

# Batchworth Park News



February 2010

## Dates For Your Diary

**Sunday 28th Feb & Sunday 28th March**

**The Sunday Carvery**

**2 Courses**

**12pm till 3pm**

**Adults £13.50**

**Children U'12 £6.75**

**Book now at the Bar**

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**Friday 19th Feb**

**Quiz Night**

**\*\*\* SOLD OUT \*\*\***

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**Sunday 14th March**

**Mothers Day Carvery**

**3 Course Carvery**

**12pm till 3pm**

**Adults £16**

**Children U'12 £7.65**

**Book now at the Bar**

I'm so glad the winters coming to an end and hopefully no more snow. I walked the course on Saturday and it felt like a beautiful spring morning. The hard work that Doug and his team have put in over the winter is really paying off, you are in for a real golfing treat this year.

We have secured £40,000 worth of investment into the clubhouse with the bar being refurbished with new furniture, curtains and a redecoration to get the new season off to a positive start.

You will be receiving your renewal pack soon with payment required by 31st March, if you are on direct debit please return your signed contract.

As always I look forward to delivering a great club experience in 2010.

Happy Golfing!

**Glenn Rayner**  
**General Manager**



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## Club Blogsite

The club blog site is now the place to follow all the very latest club news and information.

Go to [www.batchworthpark.wordpress.com](http://www.batchworthpark.wordpress.com) or click on the link from the homepage of our website.

All feedback greatly appreciated, please just keep them clean!



## Members Website

Go to [www.batchworthparkgolf.co.uk/members](http://www.batchworthparkgolf.co.uk/members) and register your details so we can keep you informed via email with what's going on at the club.

Alternatively, please give us your email address at the sales office to be added onto the club mailing list.



# Course Report

## Greens

The start of January was very hard on everyone. The heavy snow cover lasted until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. Luckily for us our grass was in good condition because as you would imagine if the grass is in a poor condition when there is a cold snap it will deteriorate further and lead to major problems.

The short cold days and snow cover put the grass into a suspended state and meant that the grass came out of the cold weather in great condition. We sprayed a winter fertiliser mix on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, which will help strengthen the grass plant and give it a healthy looking colour and help prevent any disease outbreaks. We will cut/roll when we can to maintain the greens surface.

## Approaches

We have now roped off most of the approaches to protect against wear and tear, this again has proved to be very successful and the approaches are looking very healthy for this time of year.

## Green Surrounds

We will continue to cut the green surrounds when possible.

## Fairways

The fairways were all cut in the last week of January.

## Bunkers

We are raking bunkers when possible, it is very hard to produce great bunker surface when you have had a large amount of rainfall/snow and frozen conditions. In January we started to edge the bunkers, during this operation we are also checking sand depth, where we find low sand levels we are moving the sand around the bunker. If more sand is needed we are removing sand from a bunker that has too much sand. We have completed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to 18<sup>th</sup>. This means that unlike last year we will not have to do this in the middle of May.

## Tees

The tees were cut once in January and are in great condition. The lack of play when we had the snow cover has protected them from a lot of damage.

## Range

We have started painting the inside of the range to help protect the wood and also improve the overall appearance. We plan to paint the outside as well when we have a chance. This is an ideal job for us to do when we can't work on the course.

## Irrigation System

We have only one broken sprinkler to fix on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway. I also plan to buy the remainder of the yardage discs.

## Other Areas

You will all have seen by now the newly planted trees along the left hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> tees. This was a tricky operation in the snow and wet conditions. We will not know until April how many of the trees survive, the larger the tree you move the higher the chance of it not surviving. I would expect half of them to die and we will then replace them next winter.



**Before**



**During**



**After**

We have only lost 2 flags in January, this is largely down to not having the flags out on the course for the first half on the month. We will keep monitoring this problem daily. We had 63mm of precipitation in January.

In order to prevent excessive wear around the course we have had to restrict trolley usage, as per normal this will be monitored on a daily basis.

We have decided to allow the use of Hedgehog wheels on our 2 wheel trolleys. This allows anyone to use them when other trolleys are banned. I will monitor any extra damage that might occur and make a decision on whether to allow the use of electric 3 wheel trolleys with hedgehog wheels fitted.

## Course Report cont'd



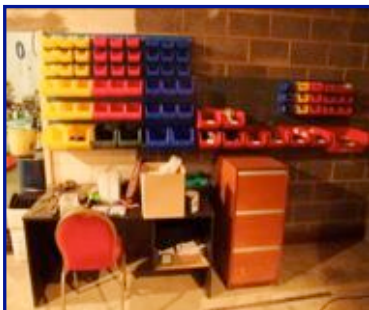
**Newly painted  
Hazard Stakes**

We have also started to reorganise our new workshop to give Pete our mechanic more room to work and be better organised.

### Workshop previous to me starting



### Improved workshop since I have taken over



**New storage for  
spare parts**



**New benches for  
workspace**



**Doug McLaren  
Course Manager**

## From The Pro Shop

### Winter Coaching

#### **IMPROVE YOUR GAME**

Take advantage of this flexible winter lesson package. You can choose how to use the 4 1/2 hour sessions.

One 1/2 hour swing lesson

One 1/2 hour short game lesson

One 1 hour course management lesson

Or

Two 1/2 hour swing lessons and Two 1/2 hour short game lessons

**ONLY**

£85 with Stephen

£70 with Jack or Ben

All lessons must be taken by 31/3/10



## Tip of the Month

### Getting More Distance

The key to hitting a golf ball a long way is minimizing your hip turn and maximizing your shoulder turn. The easiest way to accomplish this is to make sure that your left knee doesn't slide to the right on the backswing and that the right knee stays firm and flexed throughout. (Opposite knee for left-handed players.) Also, get your shoulder behind the ball at the top of the backswing. This ensures good weight shift and allows for a longer swing.

## Meet The Team



**Name:**  
Lynn Gething

**Position:**  
Food & Beverage Manager

**Background:**  
My previous role was as Sous Chef and Assistant Bar & Restaurant Manager at Alton Towers Hotel over 2 years.

**How many years at BP?** 2 Years

**Favourite Food?** Chinese

**Favourite Drink?** Champagne

**Hobbies/Interests?** Horse Riding, Shopping and relaxing on the sofa at home!

**Favourite thing about BP?** I love working with the club members and the team I have, all fun & friendly people!



## The Sunday Carvery

The Sunday Carvery returns to Batchworth Park for 2010, please see below the dates for the Carvery and full details:

**Sunday 28th February – 12pm till 3pm**  
**Sunday 28th March – 12pm till 3pm**

The 2-Course Carvery is priced at £13.50 per Adult and £6.75 per Child Under 12, this includes members 10% discount. Please book now at the Bar or call the club on 01923 711400, family and guests more than welcome.

## St Georges Day Fun Night



The club is hosting a fun night for St Georges Day on Friday 23rd April. The evening will be hosted by Paul Burrell and will include a traditional Fish & Chip dinner and fun bar games such as Mr & Mrs, Play your Cards Right and Bingo!

## Chateau Des Vigiers Referral Offer

**REFER A FRIEND AND RECEIVE**

- A bottle of Chateau Des Vigiers estate wine
- A Titled duffle bag with club logo
- Plus entry into the Prize Draw to win a 2 Day break for 4 people to the stunning Chateau Des Vigiers Golf & Country Club in Dordogne, France

OFFER EXCLUSIVE TO BATCHWORTH PARK GOLF CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

The fantastic break includes:

- Bed & Breakfast for 4 people sharing either a twin or double room
- FREE unlimited golf on the 27 hole course during your stay
- FREE access to the Gym and Spa facilities

Offer valid from 1st August 2009 to 30th April 2010

Contact Ross Bargent for further information:  
Call 01923 711400 or  
E-mail [batchworthpark-sales@crowne-golf.co.uk](mailto:batchworthpark-sales@crowne-golf.co.uk)

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### SOCIAL CALENDER 2010

**THE SUNDAY CARVERY**  
Sunday 31st January - 12pm till 3pm  
Sunday 28th February - 12pm till 3pm  
Sunday 28th March - 12pm till 3pm  
2 Course Carvery - Adults £14.95 Children U12 £7.50

**FEBRUARY**  
Friday 19th - **QUIZ NIGHT**  
Hosted by Glenn Rayner & Mark Edwards  
7.30pm Start / Teams of 8 / 1 Course Meal & Prizes

**MARCH**  
Saturday 6th - **CAPTAINS DRIVE IN**  
Entertainment  
Sunday 14th - **MOTHERS DAY CARVERY**  
3 Course Carvery - Adults £17.95 Children U12 £8.50

**APRIL**  
Friday 23rd - **ST GEORGES DAY FUN NIGHT**  
Fish & Chip Dinner / Bingo / Bar Games

**JUNE**  
**SATURDAY 26TH - CAPTAINS DAY**  
18 Hole Team Stapleford Shotgun Start, BBO Lunch and Entertainment TBC. \*World Cup Semi Final Day\*

**JULY**  
**FRIDAY 9TH - COWBOYS & INDIANS GOLF DAY**  
18 Hole 4-Ball Better Ball, Indian Buffet and DJ

**SEPTEMBER**  
**SATURDAY 11TH - BATCHWORTH SUMMER BALL**  
3 Course Dinner and Entertainment

**NOVEMBER**  
**SATURDAY 27TH - MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH ELVIS!**  
Elvis Solo tribute artist

**DECEMBER**  
**FRIDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**  
4 Course Buffet and Entertainment with Clayton & Sasha