



Welton Manor Golf Club

Seniors Newsletter

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Chairman's Comments:

*Alan Pretty, Seniors Chairman,
August 2026.*



Hello gentlemen and welcome to your August Newsletter. This month we have our usual updates and friendly match reports from Captain Simon and all the latest news from the Competitions Team including an interesting report from Tony on Rules made Simple. There are reports and photographs of our Captains Charity Day and details of your donations are included on page 19. Thank you to everyone who took part and made such generous contributions with special thanks to Jim for organising the prizes and doing such a great job selling raffle tickets.

We've got an "Introduction to our new Golf Pro" Stuart Brewer, check out our interview we had with Stuart on our website noticeboard. There is a profile article from the seniors new Club Champion, Graham Metcalfe MBE, as well as our usual Test your Knowledge and other bits and pieces we hope you find interesting.

Off the golf course we had a great run in the World Cup only to be mugged in the semi-finals by a very physical Argentinian team who on the day, probably were the better team. We just didn't seem to have the energy or physicality to match them in the second half. It was certainly pleasing to give the French a good game as we deservedly took third place. The weather has been another feature of July with regular heatwaves and no rain for over a month. This has left our fairways dry and hard, making golf a bit different with the variable bounce and run of the ball.

On the golf course we've had another busy month. We've had a couple of Stableford Competitions and a Monthly Medal, the Club Championship and our Captain's Charity Day. We also finished off the month with a team match away at Tetney. Congratulations to everyone

who took part but especially to Graham Metcalfe who is now the new Seniors Club Champion, overcoming some stiff opposition from Paul Warman and John Bocking. Also, congratulations and well done to John Bocking in the Summer Knockout Final winning a great contest 3 and 2 against Nigel Cooke.

Thank you to everyone for renewing their memberships on time. Richard and Steve will be updating the membership lists and WhatsApp groups, and you will be informed of the new website password this week.

As you know the Golf Clubs Code of Conduct states that an acceptable standard of behavior must be always maintained both on the course and within the Clubhouse. During last week's competition the Committee had to deal with an incident on the course that breached the Code of Conduct. Details of the procedure the committee followed are recorded in the minutes of the August Committee Meeting and published in the Journal.

As we move into August, we have another busy month ahead with more of our Friendly Matches, a Stableford Competition, a Monthly Medal and the Captain's Home Day to look forward to on Wednesday 19th August. Enjoy your golf.



Finally, gentlemen it's a year since our good friend and a true gentleman, John Boyce died. Whilst he has gone from the course, he'll never be forgotten in our Clubhouse. RIP John.

Alan Pretty Committee Chairman WMSS



Captain's Column:

*Simon Boyes, Seniors Captain,
August 2026.*



The heatwave continues and the course is well and truly baked. The greens are in remarkable condition thanks to plenty of watering, unlike my garden! The team continues to come a close second in the friendly matches although the scores don't reflect this. Thanks to all those who put

their names down
irrespective of this trend.

I can only hope for better results in the upcoming fixtures against Tetney and Woodthorpe.

In the meantime, keep cool, drink lots (including water) and look forward to the wet and windy days that are sure to arrive eventually.



May I also remind all members to treat others with respect. There is no place for aggressive and abusive behaviour either on or off the course. Any instances should be reported to the club immediately and appropriate action will be taken.

Happy golfing. ***Simon Boyes Seniors' Captain 26***



Renewal of Seniors' Membership.

The membership fee of **£5.00** needs to be paid by,

Friday 31st July 2026.



This will allow members to play in any of the Senior's competitions after this date.

<https://www.seniorsgolfwelton.org.uk/about>

Senior Section Membership Form.
Welton Manor Golf Club.
Hackthorn Road.
Welton, LN2 3PA.

New ☐ Club Membership Number Renew ☐

Title Forename Surname

Email

Home Number Mobile Number

Members Signature Date

Treasurers Signature (if annual membership fee received) Date Registered

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<https://www.seniorsgolfwelton.org.uk/about>

Only complete the form if any of your current information that you supplied on joining has changed.

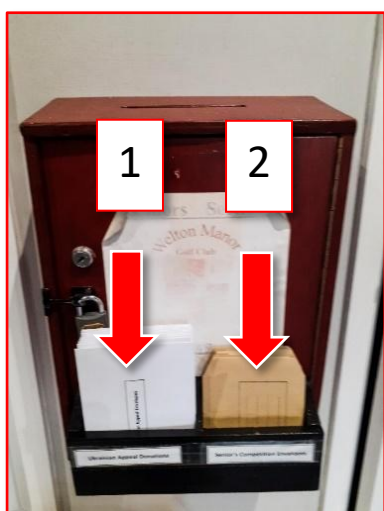
Please download the form from the website.

(under General Information on the noticeboard page or find one attached to our notice board in the clubhouse).

Place your £5.00 in the **WHITE** envelopes (1) which will be marked up for Membership Renewal with your name on it, and post it into our box

Please don't place your £5.00 membership subscription into any of the brown envelopes (2). This is for competition entry monies only and it needs to be kept separate to aid the accounting.

If you don't have access to printing the form at home, there will be some available on the Seniors Notice board.



The membership fee of £5.00 needs to be paid by the Friday 31st July 2026.

If you have not paid by the date, you will **NOT** be eligible to enter any WMSS competitions until payment has been recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact out Treasurer Mr Graham Robinson, Mobile 07312093422

The senior's password will be changed on the **5th of August 2026.**



Introducing our New Golf Pro:

Stuart Brewer

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Stuart Brewer has been a PGA Professional for 43 years. In that time, he has worked under some of the very best coaches on the planet and absorbed knowledge from some of the greatest brains in the game. He recently helped Alice Hewson to victory in Switzerland on the Ladies European Tour and he now spends his time as a PGA Coach.

What does it mean to say that you're a specialist coach?

All I do is teach, that's all I do. It's my specialism and it's a choice; I have three places where I work from and I just give golf instruction. I never work in a shop, and I literally just run my own diary, it's fantastic. I've always been fascinated by coaching and the game in general. It's just like a dream job, being asked to help people with their golf, what a privilege.

How can coaches become specialised in one area?

Anyone can decide to do it, whether that is being a manager or coach or retailer, whatever you want to do. But to back it up, you need to make sure that you're good at what you do. When I worked in Sweden, I worked for an English guy who was quite big on education. He showed me pathways and spoke about coaches, so I always had it in the back of my mind that even though I was a club pro, I was a coach.

I wrote to David Leadbetter in 1991, at the height of his fame, and he actually wrote back and he suggested that I went to see two of his associates, Denis Pugh and Dennis Sheehy. I would see them for years and they really helped me. I would go for a lesson, and they would both sit with me for two or three hours and talk to me about swings and structure of swings and mechanics. I'd be looking at Nick Faldo, Nick

Price and Ian Baker-Finch videos, who Leadbetter was working with, and they would really run it through me to the point where it just became so understandable, so easy. And that was basically it.

I then moved then to a guy called David Whelan, who was a European Tour winner and he was down at Chart Hills in Kent as well as Andrew Nicholson up at The Wynyard, but it was always around the Leadbetter framework. I decided that I'd better get Leadbetter certified and so I did all the qualifications. Fast forward to today and I've done all the courses; The Golfing Machine, stack and tilt courses, all sorts. I don't just have one system; I have lots of different things to pull from and I can use that information to benefit most types of golfers.

The key piece is education. When the PGA brought out the Professional Development Programme years ago that was also a massive thing. I was always into learning but that just fuelled me, and it gave me more and more and a wider spectrum of people to see. I'm also an ambassador with a company called Jacob's 3D, which is based in New York with a guy called Michael Jacobs, who was a golfing machine man, and his associate Brian Manzella. Pádraig Harrington is currently working with Michael, so I get quite a lot of information through that as well. I've always got my head in a book and I'm a member of the British Golf Collector's Society; I'm absolutely obsessed with it.

What does it mean to you to be a PGA Fellow Professional?

I think among my fellow pros, you have a certain status. I did it through APAL, obviously now we've got PGA Excel, which is a great way for employers and golfers to better recognise and understand your expertise.

Part of it was almost an accumulation of different successes throughout my career. I had coached the British PGA champion, Dan Greenwood, in 2013 and I had lots of county champions. So, there were a lot of good results, and I've worked on the Ladies European Tour since 2009. I've

worked with a lot of different players such as Sophie Walker, Trish Johnson, Whitney Hillier and now Alice Hewson who won recently in Switzerland.

I'd like to get my Advanced Fellow status, and I'd be extremely happy with that, and I think that's very achievable now through PGA Excel. As pros we are having more influence in golf club management through the certifications that are offered and the new PGA Excel designations mean that we are more easily acknowledged.

In what other areas do you think you have contributed?

I've spent a lot of time on the Lincolnshire PGA committee, and I've done a lot of stuff with that to try and make it better for every other golf club. I won the Lincolnshire Open in 1994, and I've won my share of PGA events, so I think people know that I was a pretty decent player in my day. I think that carries a little bit of clout too and it's also something that you should be proud of as a golf Professional.

What advice would you give to a young Professional starting out?

I would say read, read, read. I wrote to the best coach in the world and he wrote back, now that says a lot an awful lot about our world, doesn't it? I think that's just incredible. Denis Pugh was working with all the Aussie players and Colin Montgomerie, and I would be speaking to him often.

I've known Pete Cowen for a while, I decided that I was going to book a lesson with him in 1994. The lesson was booked for 2pm and I got there about quarter to one. I went up to the pro shop and Pete was in there and he told me to sit myself down in the back. He made me a cup of tea and told me that I was going to watch a bit of Ben Hogan. So, I sat and watched Hogan videos for that hour and 15 minutes before we even went out. Pete's an amazing character, so dedicated and prepared to help with information. He had a big friend called David Jagger, who was

a successful tour player and I used to play club matches against David, and he was amazing with me as well. So, I've had a total charmed life with these experts around. I've had the pick of some of the best brains in the industry so, if I couldn't pass that information to a half-decent level, it's pretty poor, really. If you dare to reach out to people, it's amazing what opens up.

What's the difference between coaching elite and club golfers?

Hugh Marr has always said that you should never mess with people's leisure time and that has always stuck with me. An amateur's leisure time is precious, so you make sure that you're totally committed. You give them all your attention; you make sure that you don't answer your phone during a lesson and you have no distractions whatsoever. You give everybody 100 per cent and that's the way I work. Everybody gets the same determination, dedication and attention every single time – obviously the skill levels are very different, but the same thing applies.

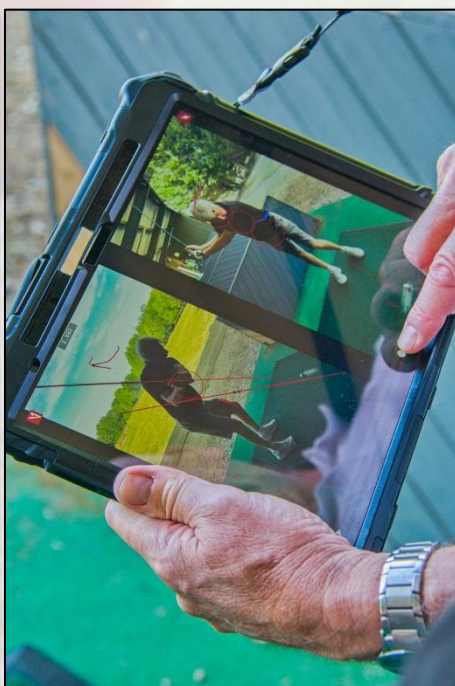
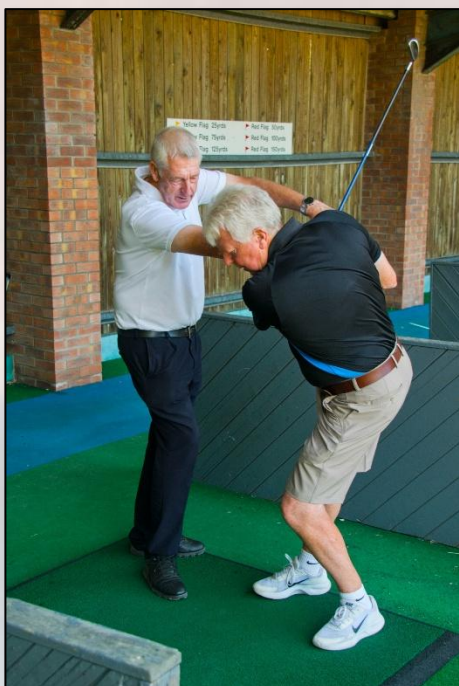
What can I offer the members of the WMSS?

“I can offer your players improvement and if they’re not improving then they’re either not listening correctly or they’re not doing it as they’ve been directed. I will do everything I can to make them better golfers”





***Club Level Coaching from a Tour Level Professional.
Stuart Brewer & Alan Pretty.
31st July 2026.***



I've just returned from having a chat and short coaching session with Stuart Brewer; our new Golf Professional here at Welton Manor. We met at the driving range where before having a look at my swing I asked Stuart to tell me a little about his golfing philosophy and how his career has progressed over the years.

He told me his aim is to provide tour level golf coaching to club level players.

During his career Stuart has played at a County Championship level and taught at the very highest level; mainly the Ladies European Tour but also other European Tour Players. He's coached many County Players and County Champions but is now concentrating on developing and coaching club levels players to their highest possible standard and that is the legacy he would wish to leave.

Stuart has won many awards. He's been Lincolnshire County Coach of the Year twice in 2017 and 2024 and Midland PGA Coach of the year in 2017. Stuart says he now "concentrates his time helping club players achieve their potential"

Stuart is a local lad being born and bred in Lincoln. He worked as an apprentice professional at Market Rasen where he qualified in 1981 and then went off to work as a Teaching Professional in Denmark for four years, before moving onto Sweden for another four years as a Club Professional.

Stuart returned to the UK in 1990 and was at Elsham Golf Club for 26 years. During his time at Elsham he obtained A David Leadbetter Coaching Certification, became a Golfstroke Engineering Master, and fellow of the PGA as well other qualifications and certificates. But as Stuart was keen to point out "at the end of the day I'm a very simple Lincoln lad who loves golf"

When asked what he could provide for Welton Seniors he said "I can offer your players improvement and if they're not improving then they're either not listening correctly or they're not doing it as they've been directed. I will do everything I can to make them better golfers"

After our interview Stuart had a look at my swing and (without being too critical) suggested a few minor tweaks to address one or two little faults he thought needed correcting and I immediately felt a difference. I will certainly be booking some further lessons with him, and I can certainly recommend that you do if you want to improve.

Alan Pretty.



Let's get a Grip on Golf

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The golf grip is our only contact point with the golf club the golfer has. It provides us with a great opportunity to place the hands in such a way to allow us to control several key elements.

The hands must control the club face. This will help give us directional control over the ball, remember the ball starts off pretty much at right angles to the club face when the ball separates from the club face during impact. Allow power to be transmitted through the kinetic chain back to the club head and out to the ball. Create power through leverage/wristcock. Make minor adjustments during the swing. Even the world's best players do this.

The grip simply can make or break a golf swing, but what constitutes a good grip?

Firstly, start by placing the grip through the base of the left-hand index finger and let the grip sit diagonally through the bottom of your palm. Turn the left hand over and place the left thumb slightly to the right of the center line on the top of the grip. Many modern-day clubs no longer put advertising or marks on the grip but place it slightly to the right side of the middle.

When you look vertically down at your hands you should see a 'V' shape formed between your left thumb and index finger, that 'V' should point up towards your right eye or ear.

Also, looking downward, you should also see 2/3 knuckles on the back of your left hand.

Holding the club this way will allow a slight rotation of the hand and the ability to cock vertically the left wrist, vital for generating speed and force.

How golfers connect their right hands to their left has been debated for a century or more with some preferring the Interlock whilst others sit in the camp supporting the Vardon grip, with the right-hand small finger overlapping instead of interlocking.

Great players have employed both.

The right-hand grip should be held exclusively in the fingers to allow the right hand to turn over and sit on top of your left-hand thumb. This will create another



'V' between the right-hand thumb and index finger that should point upward towards your chin. I also like to pinch the right-hand thumb and index finger together on the grip.

The pressure in the grip should be felt firmly in the last three fingers of the left hand, where the right hand meets the left-hand thumb and the right-hand index finger.

There are a myriad of faults golfers employ but make sure your grip is not one of them as you will create a chain reaction of issues further down the line.

The grip above shows the good traits mentioned;

- *-Two to three knuckles on the left hand*
- *-Left hand 'V' pointing towards the right eye*
- *-Right hand grip held in the finger joints, creating a right hand 'V' pointing upwards towards the chin.*

Enjoy your golf, I look forward to meeting you and if I can be of any help please call text, WhatsApp or email me. **Stuart.**



Charities Co-Ordinator:

James Crayston Seniors Charities Co-Ordinator.

A big thank you from the Air Ambulance.



On behalf of everyone here at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, I would like to personally thank you for your recent donation of £425.00 received from Welton Manor Seniors Golf Society. Donations like

yours help keep our crews by the side of patients across the counties we serve, so we really appreciate your ongoing support. Please find attached your donation certificate.

No one wakes up thinking they will need the help of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, but with our crews on call day and night, 365 days of the year, our highly skilled Doctors, Paramedics and Pilots are there to help people involved in life-threatening incidents every single day. Whether on the road, by the coast or in the countryside, we take the hospital to the patient, giving them the very best chance of survival.

Last year was a busy year for missions, with our crews responding to 1,608 incidents involving adults and children injured in RTCs, medical incidents and accidents, to name a few. Delivering this level of care to people is only made possible because of the generosity of those who support us, so thank you very much for making a difference.

With best wishes,

Zoe Thompson, Supporter Engagement Administrator



Graham Metcalfe MBE Recognition.



The link below is to an article one of the charities I am a trustee of put on their website upon hearing my news after the announcement on Sat 13th June.

It provides a bit of insight into the type of work around Lincolnshire I was involved in around the public & third sector until retiring from my role as Lincs Partnership Manager with DWP on 31st March after 41.5 years of public service that included 4 years with Lincs Police way back.

<https://povertytruthnetwork.org/graham-metcalfe-mbe-recognition/>

“We were delighted to hear that Graham has been awarded an MBE in the King’s Birthday Honours, recognising his many years of public service as a Partnership Manager with the Department for Work and Pensions.

Many within the Poverty Truth Network will know Graham as a Civic Commissioner with Lincoln Poverty Truth Commission. Although now semi-retired, he continues to generously share his time, experience and commitment to building relationships that lead to better outcomes for people facing poverty.

Graham often jokes that he is the “pantomime villain” because of his years working within the DWP. Yet anyone who has spent time with him knows a very different story. He has consistently sought to bridge the

gap between people and systems, bringing honesty, compassion and a willingness to listen. His ability to work alongside others, challenge assumptions and build trust has made him a valued friend of the Poverty Truth Network.

Reflecting on why he became involved in Poverty Truth, Graham said:

“I joined the Poverty Truth Commission as I am committed to helping people and the organisations representing them to find their way to better outcomes and pushing for improvements in the system that will lead to them.”

In true Graham style, he was quick to turn the spotlight away from himself following the announcement:

“It’s really an award for the area’s culture and positive community of partners we all contribute to. I’m just in the shop window via an external-facing job role, without the input and positive impact of partners there would be no ‘gongs or trips to the Palace.’”

LocalMotion Lincoln, the host organisation for Lincoln Poverty Truth Commission, shared the news on Facebook, saying: “To us, he is “our Graham”. Someone who breaks the traditions and assumptions of people and about people working in a national government machine. Whatever you think of the honours system and the hierarchy that holds power – Graham is one of the “good guys” and we want to say congratulations and thank you!”

I'm chuffed to bits at the news & know how proud my dad would be if he was still around. I'm under no illusion though there are plenty of people good at their job that don't have the platform I have had & I've also relied heavily on the community of partners around Lincs committed to helping & supporting those living in the area along with a strong team around me.

Graham



Captains Charity Day Wednesday 8th July. *Simon Boyes, Seniors Captain*



A glorious day again which was matched by some excellent scores. Tony Crook and I recruited Steve Wells in our quest to retain the trophy. We were quite close but too many missed birdie putts cost us a place. Worthy winners were the team of **Richard Johnson, Mick Flower** and **John Bocking**.

My team did win the nearest pin prize and donated the winnings to the charity, obviously!

The course was in good condition considering the baking weather recently. The halfway drinks and nibbles seemed to be appreciated as there was little left to collect.

My thanks go to everyone who donated a prize, bought raffle tickets and played on the day to enable the amazing amount of money to be raised.



Special thanks to **Jim Crayston** for his time and effort in running the raffle, **Graham Robinson** for organising the competition, and **Richard Johnson** for his photographic portrayal of the day.

Captains' Charity Day Totals

Raffle on the day raised:

£271.00

N/Pin on the day raised after payout:

£45.00

Entry Fees on the day raised after payout:

£130.00

Money raised from the day:

£446.00

Year to date totals:

Raffles/ Tub/ Fees £762.00

Nearest Pin after payouts £340.00

Current Total £1102.00





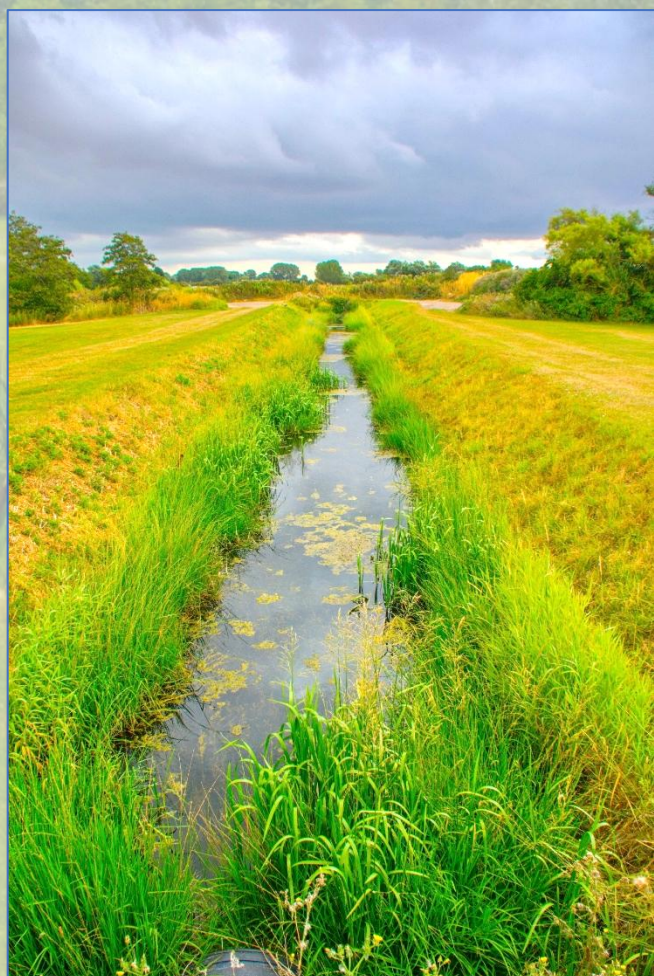
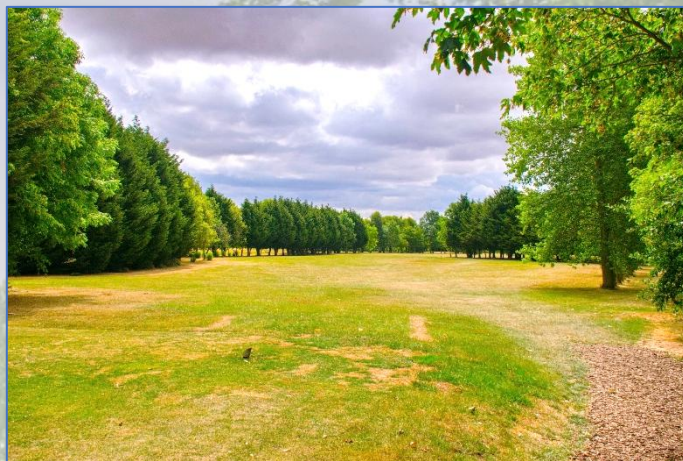
Match No 7. Thursday 30th July. Team News for Tetney (Away).



	Player	Player	W/H/L
1	S. Boyes. Capt	A. Pretty	L 4 - 3
2	N. Cook	C. Taylor	Half
3	N. Hyams	B. Bakewell	L 2 - 1
4	J. Worsdale	S. Rowe	W 2 - 0
5	R. Johnson	P. Wells	L 2 - 1
6	T. Pickering	B. Dobson	L 1 - 0
7	M. Flower	P. Wood	L 3 - 2
8	C. Parker	L. Ramsay	L 7 - 6
Res		Team Result	L 6 1/2 - 11/2



Despite a rousing pre match call to battle by the Captain, the team managed to come second again. Congratulations to Julian and Stewart for their win and to Nigel Cooke and Colin Taylor for snatching a draw from the jaws of victory! Your Captain and Alan (previous club champion x 3) knew the destiny of our match once Dave Foster birdied 2 of the 1st 6 holes. We fought gallantly and won the back 9 but it was a little too late. The course was in excellent nick with true running greens and actual green grass on the fairways. It even rained for about 10 seconds.



The fish and chips that followed were delicious. These places are a tough act to follow!

Many thanks to the members who support team the team and appear to enjoy themselves irrespective of the result.

These friendly matches would not

be possible without you. ***Simon Boyes WMMS Captain***

A report from Nigel Cooke, our beaten Summer Knock out finalist, as he bids a fond farewell to Welton.



Well, it started great as both of us creamed drives straight down the first fairway in front of an audience. I won the first three holes and was feeling confident. Predictably this is when it all went wrong! John got to the fifth green in two whilst I

donated yet another ball to the trees. We were back to all square after nine before John's consistency came into play and I was soon four down. Despite some pretty good golf between us we shook hands on the 16th green following my bunker trouble. The match ended with John winning 4&2. We had a very enjoyable round, played some very good golf but in the end, I was soundly beaten by a better player.

John is a great golfer, great company and thoroughly deserved to win the Summer Knockout.

A few departing words from me just in case you're desperately short of content for the newsletter...

I'd just like to give a massive thanks to all Welton Seniors for making me feel so welcome over the past three years. The Seniors (in my mind) are by far the best thing about the club. What a great bunch of guys you all are - I can honestly say that there's not even one of you I've not enjoyed playing with.

The committee do a fantastic job, putting in a large amount of their spare time, much of it behind the scenes, for all our enjoyment. The section is extremely well run, and I have nothing but praise for them. I've always enjoyed the weekly competitions, team matches, charity events and away days.

After over 25 years at Welton I feel the time is right to move on, so I'm off to Market Rasen. If anyone fancies a round there sometime then please let me know.

Thanks again and I hope to see you all again soon, **Nigel**



Messages from the Competition Team.

				
Competition Sec. <i>Graham Robinson</i>	Asst Competition. <i>Julian Worsdale.</i>	WMSS	Handicap Sec. <i>Tony Crook.</i>	Starter. <i>Steven Wells.</i>



The WMSS Club Championship took place on the 22nd and 24th of July, with 33 entries resulting in the crowning of our new Champion 2026 in ***Mr Graham Metcalf MBE***, preventing Mr Pretty from winning four years in a row.



The Summer Knock Out Final 2026 took place between Nigel Cooke and John Bocking, in what turned out to be an exciting match, with ***John Bocking*** coming out eventually on top



Up and Coming Starters List.



Date	Competition	Tees	OOM	Starter
5th August	Stableford	Yellow	No	A. Phillipson
12th August	Stableford	White	Yes	P. Wells
19th August	Captains Home Day	Yellow	No	C. Parker
26th August	Monthly Medal	White	Yes	N. Campbell
2nd Sept	Medal*	Yellow	No	S. Rowe

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



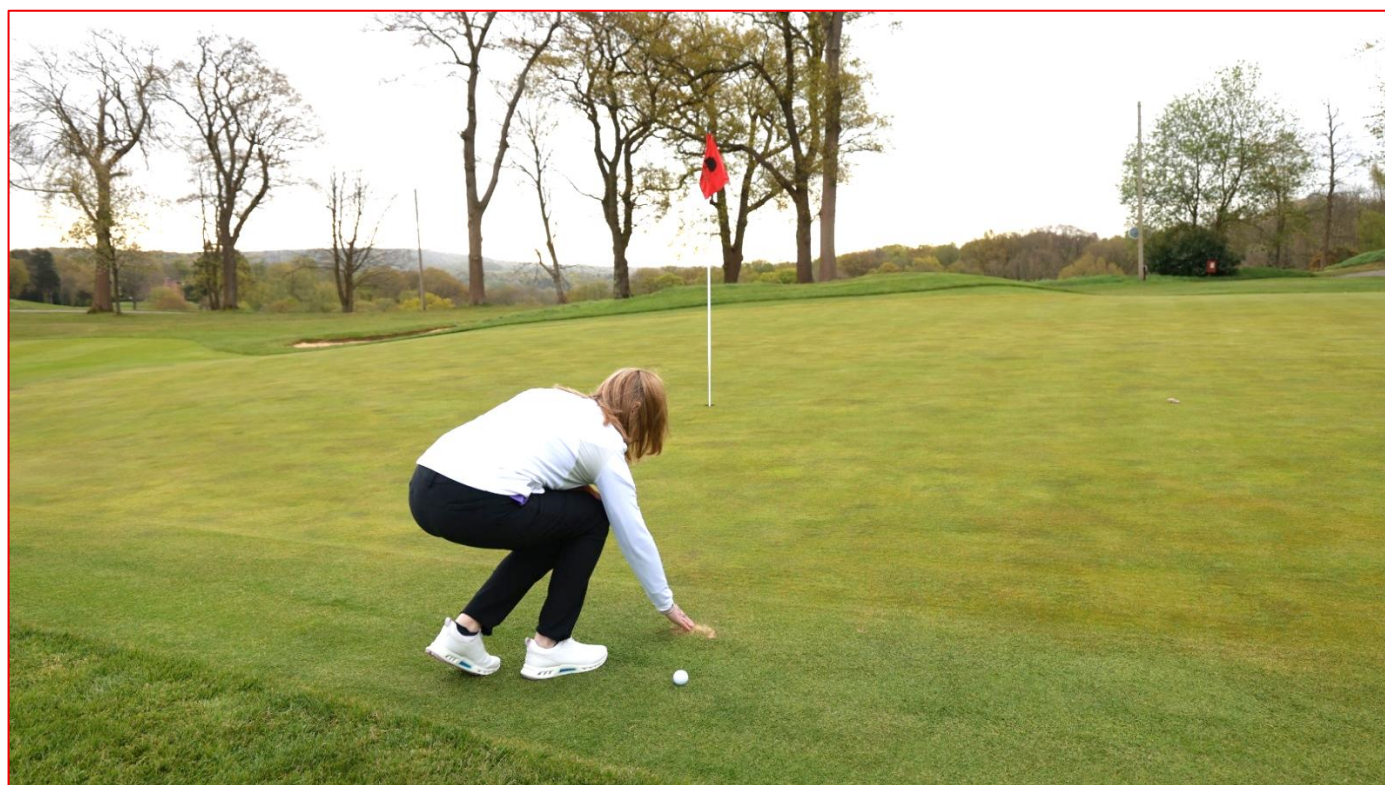
Rules Made Simple:

*Tony Crook, Seniors Handicap Secretary,
August 2026.*



My Playing Partner Brushed Away Sand On The Fringe Before Making A Stroke. Should It Have Been A Penalty?

Are you allowed to brush away sand on the fringe of a green?
If not, what is the penalty if you do so?



Are you allowed to do this?

Here's a scenario about the correct course of action under [The Rules](#) of Golf. Playing in a club competition, you hit a good shot into a par-3 hole that rolled just through the back of the green and onto the fringe. On reaching her ball you can see there was sand on the fringe directly in the line between the ball, which is also on the fringe and the cup. Absentmindedly, you down and sweep the sand away with your hand.

Are you allowed to do that? Should it have been a penalty? What is the correct ruling? Well, the answer is that — **Yes**, it was a penalty to brush away that sand on the fringe.

In fact, the action of brushing away sand improved the condition affecting your stroke means you had broken *Rule 8.1a* and incurred the [general penalty](#) of two strokes in stroke play. In match play, brushing away that sand on the fringe would have meant you lost the hole.

Sand is not considered a [loose impediment](#). A loose impediment is defined in the Rules as any unattached natural object. But, under the definitions, sand and soil is specifically mentioned as something that is not classed a loose impediment.

Loose impediments can be removed anywhere on the course without a penalty. If you had removed a stone or a stick that was in your line on the fringe, there would have been no penalty.

But as sand is not a loose impediment, removing it is in breach of *Rule 8.1a* and it incurs a penalty.

There is an exception when removing sand is not a penalty. That is when there is sand on the putting green. Under *Rule 13.1c*, a player may remove sand and loose soil from the [putting green](#) with no penalty.

There is another exception when sand might be brushed away from the fringe without penalty:

If your playing partner had played the ball to the fringe and there had been no sand on the line when the ball came to rest. Say another playing partner had then found the bunker beside the green, played a shot out and splashed sand from the trap and onto your line, you would have been entitled to remove it. That is because, under *Rule 8.1d*, you would have been entitled to restore conditions that had been worsened after your ball came to rest.

But, in this instance, the conditions were in place when the ball came to rest, so you are not allowed to brush away that sand. You would incur a general penalty of 2 strokes or loose of hole in match play.

Tony Crook, Seniors Handicap Secretary.



Qualifying Competitions for the Order of Merit:

Scoring procedure:

15points 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 10	1 st August 2026	U D S
1	A. Pretty	42	U
2	P. Marshall	41	D
3	B. Bakewell	35	D
3	R. Johnson	35	D
4	G. Metcalfe	33	U
6	P. Stancer	32	U
6	B. Smith	32	U
8	A. Crook	31	S
9	N. Campbell	29	D
9	P. Warman	29	D

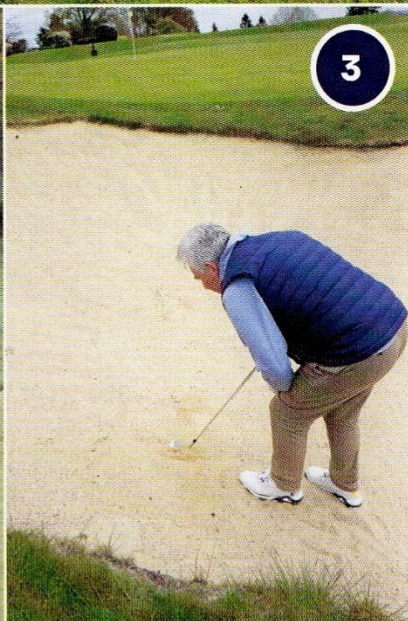
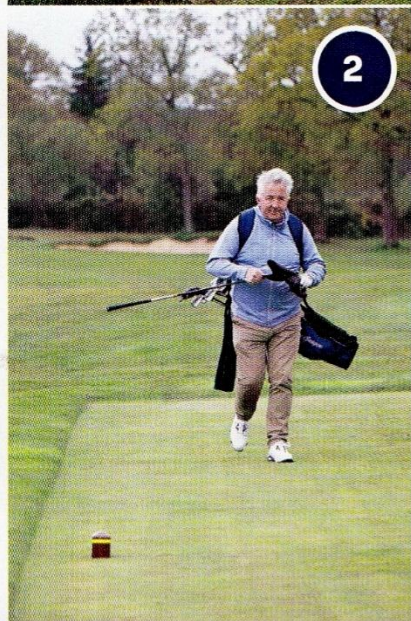
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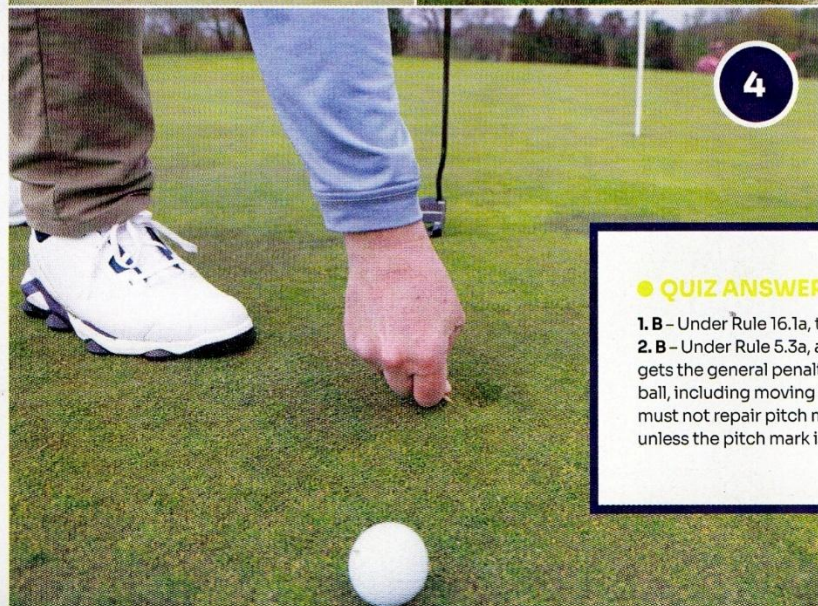
Jezz's ball is in a red penalty area, with interference from the pipe. Which statement is correct?

- A. Jezz can take free relief but must drop within the penalty area.
- B. Jezz can play the ball as it lies or take penalty area relief.
- C. Jezz must take penalty area relief as playing a stroke will damage the pipe.



In match play, Jezz arrives at the tee two minutes after his start time. Which of the following is true?

- A. Jezz gets one penalty stroke.
- B. Jezz loses the 1st hole.
- C. Jezz is disqualified.



In stroke play, Jezz's ball is buried in a bunker and he uses his club to search for it. Jezz finds his ball. Which statement is correct?

- A. Jezz receives a two-stroke penalty for testing the sand.
- B. There is no penalty as the actions are a result of a fair search, but Jezz must restore the original lie.
- C. Jezz is disqualified.

Jezz's ball is off the green, but he wishes to putt. Before doing so, he repairs a pitch mark on his line of play on the fringe. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty.
- B. There is no penalty only if it is a pitch mark made by Jezz.
- C. Jezz receives the general penalty.

● QUIZ ANSWERS

1. B – Under Rule 16.1a, there is no free relief from an immovable obstruction in a penalty area.
2. B – Under Rule 5.3a, a player arriving to the starting point no more than five minutes late gets the general penalty. **3. B** – Under Rule 7.1, you may take reasonable actions to search for a ball, including moving sand, but the original lie must be restored. **4. C** – Under Rule 8.1, you must not repair pitch marks to alter the surface to improve conditions affecting the stroke, unless the pitch mark is on the putting green.

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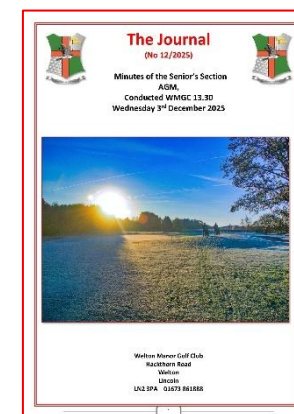
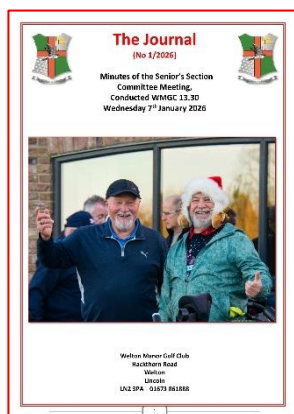
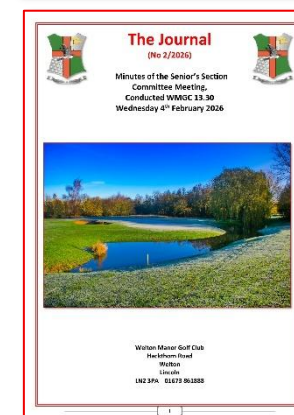
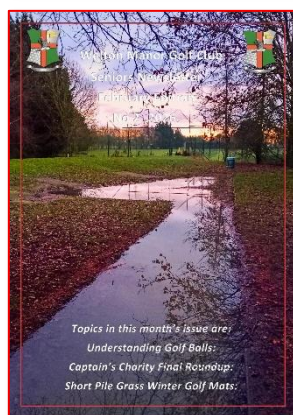
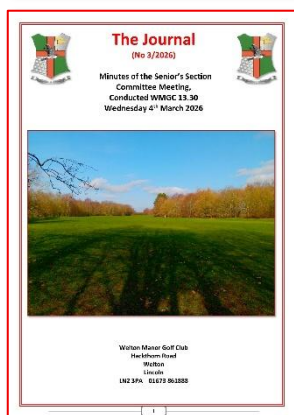
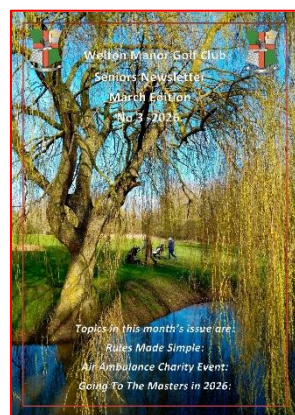
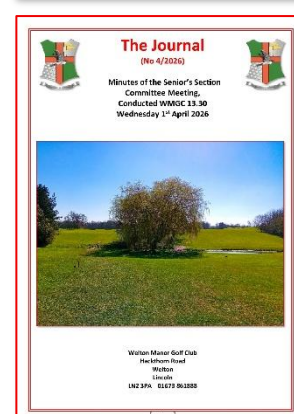
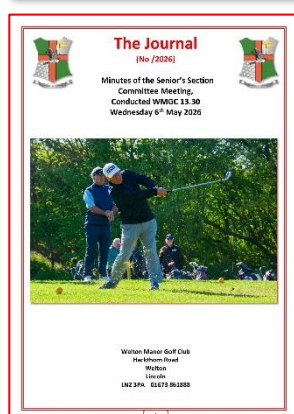
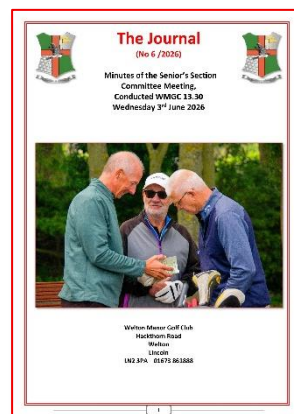
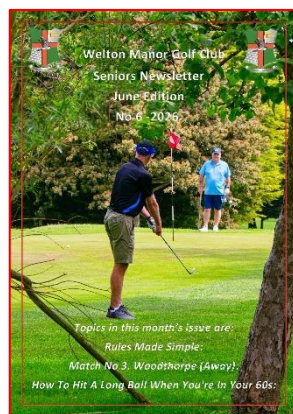
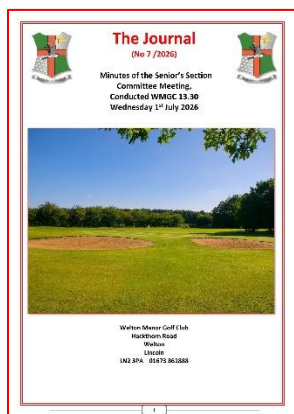
Date	Month	Day		Date	Month	Day
	January (1)				July (7)	
07	Whiskey Stagger (Y)*	Wed		01	Stableford (Y)*	Wed
14	Texas Scramble (Y)	Wed		08	Captains Charity Day	Wed
21	Greensomes Pairs Y	Wed		15	Monthly Medal (W) OM	Wed
28	3 Club + Putter (Y)	Wed		22	Club Champs (W) OM	Wed
				24	Club Champs (W) OM	Fri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