



Centenary Special Newsletter September 2021

**100 years young –
and going stronger
than ever!
Retford Golf Club
survives and thrives.**

Dear Members

2020 was Covid-cancelled, so we had our Centenary celebrations, albeit reduced and restricted, in 2021.

Many, many thanks to the Centenary team, with Craig Morris working tirelessly in the background, for happy events and memorable moments.

Many of the events planned for 2020 had to be shelved – but the August 2021 programme was a great success, and we looked back at the past with our Hickory event, played celebration golf in the

Championship event, relaxed with a friendly Pro-Am event and rejoiced in the amazing Trick-Shot Show by World Champion David Edwards.

There has been plenty of other action at the Club as golf has resumed, with matches, knock-out tournaments and inter-club rivalries resumed.

Here is a reminder of our original plans!



Below is a photo-montage of what we achieved this year, and results of the events.

Hickory Event

A magical throwback to 100 years ago, when clubs were hickory-shafted, balls were small and Gutta-Percha rubber, and golfers dressed for coverage not comfort.

Time-Check!

RGC 3rd Green, May 1924; Arthur Havers Open Championship.



Check out the caddies, plus fours, and fags!



Gavin Botterell, from Timewarp Golf, gave us a fascinating explanation of those early days and equipment, before providing each team with a selection of hickory shafted clubs, assuring us that we could hit them just as we did our modern clubs, and wishing us every success in the Texas Scramble team match that ensued.

Many curses were heard, yet ridiculously good scores were recorded, and the winners of the Gents' event

were Ian Lindley, Ian Purdy, Brian Armstrong and Michael Flynn, while the Ladies' winners were Pam Beardsall, Kyser Gill, Karen Pollard and Barbara Burton.





Social Pro-Am

- *Pairs were a “golfer” (Pro), who hit the shots up to the green, and a “non golfer”, (“Am”), who putted all the shots on the green.*
- *A very friendly event, with pairs playing a “back nine” of holes 1, 11 to 18. This was the original Retford Golf Course of nine holes.*
- *The winners were Lorraine and Nick Sly.*

Centenary Championship

- *This was a one-off Competition, for Members only. Format was an Individual Stableford, with separate Trophies for Ladies and Gents.*
- *Braving rain and wind, a full entry of players survived. The Gents’ winner was Jim Robinson, with Carl Storey second. The Ladies’ winner was Jacky Walsh, with Jane Roseleigh second.*



Trick Shot Show

David Edwards, former World Trick Shot Champion, put on a fantastic show, as the weather cleared on a sunny, fresh evening.





Captain's Day

The Captains' Day, on 21st August, was a full house success, despite rain showers, with 113 entrants. The format was Medal with handicap limit of 24.

Here is Captain Allan Meacher's account of a very full day!

"Our day started at 4.30am, when Liz (Mrs Meacher) and I prepared food and drink for the participants. We got to the Golf Club for 7.00am, by which time Craig had already marked out cards and got the early birds off the tee at 6.30.

The Half-Way House was set up ready to serve refreshments to players, with much appreciated help from friend Maura, and v/c Mike Mahony and his wife Veronica. There was lots of help at the HWH from other members all through the day, for which, many thanks.

The winner was Stephen Berry, with a score of 63.

It was a long and successful day, with lots of thanks to everyone, especially to Craig, who organised the event. What would we do without him? I'd also like to thank all the players who took part and donated to the Captain's Charity. You all made the Day very special to me, as Captain."



Meanwhile...

Golfing life goes on. Here is a flavour of club life.

- ***In friendly games recently there were Holes in One for Keran Hutchinson on the 4th, and John Wakeman on the 3rd.***
- ***At a Ladies' away match at Beeston, a remarkable double was recorded, when Karen Pollard and Anne Jordan both scored Eagles on the way to a victory for the Retford team.***
- ***We are still looking to arrange golf clinics with James Freeman..... Please contact Andy Massey if you want to join these sessions. (andymassey32@hotmail.com)***

- ***Belinda Briggs is looking to set up Quiz Nights at the Club, with the first one planned for Wednesday 6th October. If you would like to enter a team, please sign up on the Social Board outside the changing rooms.***

Best wishes

***from Andy Massey and Mary Saddington, of the
Communication Group (on behalf of the Management
Committee and Club Members)***