this final report by pointing out 2 key facts that make WMSS successful.

1. **Welton Manor Golf Club** - The club offers all a course that is enjoyable to play and throughout each year Dave, with the support of Hayley and the course/green keepers ensure the course is playable and well maintained. This year's adverse dry weather conditions is a great example of this with the greens especially gaining positive praise from all including away teams.
2. **The Committee** - Without the dedication of a handful of volunteers the Seniors Section would not be what it is today. The organisation and support needed throughout each year is shown and given and should be appreciated by all.

THANK YOU

Remember: Fresh Air - Exercise - Social Interaction - Golf

Welton Manor Seniors Section offers it all and each individual sets the order of priority. 🏌️🚩

Colin Bilboa Captain WMSS.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd December
Starting at 14.00.

*Please find time to support your committee, as they have supported the **WMSS** all year by attending at your **AGM**.*

Alan Pretty Chairman WMSS.

AGM 2025 Wednesday 3rd December.



This year our AGM is arranged for **Wednesday 3rd December at 2.00pm** and will follow our morning stableford competition. I hope you can find time to

attend. Documentation and procedure guidelines for the meeting are set out on pages 10 & 11. These procedures will now be implemented so we meet our deadlines as set out in the timetable.

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AGM 3rd of December 2025	
6th of December AGM minutes published on website.	3rd of December. Any Questions, Answers and Actions added to any reports to be submitted.
7th of January new Committee Meeting.	6th of December Newsletter to be published.

On the **10th December** it's our **Turkey Trot, Christmas Lunch and Presentation Event**. This year the lunch is once again being subsidised by the Seniors Fund, so for £10 members can enjoy a great Christmas Lunch (comprising Christmas Dinner followed by mince pies) provided by our outside caterer Mr. Bowser. This will be our Captain's final event of the year, and I hope we can all give it the support our Captain deserves. As we've done in the past, get your Christmas jumpers out again.

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Thank you and enjoy your golf as we head up towards Christmas.

Alan Pretty Seniors Chairman.

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Guide to the AGM procedure 3rd December 2025.



1. The Agenda will be published on the website 14 days from the AGM where members can download it, and bulk email out to everyone.
2. The chairman will open the meeting and conduct No's 1-12 on the agenda.
3. At No 13, Election of Officers the Chairman will stand down, and the Captain will take his place and once a chairman is elected, he will continue with the AGM.
4. There is no longer the use of the term AOB (*Any other Business*). This has been replaced with the term Agenda Item to fall in line with the way the current committee files their reports. If an issue is to be raised at the AGM, an Agenda item must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) to the Chairman and or the Secretary, 14 days before the AGM. The closing date for submissions is the 19th of November 2025.
5. The person submitting the Agenda Item needs to fill out the agenda item (*secretary and chairman will advise*) with all the relevant points and any proposals that are putting forward.
6. No 14 Agenda items that have been submitted will be discussed.
7. No 15 Date and time of next proposed AGM is Wednesday 2nd December 2026.
8. No 16 Chairman closes the AGM.

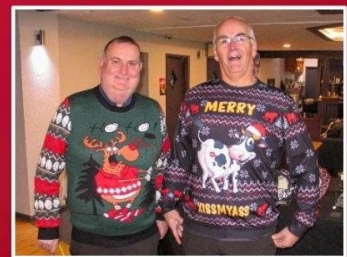
WMSS Christmas Meal & Presentation Awards

Wednesday 10th December.

This year's Christmas meal will take place after the Turkey Trot on Wednesday 10th December. The cost is only **£10.00**, because this is being heavily subsidised by the Seniors funds so don't miss out, as all the members need to take advantage because everyone has contributed.

A screenshot of the HowDidiDo app interface. The app is titled "HowDidiDo" and shows a "Competition Start Sheet" for "WELTON MANOR GOLF CLUB". The event is "Seniors Turkey Trot Followed by Presentation Lunch" on "Wed, 10th Dec 2025". The location is "Welton Manor". The time is "08:30 to 10:38". There is a table with the following data:

Zone 1	Total	Unavail	Remainin
	51	5	46

Below the table are buttons for "Cancel Booking" and "View Players".

Once you have entered your name into **HowDidiDo**, you will need to pay before the 3rd of December. The method of payment will be **£10.00** cash placed into the senior's box in a **White** Envelope. Please get your name down and support your Captain on his last official Day in post!



WMSS Team:

Match No 12. Tuesday 30th September.
Team News for Laceby (Away).



	Player	Player	W/H/L
1	S. Boyes (VC)	G. Robinson	Half
2	J. Doherty	T. Crook	W 4-2
3	C. Taylor	T. Fell	W 3-2
4	G. Gilberthorpe	P. Wells	L 4-3
5	R. Johnson	A. Phillipson	L 2-1
6	M. Hook	M. Clark	L 4-2
7	M. Flower	S. Wells	L 2-1
8	J. Worsdale	R. Smith	L 5-4
Res		Team Result	L 5 1/2- 2 1/2



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who turned out today to play for the team. Mind you, there wasn't much hardship involved as



the sun was rising and giving us all a lovely pink sky on the journey. Hospitality was of the usual high standard, and the steak pie, chips and peas afterwards were very tasty.

Unfortunately, despite all our efforts we suffered a 5 ½ to 2 ½ loss. Not helped in some part by the green staff tining the greens as we played.

Our 4 galloped along the 1st 4 holes to get ahead. Once settled the game was nip and tuck and we were 2 down until Graham



produced some great golf including a magnificent birdie to level the tie. We were offered a half before the 18th but declined as I had a shot. I managed a 4-foot putt for a 4 to keep it even. Special mention to Tony Crook & John Doherty and Tony Fell & Colin Taylor for winning their games. ***Simon Boyes Vice Captain WMSS.***





Charities Co-Ordinator:

James Crayston Seniors Charities Co-Ordinator. (JC)

November 2025.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the **81st Poppy Day Appeal**. We approached again local Businesses to sponsor the event. **The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre** at East Kirkby stepped up once more, and with their help we have raised a fantastic total of

£450.00

for the **Royal British legion** compared with last year's £320.00, so a great result.

The total was helped by donations from various winning members. The raffle was well supported, with the main prize won by **Mr Roy Smith** and the **Red Arrows Poster** by **Mr John Platt**. **Nearest the pin £42.00 Mr Tony Crook**.

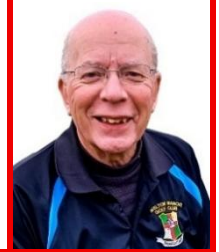






WMSS Team:

**Match No 13. Friday 10th October.
Team News for North Shore (Home).**



	Player	Player	W/H/L
1	C. Bilboa	P. Morris	W 1-0
2	G. Robinson	T. Pickering	L 3-2
3	C. Taylor	T. Fell	W 4-3
4	S. Boyes	G. Gilberthorpe	W 3-2
5	S. Wells	R. Johnson	W 2-1
6	P. Wells	J. Worsdale	L 2-1
7	J. Doherty	M. Clark	L 7-6
8	S. Rowe	T. Crook	L 4-3
Res	J. Crayston	Team Result	Half 4-4



After the first named storm of the year 'Amy' who could have predicted the great weather for our penultimate match of the season. North Shore lead by their Team Captain Kevin Bridgewater turned up and with the support of a couple of high handicappers made for a competitive day's golf.

Phil Morris and I lead the way, 2 down after 2 didn't luck promising but our superiority (luck) came through in the end. 3 up with 3 to play, 2 up with 2, Phil's half on the last made it 1-0 and saved the day 🏌️. Before I get to the final result I must thank Julian Worsdale for his part in the days match, Tony Fell had forgotten his shoes and Julian had a spare pair, this meant Tony and partner Colin Taylor could still play and they did 4-3 win. Due to Julian's part in this win, I can only put his match result 2-1 loss down to his playing partner and 3 Time Club Champion Alan Pretty 🏌️





Considering the high indexes (in the 30's) of 3 of the Skeggy boys I think the final DRAW result was well earned. The

best example of this would be Steve Wells and Richard Johnson, giving 20 shots they still achieved a 2-1 Win 🙌.

Thanks again to Dave, Hayley for all they do to make these home games possible, also well done to the ground staff for ensuring the course in general was well prepared and all greens and bunkers were kept in play. Also, with positive feedback from both teams, and without being too repetitive, thanks must once again go to Bowser's for the post-match meal of pork roast which



always seems to satisfy. As always personal thanks to all our senior members that show support and make these team games possible.

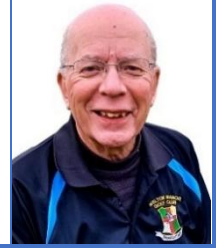


WMSS Captain Colin Bilboa.



WMSS Team:

**Match No 14. Wednesday 22nd October.
Team News for Normanby Park (Away).**



	Player	Player	W/H/L
1	C. Bilboa	S. Wells	L 3-2
2	T. Crook	M. Marris	L 4-3
3	G. Gilberthorpe	T. Pickering	L 2-1
4	R. Johnson	S. Rowe	L 5-4
5	N. Campbell	G. Robinson	L 4-3
6	A. Phillipson	C. Taylor	W 3-2
7	N. Cooke	M. Flower	W 4-3
8	L. Ramsay	M. Clark	Half
Res	J. Worsdale	Team Result	L 5 1/2-2 1/2



Road Ahead Closed, Access Only!

What a start to the day "ACCESS ONLY"! To where? Not to Normanby that was for sure. Even the catering staff got caught out and like us all where late. This meant no coffee before teeing off 😞

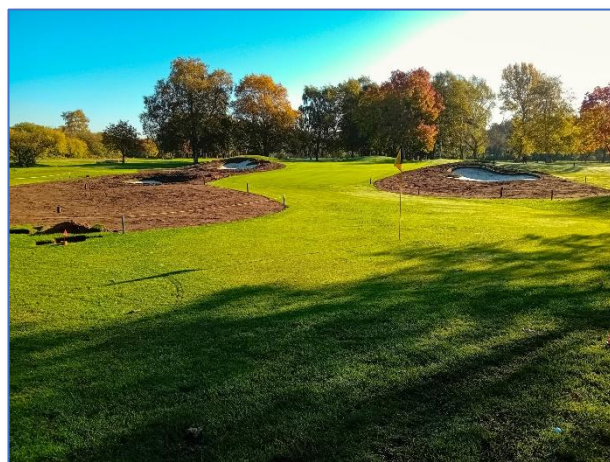
Steve Wells and I lead the way, I say lead the way 6 down after 8 didn't look promising, if only we'd had a coffee. We expected the worst, then something clicked, and the fight back began, reducing their lead to just 1 after 13. We were pleased with our recovery but on the day,



it wasn't to be with Normanby Captain Paul Lyon and playing partner Bill Lowrie taking 15 & 16 to take the game 3 -2. The team result was to follow the same path, 5 down after 5. One big thank you to our last 3 pairs, Alan Phillipson & Colin Taylor - Win, Nigel Cooke & Michael Flower - Win, Les Ramsey & Mick Clark - Half, you saved the day from complete disaster.

Final Result 5. 1/2 to 2. 1/2(If only we'd had coffee)

Thanks to Normanby Captain Paul Lyon and the rest of his team for a great day's golf followed by good food and banter. Paul apologised on numerous occasions about the diverted traffic, no coffee at start, not being able to play on 2 tees, new bunkers being prepared and the long grass on



fairways. My reply was that no

apology was needed, somethings are out of our control and for a municipal course Normanby is being developed in a positive way and is well kept and managed.

Thanks to all for taking part it my last team match as WMSS Captain, just take in to

consideration that if **COFFEE** had been available at the start the result may have been different 🤔 Fresh air, exercise, social interaction and golf is what makes WMSS, the order of priority is up to each individual.



PS. Question: In my report did I mention coffee more than Alan Pretty would mention being 3 times club champion in a single round of golf?

WMSS Captain Colin Bilboa.



10 Steps to How to Stop Your Email from Being Hacked.

To protect your email from being hacked, consider the following steps:

1. Use a strong, unique password: Create a password that is difficult to guess and use it consistently across all your accounts.
2. Enable two-factor authentication (2FA): This adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification when signing in.
3. Change your password regularly: Regularly update your passwords to prevent hackers from guessing them.
4. Be cautious of phishing and email spoofing: Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from suspicious emails.
5. Review security alerts: Check your email for any security alerts and take appropriate action.
6. Use a VPN: When checking your inbox from public or unsecure networks, consider using a VPN for added security.
7. Keep your devices and operating systems up to date: Regular updates can help protect against vulnerabilities.
8. Install and regularly update antivirus software: Protect your device from malware that could compromise your email.
9. Use a password manager: Store and manage your passwords securely to avoid reuse.
10. Report spam and phishing emails: Report these to your email provider to help prevent others from being targeted.

report@phishing.gov.uk is the government email.

By following these steps, you can significantly reduce the risk of your email being hacked and protect your personal information.





"October's Round of the Month".



Each month the Competitions Team will select in their opinion the Best Round achieved that month in a WMSS official competition. This month's winner for ROTM was played from the Yellow Tees in a Stableford competition on Wednesday the 8th. Playing with a 14 HCP, Mr Nigel Cooke scored a creditable 43 points equating to a round of 77, which is now one of his best from Yellows.

COMPETITION		Handicap			Indicate tee used	
DATE		Index	Course	Player	SLOPE	COURSE
8/6/25		18.2	18	17	133	69.4
TIME		15.9	15	14	130	66.8
TEES PLAYED					140	71.4
Marker		Q. Robinson				
Player A		N. COOKE				
Player B						
Player C						

Hole	Marker's Score	White Yards	S.I.	S.I.	Yellow Yards	Par	Score	Nett Score/Points	Red Yards	Par	S.I.
							A B C				
1	7-1	345	7	11	277	4	3	4	267	4	10
2	3-3	126	17	17	115	3	3	2	104	3	18
3	5-2	417	5	5	369	4	5	2	356	4	4
4	5-2	336	13	15	274	4	4	2	263	4	13
5	6-2	500	9	7	500	5	6	2	486	5	2
6	6-2	570	1	1	546	5	5	3	437	5	7
7	5-2	383	3	3	383	4	8	-	372	4	1
8	6-1	297	15	13	297	4	4	3	279	4	11
9	6-1	326	11	9	326	4	3	4	318	4	14
15		3300	OUT		3087	37	41	22	2882	37	

PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES

10	4-3	294	8	8	294	4	5	2	281	4	6
11	6-1	314	12	10	314	4	5	2	304	4	9
12	5-2	437	2	4	353	4	3	4	345	4	5
13	5-2	459	6	2	459	4	6	1	447	5	8
14	4-1	131	18	18	131	3	2	3	116	3	15
15	5-2	430	4	6	346	4	5	2	346	4	3
16	3-3	174	10	14	136	3	4	2	127	3	17
17	5-2	298	14	12	274	4	4	3	274	4	12
18	5-1	109	16	16	109	3	3	2	98	3	16
17		2646	IN		2416	33	37	21	2338	34	
15		3300	OUT		3087	37	41	22	2882	37	
32		5946	TOTAL		5503	70	78	43	5220	71	

43.

Stableford Points or Par Result

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Marker's Signature

Player's Signature

1		Nigel Cooke																			43 pts	
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total	
SI	11	17	5	15	7	1	3	13	9		8	10	4	2	18	6	14	12	16			
Par	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	37	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	33	70	
Gross	3	3	5	4	6	5	7	4	3	40	5	5	3	6	2	5	4	4	3	37	77	
Putts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	

Messages from the Competition Team.

				
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Alternative Option for Stroke and Distance Rule for Seniors Non-Qualifying Winter Competitions

This is a new local rule that provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds for **Non-Handicap Qualifying** winter competitions or casual play when playing with your friends

This is an alternative to the traditional stroke-and-distance penalty in golf, which is found in Model Local Rule E-5, which allows a player to drop a ball in the fairway for a two-stroke penalty. This local rule, recommended for casual play and **Non-Handicap Qualifying Competitions**, lets the player drop in a relief area between the estimated point where their ball was lost or went out of bounds and the nearest point on the fairway not closer to the hole than their original ball.

This option helps speed up play by preventing players from having to return to their previous spot to re-hit. This is an alternative to hitting a provisional ball, but if you have played a provisional ball then this option is not available.

How it works:

- 1. Estimate the spot:** Determine the point where your ball was lost or went out of bounds.
- 2. Find the fairway reference point:** Locate the point on the fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to your estimated spot but not closer to the hole.
- 3. Drop in the relief area:** For two penalty strokes, you can drop a ball in the relief area. This area extends from the fairway reference point, not closer to the hole than your estimated spot.

Result: This means if you have lost a ball on your first stroke, you can drop a ball in the fairway as detailed above and your next shot will be your 4th shot, which is the consequence of adding two penalty shots

Difficulties with entering your Score Card.

If you have difficulties with entering your Score Card on an official **WMSS** Competition, then please contact.

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But if you have difficulties with entering your card scores on a **Generally Play Round (GPR)**, then please contact.

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Up and Coming Starters List.



Date	Competition	Tees	OOM	Starter
12th Nov	3 Club Challenge	Yellow	No	J. Worsdale
19th Nov	Stableford	Yellow	No	A. Pretty
26th Nov	Par/Boggy	Yellow	No	C. Parker
3rd Dec	Stableford AGM *	Yellow	No	P. Wells
10th Dec	Turkey Trot	Yellow	No	C. Bilboa

Note for the Starters NOT to let members start early and stick to the correct tee times.



WMSS Winter Knock-Out Competition Draw.



First Round Played by 30th November	Second Round Played by 31st December	Quarter Finals Played By 31st January	Semi Finals Played By 28th February	Final played by 31st March
Alan Phillipson				
Tom Pickering				
John Doherty				
David Spencer				
Simon Boyes				
Tony Crook				
	Steven Wells			
	Tony Robinson			
	Roy Smith			
	Stewart Rowe			
	Tony Fell			
	Alan Pretty			
	Neil Campbell			
	Paul Eveleigh			
	Vic Solomon			
	Mick Clark			
Graham Robinson				
Richard Johnson				
Les Ramsay				
Jim Crayston				
Colin Jehan				
Julian Worsdale				

Format; Singles Matchplay. Handicap; 100% of Course Handicap. Tees; Yellow
Ties at the end of 18 holes to be decided by Matchplay play-off over holes 1,2,17 and 18 from the **Yellow** Tees.

Ties at the end of Matchplay Playoff will be decided by WhatsApp video draw made by **Julian Worsdale** and also send your results to juljul@ntlworld.com; Mob **07928 060802**.

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Rules Made Simple:

*Tony Crook, Seniors Handicap Secretary,
October 2025.*



Golf Rule Scenarios in Winter Golf

As winter approaches and we play winter rules, I highlight some of the issues you may face, especially with lifting and cleaning your ball and if your ball is lost in Abnormal Course Conditions

When can you clean your Golf Ball?

Sometimes during the play of a hole, you may have the ball in your hand for various reasons, and it is **Rule 14.1c** that details when you are not permitted to clean it. Be warned, cleaning it when you are not allowed to do so will result in a penalty. First though, it's worth reiterating that you are always allowed to clean your golf ball:

1. When you've reached the safety of the putting green and are able to mark, lift and clean it.



2. Between the play of two holes.

3. Whenever you are taking free relief or a penalty drop, when your ball is in a penalty area and you take a penalty drop you can take relief or if your ball is plugged in its own pitch mark off the fairway, you can take free relief, therefore you can clean your ball.

4. Winter Rules – When Preferred Lies are in play and your ball is in the fairway.

However, you may have the ball in your hand for other reasons before you reach the green, and there are four specific scenarios where you need to be careful.



5. When lifting your ball under Rule 4.2c to determine if it is cracked or cut and therefore eligible for substitution during the play of a hole. If the ball proves not to be cracked or cut, you are not allowed to clean it before placing it back where it was and continuing play.

6. When lifting your ball to identify it under **Rule 7.3**. In this scenario, cleaning is allowed only to the extent necessary to be able to identify your ball. So, you could clean away any mud perhaps covering your identification mark, but no further cleaning is permitted before placing the ball back where it was and continuing play.



7. When your ball is interfering with play for another player, who requests you to lift it (e.g. on their line on the fringe and they want to putt or when it is too close to their ball for their next stroke). You are **not** allowed to clean your ball in this situation, so you need to either hold it carefully or place it down somewhere carefully before then replacing it once the other player has played their shot.

8. When lifting your ball to see if it lies in a condition from which relief is allowed. A good example here would be when checking to see if your ball is definitely embedded in its own pitch mark or has just settled into a little indentation. If it's the latter, you are not allowed to clean your ball before placing it back down, but if you do end up taking relief under a Rule (e.g. the embedded ball rule) then you are allowed to clean it. If you clean your ball when not permitted to do so, or more than is necessary when cleaning your ball to identify it, you will be penalised one stroke under **Rule 14.1c**.

Lost Golf Ball in Abnormal Course Conditions.

If your ball is lost in an abnormal course condition (ACC), such as ground under repair or temporary water, you can take free relief under **Rule 16.1e**, provided you are "virtually certain" the ball is in the ACC. If you can't be certain, you must take stroke-and-distance relief, which means adding a penalty stroke and playing another ball from where you last hit. To take free relief, find the nearest point of complete relief and drop a ball within one club-length of that point, not closer to the hole. #

One place this is likely to occur at Welton through Winter is in the dips in the ground on the right of the 13th Fairway near the bunkers that fill with water, so if you and your playing partners are **certain** the ball has gone into this area and you can't find it, you are entitled to a free drop as detailed below. If you're not certain the ball is in the Abnormal Course Condition, then is stroke and distance relief is your penalty.

What to do if you are certain the ball is in an Abnormal Course Condition.

Verify the condition: Confirm the area meets the definition of an abnormal course condition, such as ground under repair (marked with white paint or signs), or temporary water. Mere soggy ground does not automatically qualify as an ACC.

Identify the nearest point of complete relief: Find the spot on the course that is closest to where your ball lies but is not in the ACC. This spot should be the point where the ACC no longer interferes with your stance, swing, or the ball's lie.

Determine your relief area: The relief area is one club-length from the nearest point of complete relief, in any direction, but not closer to the hole.

Drop your ball: Place your ball within this one-club-length area.

What to do if you are not certain.

Take stroke-and-distance relief: If you are not "virtually certain" (approximately 95% sure) that the ball is in the ACC, you must proceed as if the ball is lost in the general area and take stroke-and-distance relief.

Add a penalty stroke: Play another ball from where you made your previous stroke.

Qualifying Competitions for the Order of Merit:

Scoring procedure: 15 points for 1st, 12 points for 2nd and 10 points for 3rd, then it goes down 9, 8, 7, 6 etc to 12th place who gets 1 point. Maximum of 240 points.

Information compiled and supplied by the competition Secretary.

	Order of Merit Top 20	1 st Nov 2025	U D S
1	 A Crook 	67	U
2	T Fell	64	U
3	R Johnson	62	D
4	C Taylor	56	S
5	A Pretty	49	S
6	G Gilberthorpe	47	U
7	T Pickering	40	D
8	J Bocking	40	U
9	D Moore	40	U
10	C Parker	39	D
11	P Wells	38	D
12	L Ramsay	34	D
13	S Boyes	33	D
14	F Gugliotta	31	S
15	R Smith	31	S
16	J Chapman	30	S
17	N Cooke	30	U
18	S Rowe	28	S
19	S Wells	27	S
20	M Flower	24	S

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While waiting to play, Alison leans on her club in the bunker to rest. What is the ruling?

- A. Alison gets the general penalty.
- B. Alison is disqualified.
- C. There is no penalty.

2

Jezz hits his tee shot left, very close to the out of bounds. In playing his next stroke, he is standing out of bounds. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty.
- B. Jezz must declare the ball unplayable.
- C. Jezz can play the ball, but if he stands out of bounds he gets a one-stroke penalty.



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3

In stroke play, Jezz hits his putt too hard and the ball strikes the flagstick, which is lying behind the hole. It has been left in a position so that it might stop the ball. What is the ruling?

- A. Jezz receives the general penalty and must play the ball as it lies.
- B. Jezz receives the general penalty and must replay the stroke.
- C. There is no penalty.

4

Alison's ball is in the penalty area, next to a red stake. She wants to play the ball as it lies, so removes the stake and makes a stroke. What is the ruling?

- A. Alison is disqualified.
- B. Alison receives a one-stroke penalty.
- C. There is no penalty.



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● QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **C** – Under Rule 12.2b, there is no penalty for leaning on a club to rest in a bunker. 2. **A** – Under Rule 18.2a, a player may stand out of bounds to play a ball on the course. 3. **B** – Under Rules 13.2b and 11.2a, a player whose ball played from the putting green strikes the removed flagstick left in a position where it might deflect or stop the ball gets the general penalty and the stroke must be replayed in stroke play. 4. **C** – Under the definitions, stakes other than those that define the boundary edge of the course are movable obstructions.

WMSS Fixture Calendar 2025.

Date	Month	Day		Date	Month	Day
	January (1)				July (7)	
08	Whiskey Stagger (Y)	Wed		02	Stableford (Y)	Wed
15	Texas Scramble (Y)	Wed		03	Messingham (H)	Thurs
22	Greensomes Pairs Y	Wed		09	Stableford (Y)	Wed
29	3 Club + Putter (Y)	Wed		16	Club Champ (W) OM	Wed
				18	Club Champ (W) OM	Fri
	February (2)			23	Captains Charity Day	Wed
05	Texas Scramble (Y0	Wed		24	Tetney (A)	Thurs
12	Yellow Ball (Y)	Wed		30	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed
19	Foursomes (Y)	Wed			August (8)	
26	Greensomes (Y)	Wed		06	Woodthorpe (H)	Wed
				13	Stableford (W) (OM)	Wed
	March (3)					
05	Medal (Y)	Wed		20	Captains Home Day	Wed
12	Stableford (Y)	Wed		27	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed
19	Captain v Vice Capt	Wed			September (9)	
26	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed		03	Medal (Y)	Wed
				04	Messingham (A)	Thurs
				10	Stableford (W)	Wed
	April (4)			17	Carholme (H)	Wed
02	Air Ambulance (Y) OM	Wed		24	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed
09	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed		30	Laceby Manor (A)	Tues
16	Calvert Cup (Y) OM	Wed			October (10)	
23	Normanby Hall (H)	Wed		01	Stableford (W)	Wed
30	Carholme (A)	Wed		08	3 Club Challenge (Y)	Wed
				10	North Shore (H)	Fri
				15	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed
	May (5)			22	Normanby Hall (A)	Wed
07	Laceby Manor (H)	Wed		29	Winter Shield (Y) OM	Wed
14	Memorial Shield (Y) OM	Wed			November (11)	
21	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed		05	Poppy Appeal (Y) OM	Wed
28	Woodthorpe (A)	Wed		12	Medal (Y)	Wed
				19	Stableford (Y)	Wed
	June (6)			26	Par/Bogey (Y)	Wed
04	Summer Shield (Y) OM	Wed			December (12)	
06	North Shore (A)	Fri		03	Stableford (Y) AGM	Wed
11	RJR Trophy	Wed		10	Turkey Trot (Y)	Wed
18	Captains Away Day	Wed		17	Texas Scramble (Y)	Wed
25	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed		24	Christmas Break	
26	Tetney (H)	Thurs		31	Stableford (Y)	Wed

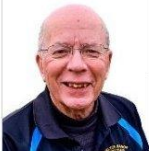
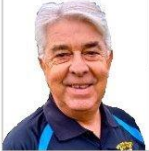
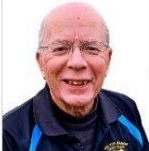
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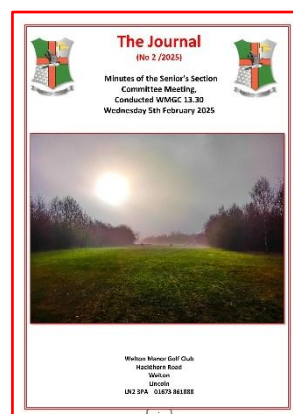
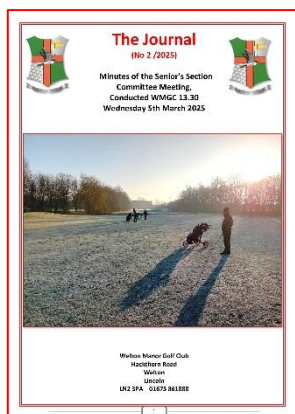
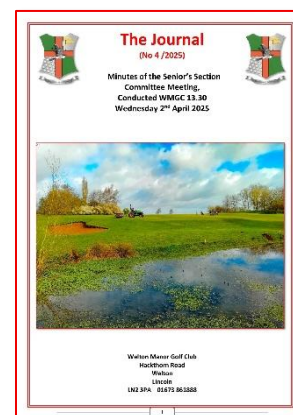
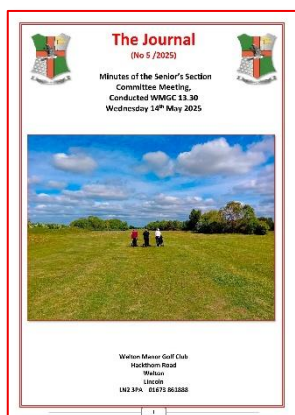
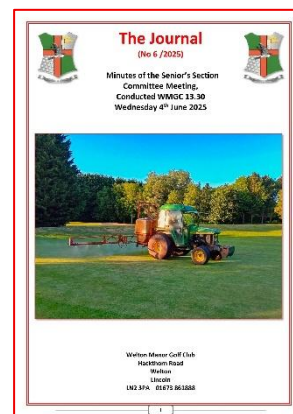
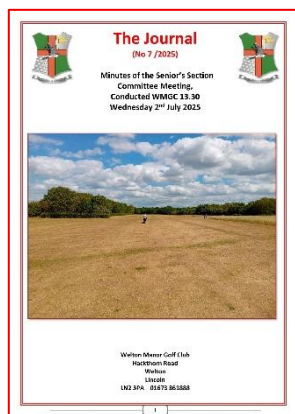
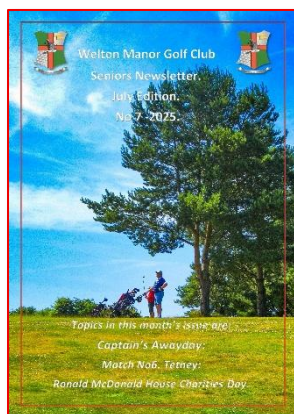
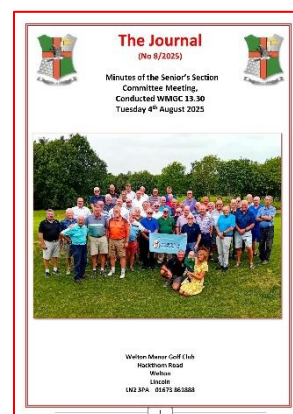
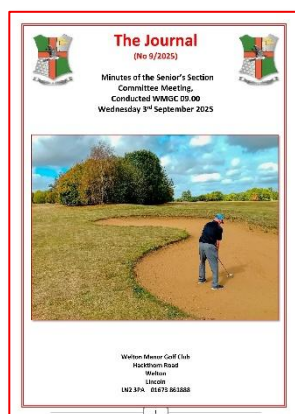
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17	Captains Away Day	Wed		09	Medal (Y)	Wed
24	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed		16	Turkey Trot (Y)	Wed
25	Tetney (H)	Thurs		23	Texas Scramble	Wed
30	Laceby (A)	Tues		30	Stableford (Y)	Wed

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