

We have seen an increased level of Pitchmarks on the greens over the past 6 weeks. Please ensure that you are all repairing them before you move on to the next hole.

With thanks, John Bevan Head Greenkeeper

Course Maintenance

Over the last few weeks :

- ◆ Work Cutting the course as usual.
- ◆ Have treated the Greens for Disease and will then be applying a Granular Fertiliser in December
- ◆ Clearing the course and repairing paths following the heavy rain at the end of October



WINTER WORKS

- ◆ Level the 5th Tee
- ◆ Dig the sand out of the 5th, 13th and 14th bunkers and replace with the new sand
- ◆ Fill in the bunker on 15th
- ◆ Lift tree branches throughout the course
- ◆ Clear alongside the 5th tee and plant Rhododendrons
- ◆ Build steps for Ladies' tee on 6th
- ◆ Remove tree stumps at the main entrance and in the top car park

Senior Men's Section

Cradoc Golf Club has a vibrant Seniors' section, formed some 30 years ago. Today there are approaching 70 members, new members are actively welcomed at any time.

- ◆ The Seniors' Section appoints a Captain and a Fixtures Secretary annually; for **2020 Colin Dutfield** has been elected **Captain**, followed in **2021 by Dave Holton**. **Cryil Teasdale** has been elected as the **Fixtures Secretary**; looking after the regular friendly inter-club matches each season.
- ◆ **The Seniors' play twice each week** throughout the year on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, *Play* is a combination of roll-up and organized competitions, including monthly medal competitions for handicap purposes. ◇ Competitions include the **Trevor Clarke Stableford** which runs through the summer and a **Winter League** through November to March. All handicaps are eligible if they are currently valid.
- ◆ **There are annual Seniors' Open Days**, members of Cradoc and other Clubs alike may enter. There are both **Singles and Pairs' Open Days** each year, entry available via the club website.
- ◆ **Friendly Inter-club Matches** are very popular, taking place throughout the main season; The clubs they play at typically include **Builth, Monmouthshire, Kington, Herefordshire, Burghill, Brecon, Aberdare, Morlais Castle, Machynys, the Rolls of Monmouth, Pontypool and The Vale**. **Selection for team matches is open to all members of the Seniors' Section**, by way of appending names on team sheets in advance. The Team Sheets are on view on the Seniors' notice board in the Gents' locker room. There is also a match against the Ladies' Section of the Club each August. ◇ The Seniors' Section arranges an **annual Captain's Awayday**, providing a great opportunity for a really enjoyable day's golf (*followed by a meal and a glass or two of wine*) at another Club within a reasonable travelling distance. **The 2020 Seniors' Captain's Away Day is at Creigiau Golf Club on Monday 20th July .**
- ◆ **New members will be welcomed with a smile and an introduction to existing members of the section at any time, just turn up and be ready to play on a Tuesday or Friday morning (from 8.15 am summer, or 8.45 am winter).**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

See out 2019 and welcome in 2020 at Cradoc Golf Club!

starting at 7:30pm; a Hot Buffet will be served with
a Disco into the wee hours.

Cost £22.50 per person, everyone welcome!

Ladies Section

- ◆ **Pink Bow Day** - On Saturday 19th October, 21 ladies turned up for this event, heralding the beginning of Winter Golf. As a fundraiser for Breast Cancer the ladies were resplendent in pink outfits of all sorts when they met for the draw for this hotly contested event. 7 teams of 3 played, with Sarah Parker, Gwen Jones and Cheryl Watson taking the top spot, closely followed by Kathy Dobbs, Jan Watkins and Tracey Higgins.

A total of £268.18 has been raised for Breast Cancer Charities, plus £86 from the raffle held on the day.

Thanks to all who helped make the day such a success.

- ◆ **MWCGA Handicap League** - The final was played on **Sunday 20th October at Borth and Ynyslas Golf Club**. It was a local derby between **Cradoc and Brecon**, a closely fought final, played in great spirit, with both teams producing some very good golf. Congratulations to the Cradoc team of Mags Jones (Captain), Steph Jenkins, Ronnie Cresswell, Janice Williams, Kathy Dobbs and Diane Davies who prevailed to win and bring home the Shield. Thanks to Mags for her expert Captaincy and to everyone who has played in the matches this year.
- ◆ **Winter Tee times:** *a reminder to all ladies;*
Thursday draw is at 9.45am and the Saturday Draw at 11.15am
- ◆ Christmas Dinner: please make sure that you have amended your diaries as this will now be held on **Friday 6th December 2019**; Kay would like to minimise the wearing of black, *please get out your most vibrant outfits!*

HALLETT'S 2020 *Our fixtures for next year are exciting, in the league we have been drawn against; **Newport, Coed y Mwster, Aberdare, Celtic Manor & The Vale of Glamorgan on a home & away basis.***

◆ **We have also been drawn at home against Newport in the Cup** ◆
If your handicap is over 17.5 and would like to play at some great golf courses contact Mark Humphries on 07972193539

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Junior Golf has now finished for 2019. Re-starting in March 2020.

Volunteers will be needed so that we can get these young enthusiasts onto the course and actually playing. Please keep this in mind in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for us so far. Will.