

Regent Park News

Regent Park Golf Club

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Captain's Introduction

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Golf generally has a problem with demographics with not enough younger members coming through to replace older members who become inactive or leave. Our Golf Club is no different and despite bringing many juniors coming through we lose them to other clubs who have heavily subsidised memberships targeted at 18 to

amount of publicity to emerge around this, on social media in particular, in the coming weeks. If successful it could result in an increase in new members.

Closing Day Dinner

The closing day dinner for the summer season and presentation was held on 29 October in the

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21 year olds, 21 to 25s and up to 30 years old.

With regards to Regent Park membership the Committee have developed a strategy which aims to support the long-term sustainability of our Golf Club. Committee representatives met with Regent Park management to explore this problem and consider how we could work jointly to tackle this issue. We have agreed to combine our membership cost with the season ticket package to make an attractive discounted offer for new members, particularly in the age brackets mentioned above. **We have also secured an agreement that the season ticket early bird offer for existing members will remain at the same price as last season - £449.**

Membership subscriptions for existing members will be paid directly to the club in the normal manner, **they are due to be paid by 1 January 2017.** This will change in future years to align with new arrangements. The Committee has approved all of this and we will be supporting a joint marketing campaign with Regent Park management to target new members, we expect a significant

clubhouse with a widespread of prize winners, see link to photos. The board competition and junior's prize giving will be held on Saturday 17 December. We encourage all members, their friends and families to come along, have a great evening and support the club. We will also be drawing the Christmas raffle at this event with laptops, mini ipads, concert tickets and many more prizes. This is being done to support the Captains Charity Cancer Research UK.

Juniors

The juniors recently beat the seniors to retain the Hartshorn Trophy. Junior organiser Sam Greenhalgh commented that he was 'over the moon', as it was the first trophy he had won as a coach.

Ladies Section

A number of Regent Park Ladies attended the Corfu Golf Festival in October.

The Lady Captains dinner is 20 January and the **Ladies AGM is on 15 February.**

Clubhouse and Course improvements



Plans have been resubmitted for the clubhouse development with the planning department at Bolton Council. We hope that a decision is made prior to Christmas and work commences early in the New Year to avoid any impact on the start of next season.

The Committee have taken a decision to support Regent Park management and the developers with this project having had amendments we proposed built into the plans and having been given reassurances about the scheduling and timing of works. We believe that the plans are in the long-term interests of the Golf Club and that any short-term pain, if minimised, will be worth it, if the new facilities add to the attractiveness of our membership offering.