



# **BUXTON & HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB**

## **CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER**

### **February 2021**

At this time of year we would normally be struggling to play our golf, battling against the wintry weather and looking forward to enjoying a warm rest in the clubhouse - happy days!!

We are, hopefully, anticipating getting back on to the course soon....Spring? During this enforced lockdown period, the Club Council has continued to work and plan for a successful future; our intentions are to enhance the Club for the benefit of you, the Members.

There is no doubt that meetings are not ideal via ZOOM. The Council, nevertheless, have business and initiatives to progress on your behalf. There are some improvements to look forward to, although there are some uncertainties, naturally, around delivery dates. So what can we look forward to in 2021?

We are planning to make further improvements in the clubhouse. Following the up-lifting decoration of the bar area, the old bucket seating will be replaced as soon as we can re-open. Plans have been completed for a major refurbishment of the Gents' toilets and shower area: new toilets and showers will be most welcome, I am sure, after a freezing round in winter or a sticky round in summer.

We anticipate enhancements to the course to be a feature of 2021. These will be planned to be delivered with no, or minimal, disturbance to golf. Early in Spring, weather permitting, the Par3 course will be completed with the addition of 'soft fittings': flag sticks, signage etc. The official opening date has yet to be agreed but it is something to look forward to and use. Another early significant change will be the addition of extra buggy tracks to the course. This was requested in the 2020 Questionnaire and we will install several hundred yards of additional track, placed in areas recommended by Members. Our course is well draining and open most days, but these tracks will hopefully, give the opportunity for buggy users to get onto the course on even more days. Once this is in place, we hope buggy drivers use it and protect the course.

A solution to the problem of vandalism on our course is being pursued! We are working with the Police and are seeking support from, local government, DCC, our local MP Robert Lorgan and other agencies to prosecute offenders. CCTV cameras have been installed and we are trying to change access to the bridle road. You can help by filming offenders and providing information to the Club.

You will have read on the Club website or in a BRS message, that a full programme of competitions, Club and Open, is planned for the new season. These will give all Members opportunities to participate, win prizes and have a gold-leafed name on one of our historic boards. This programme runs, as usual, all the way through to late September: we hope you will enjoy.

The above reads almost like 'business as usual'. The Council is well aware that we face some very challenging times ahead. We believe it is right to remain positive and continue to improve the whole experience of being a Member at Buxton and High Peak GC. I have written previously about how the Council respects the money you invest with us and, always, makes financial decisions in the best interest of you the Members. Hopefully, with your continued Membership, we can all enjoy a very pleasant, cost-effective, golfing experience at our Club.

We all hope to see you on the course soon.

Best regards

*Bob Scott*

